



Sips and Strokes - Painting classes mix art with fun

Social Painting activities have cropped up all over the place and prove to be great places to mix art and fun. Paint brush in one hand and a nice glass of wine in the other, mix in a few good friends and some artistic instructions, and it's almost impossible not to have a good time. Several area businesses and arts organizations have offered such classes for some time now and will continue to do so in the next year.

The **Griffey School for the Arts** offers Bring your own drink (BYOD) and Paints as its main source of funding. Participants choose a painting and instructors guide them through the creation of their masterpiece. Christmas scenes, autumn foliage, and wine and martini glasses are just a few of the 40 options to choose from. Classmates are asked to bring the beverage of their choice. Some participants have even brought full coolers of various beverages to enjoy. Not all classes are limited to creating

artwork on canvases. Some artists paint on wine glasses, empty wine bottles and wood pallets.

The Griffey School for the Arts holds a ladies' night once a month and several other BYOD and Paint Classes along with scheduled private parties that only require 10 people to reserve the space. **Megan Thomas** with Wooden Nickell Studios, **Randy Groce**, and **Janice** and **Jeremy Eaton** comprise the painting instructor team. All have different artistic backgrounds but welcome everyone at any artistic level to come and join the fun.

"Some people get quite competitive but mainly participants enjoy being able to challenge themselves and drink a little, too. In the end, everyone has a good time and leaves with a skill that they didn't know that they had in them," says Jeremy Eaton, founder and owner of The Griffey School for the Arts.

The cost is \$35 per person and that covers the cost of materials and provides a donation to fund The Griffey School's programming. Sign up by going to www.thegriffeyschoolforthearts.org and click on the class you would like to attend or call 816-752-8333.

Tipple Hill Winery also offers art events. Wine Glass painting is January 24, and Brushes & Lushes is scheduled for January 31. Tipple Hill



schedules something at least once a month.

"Our painting and crafts events have been such a huge success that we are now having a monthly craft night the first Thursday of each month (Tippling Thursday Creations). Our guests come to relax, socialize, and create in a stress free environment. The wine helps to ease the anxiety of those that feel they have no talent. Everyone walks out with their very own unique painting or craft project. They are excited to share it with their family and friends," said **Roxy-ann Schreiber**, owner of Tipple Hill Winery in Easton, MO, just 15 miles

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A chat with your President



We have reached the midpoint of our Allied Arts Council year, six months to a new year. What a year it has been so far. The arts in St. Joseph have been moving at a fast pace. It seems like one project is just done when we are

off on another. The bright side of this constant action is that we do great in all we do. Our member organizations have served the community well. There has been action all over town with plays, musicals and visual arts on walls, sidewalks and corners. We are truly on the move with all parts moving.

We began a new fundraiser in October with the "arts recycle sale" at 8th and Edmond. We have art works we saved over the years and a lot of new donated works. So far, we have raised \$1,500 to help with losses incurred from State budget cuts. Watch for our

sales in the future and help support the arts by taking home some works of art.

I wish you all the best for 2016. May we all grow together and make St. Joseph the best livable city from our arts activities.

Allied Arts Council welcomes new Marketing Coordinator



Jackie Runde grew up on a farm near Parnell, Missouri and graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Interactive Digital Media: New Media and a minor in Advertising. During that time she gained experience in graphic design, media writing, marketing, and photography.

She has spent the last three years as the Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator at NorthwestCell, a small telecommunications company in Northwest Missouri. She has done everything from

creating advertisements, event planning, and coordinating social media. She currently lives in Maryville. When she is not working, Jackie enjoys reading and spending time with family and friends.

"I am very excited to be a part of the Allied Arts Council. There are so many great things being done for the community. The arts have such a huge impact on the culture of a community and I am looking forward to being involved in such a great cause," Jackie said.

About the Allied Arts Council

The Allied Arts Council of St. Joseph, Missouri exists "to bring arts and people together." Founded in 1963, the Council is one of the oldest in the State of Missouri and is acknowledged statewide as an arts leader. In 1990, the City of St. Joseph designated the Allied Arts Council as the City's official community arts agency. Operating with a staff of four and a volunteer base approaching 2,000, the Council takes the lead in our community in organizing, fundraising, advocating, educating, and servicing the local arts community.

Organizational membership in the

Council is open to nonprofit agencies who provide arts related activities. Currently fifteen arts and cultural agencies are members. As an umbrella agency, the Council assists with scheduling, funding, and marketing for all member agencies. The Council is also working with the City of St. Joseph to increase marketing for the major performing arts center in the city, the Missouri Theater.

