

OAC Newsletter - 2015



Studio #105 & Studio #100 Renovations are complete

Letter from the Executive Director

2015 has been an exciting year for OAC and 2016