The Council provides educational programs, art exhibits, and summer youth arts programs, as well as operating the annual Trails West!® arts festival.



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Allied Arts Council to participate in national research study

The Arts Mean Business. The Allied Arts Council has joined the Arts & Economic Prosperity© 5, a national study measuring the economic impact of nonprofit arts and culture organizations and their audiences. The research study is being conducted by Americans for the Arts, the nation's nonprofit organization advancing the arts and arts education.

As one of nearly 300 study partners across all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, the Allied Arts Council will collect detailed economic data from nonprofit arts and culture organizations located throughout the area. In addition, Allied Arts Council will collaborate with the community's other

arts organizations to collect surveys from arts and culture attendees during 2016. The results of the study will be released in June of 2017.

"Many people don't think of nonprofit arts organizations as businesses," said **Robert Dempster**, "but this study will make clear that the arts are a formidable industry in our community—employing people locally, purchasing goods and services from local merchants, and helping to drive tourism and economic development."

This will be the Allied Arts Council's third time to participate in the national study, which measures the impact of arts spending on local jobs,



income paid to local residents, and revenue generated to local and state governments. The 2012 study found that the arts in Buchanan County have a 10.9 million dollar economic impact.

Call for 2016 entries for Downtown Sculpture Walk

Planning has begun for the 2016-17 Sculpture Walk, but voting is still open through January 31, 2016 for the 2015 Sculpture Walk.

All of the sculptures currently on display are for sale, and pricing and additional information may be found in the Sculpture Walk brochure.

Currently, the Allied Arts Council in partnership with the City of St. Joseph invites all sculptors to apply for the third St. Joseph Sculpture Walk. The deadline for submissions is February 3, 2016.

Regional, national and international sculpture artists are invited to submit work for this one-year sculpture exhibition scheduled from June 2016-May 2017. Selected sculptures/sculptors receive a \$500 honorarium and all sculptures selected compete for \$13,000 in cash prize awards.

The Allied Arts Council will purchase a sculpture to become a permanent part of Saint Joseph's public art collection. Only pieces priced \$15,000 or less will be considered for purchase. The Allied Arts Council receives a 25% commission on any

sculpture sold and on any commissioned sculptures. To find an application and more information please visit stjoearts.org

And as always, if you value public art, please consider sponsoring a sculpture. For more information, contact **Teresa Fankhauser** at 816-233-0231, or Teresa.fankhauser@stjoearts.org.



SOCIAL?

Want to be in the know of what's going on with the Council and local arts activities? Join our e-mail alerts in the upper right hand corner at www.stjoearts.org.

Follow the Council on Facebook at "Allied Arts Council" and on Twitter at [@AACARTS](https://twitter.com/AACARTS)

Trails West!® 2016 Announcements and Updates

2016

Artwork Competition

The Allied Arts Council is accepting entries for the 2016 Trails West!® artwork competition through January 28, 2016. The winning artist receives a \$500.00 cash award. The winning artwork should embody the spirit of the Trails West!® 2016 theme: "Yesterday's Heritage, Tomorrow's Dream." It becomes the visual identification, or "logo," for Trails West!® and the property of the Allied Arts Council of St. Joseph Missouri, Inc. The winning artwork will be featured on festival buttons, merchandise and promotional materials including posters, brochures and billboards.

Entries must be received in the Allied Arts Council office by 5:00 p.m. January 28, 2016. Judging of entries will take place in February and entrants will be notified when judging is complete. Winning artwork and artist will be announced at a later date.

The 2016 festival marks the 24th anniversary of Trails West!® The outdoor arts festival features fine arts, folk arts, culinary arts, music, dance and theater.

Complete guidelines and application form are available online-trailswest.org or call the Allied Arts Council, 816-233-0231, to have an entry form mailed. The festival dates are August 19-21, 2016.

2016

Call for Vendors

Trails West!® is accepting applications for Fine Artists, Fine Crafters and Food Vendors for the 24th festival. Returning fine artists and crafters can request preferred locations, so get those applications in to reserve your spot.

For rules and entry information go to www.trailswest.org or call 816-233-0231. Entry deadline is April 14, 2016. Entries submitted after that date will be charged a \$10 late fee. The festival features fine arts, folk arts, fine crafts and performance arts.



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west of St. Joseph on Highway 36. For reservations call 816-294-7968.

Artcetera, a local art studio, lounge, gallery and retail shop, also offers the option to bring your own beverages/wine and snacks. Groups can request a painting of the masters or a certain subject if set up ahead of time. With a painting by a master, anecdotes of the professional painter's life are also provided for interest. The presenter demonstrates how to paint on a canvas while showing an already completed painting for reference. The presenter supports with some instruction but encourages free creativity.

Artcetera prefers to have parties for a minimum of 6 and can support as many as 25. The fee is \$35 per

person with a discount for 11 participants or more. They also allow kids birthday parties. The price for 11 x 14 canvas is \$18 per child with a minimum of 8 participants, and parents are welcome to bring their own cake and ice cream. Artcetera is located at 619 Francis Street. Make reservations by calling 816-244-7535.

Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art continues to host their ever-popular "Arts & Carafes ~ A Fun Evening of Paint & Wine." The plan currently is to continue holding them the 4th Thursday of the month, however, due to overwhelming success, they have had to cap the classes at 70 with a waiting list the last 3 months. During each event appetizers, sweets and beverages are provided.

The 2016 dates are Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 24, Apr. 28, and May 26. The cost is \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members and \$25 for groups. Call early for reservations. For more information about the program or to make reservations, call the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art at 233-7003 or visit albrecht-kemper.org.



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In memory of Diane Acuff
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**As always, we THANK YOU for your
continued support of the arts in St. Joseph!**

As you prepare your 2016 budget, please include the united Arts Fund of the Allied Arts Council in your planning. The Arts Fund strengthens the arts in the region by raising and responsibly allocating funds to promote artistic and organizational excellence.

Our mission is to make the arts accessible for all, but to do that we need your help. Your donation to the annual Arts Fund campaign keeps arts affordable and ensures funded agencies can provide quality programming and educational experiences. Please find the pledge card on page 8 for Arts Fund giving opportunities.

What's Happening

January

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Pre-Concert Luncheon

saintjosephsymphony.org
Music Director Rico McNeela's entertaining and highly informative lectures introduce you to the concert program, helping you to more deeply understand and enjoy the music. \$30/person. RSVP with payment by Jan. 8. Seating is limited. 816-233-7701 Cabbage Roll Restaurant, Noon.

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Saint Joseph Symphony Chamber Concert II

saintjosephsymphony.org
Come enjoy performances featuring Symphony musicians through accessible and inviting formats in spaces perfectly suited to chamber music. 816-233-7701,, \$10-\$23. Ashland United Methodist Church, 3pm

February

3

Poetry Out Loud

Allied Arts Council
stjoearts.org
Northwest Regional Poetry Out Loud Competition. 816-233-0231
Troester Media Center, 4pm

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Missoula Children's Theatre Audition - Aladdin

Performing Arts Association
saintjosephperformingarts.org
Students in K-12th grade are invited to try-out for Missoula Children's Theatre Residency of Aladdin. The two hour audition process will begin promptly from 4pm-6:30pm
Lindbergh Elementary School

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MWSU High School Honor Choir Concert

7-8 pm, Fulkerson Center, MWSU

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Pre-Concert Luncheon

saintjosephsymphony.org
Music Director Rico McNeela's entertaining and highly informative lectures introduce you to the concert program provide an introduction to the concert program. \$30 per person. RSVP with payment by Feb 5. Seating is limited. 816-233-7001. Luna's, Noon.

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Citizen's Day at the Legislature

mo4arts.org
Missouri Capitol, Jefferson City.

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Mary Poppins

Robidoux Resident Theater
rrtstjoe.org
One of the most popular Disney movies is capturing hearts in a whole new way, as a practically perfect musical! Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but they aren't the only ones upon whom she has a profound effect. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that "Anything can happen if you let it." \$10-\$30, Friday, 7:30pm, Saturday, 7:30pm, Sunday, 2pm. Missouri Theater

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Missoula Children's Theatre Performance - Aladdin

Performing Arts Association
saintjosephperformingarts.org
For Aladdin it's not easy to find a magic lamp but it's even harder to get a date! Lindbergh Elementary School, 3pm and 5:30pm. 816-279-1225

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First Christian Church, 3pm

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The Wellington International Ukulele Orchestra

Performing Arts Association
saintjosephperformingarts.org
Popular in their native New Zealand, this is one of the world's great modern ukulele orchestras. Full of pep and vigor with spontaneous humor and wild costumes this is fun for the whole family. 30 local students will join the act for one spirited number. \$12 - \$42. Missouri Theater, 7:30-10pm

March

4-13

The Odd Couple

Robidoux Resident Theater
rrtstjoe.org
This classic comedy opens as a group of guys are assembled for cards in the apartment of divorced Oscar Madison. Late to arrive is Felix Unger who has just been separated from his wife. Fastidious, depressed and none too tense, Felix seems suicidal, but as the action unfolds, Oscar becomes the one with murder on

his mind when the clean-freak and the slob ultimately decide to room together with hilarious results as THE ODD COUPLE is born. Friday, 7:30 pm, Saturday, 7:30 pmm Sunday, 2 pm
Robidoux Landing Playhouse

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MWSU Alumni Choir Concert

4-5 pm, Fulkerson Center, MWSU

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Pre-Concert Dinner

saintjosephsymphony.org
Music Director Rico McNeela's entertaining and highly informative lectures introduce you to the concert program, helping you to more deeply understand and enjoy the music. \$45 per person. RSVP with payment by March 18. Seating is limited. Benton Club, 6:30pm. 816-233-7701

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Friends and Family Night

RiverSong
riversongchorus.com
Send-off for our Regional Competition 8 PM at Wyatt Park Christian Church, St. Joseph, MO. No charge

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Out Like a Lion

St. Joseph Symhony
saintjosephsymphony.org
Special guests: Fountain City Brass Band
Altenberger: Concerto for 7 Trumpets & Timpani; Handel: Concerto for Organ & Strings in G Minor; Bach: Passacaglia & Fugue in C Minor; Saint Saens: Symphony No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 78 "The Organ Symphony"
\$10-\$43. Missouri Theater, 7:30pm

Ongoing

Currently – June 2016

St. Joseph Sculpture Walk

Take a tour of St. Joseph's second Sculpture Walk, downtown St. Joseph. Stop by a downtown business, or the Council office to grab a brochure and map!
816-233-0231, Free

RiverSong Weekly Rehearsal

RiverSong Chorus
Riversongchorus.com
Every Thursday. All female singers welcome.
Wyatt Park Christian Church, 7pm

Save the Date: Beer Walk for the Arts, April 30th.

For a full and most up to date list of arts and entertainment events in and around our area, please visit www.stjoearts.org.

Making memories through Missoula Children's Theatre...one child at a time

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

A PRODUCTION OF MCT, INC.

Since the early 1980's, literally thousands of local and regional children have developed life-long memories being a part of Missoula Children's Theatre. This incredible program, presented by Performing Arts Association, has not only introduced many children to their first taste of performance arts, but has taught them life skills and confidence that they can transfer into other areas of their life.

Missoula Children's Theatre fosters creativity and enhances innate capabilities in individuals all over the world by providing access to community-driven performing arts experiences. It is the nation's largest touring children's theatre and has been touring extensively for more than 40 years. Each year, a Missoula tour team arrives in a given town with a set, lights, costumes, props and make-up, everything it takes to put on a play...except the cast. The team holds an open audition and casts 50-60 local students to perform in the production. The show is rehearsed throughout the week and two public performances are presented on Saturday.

The experience begins with an open audition for students Kindergarten through 12th grade on Monday af-

ternoon. The auditions last two full hours. Each child who attends the audition will need to be present for the entire two hours. Throughout the following week, children work not only on the musical itself, but also learn creativity, social skills, goal achievement, communication skills and self-esteem. And at the end of the short 5 days they're ready to perform their hard work for family and friends. Rehearsals are 4 ½ hours each day and consist of two 2-hour blocks of time with a 15-30 minute snack break between the two sessions for those cast members involved in both sessions

"For many years, Performing Arts Association brought two residencies each season, so literally, thousands of students have benefited from this residency. Many have gone on to perform in Robidoux Theatre productions and have been in Missouri Western's musical productions," said **Beth Sharp**, director of the Performing Arts Association.

This season, the show is Aladdin and the audition is Monday, February 8 at 4:00 pm with two performances on Saturday, February 13 at 3:00



pm and 5:30 pm. Both the audition and the performances will be held at Lindbergh Elementary School in St. Joseph.

Within each Missoula Children's Theatre cast, girls and boys are equal; the disabled become able; the shy experiment with bravery; the slow



are rehearsed to perfection; and the gifted become part of the whole. The lesson they learn is that all of them are necessary for the show to go on. There is no charge for the students to take part in the residency.

Tickets for the show are \$9.00 for adults; \$5.00 for students. If you know a child who would like to participate in Missoula Children's Theatre or would like more information, please contact Beth at 816-279-1225.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is based in Missoula, Montana.



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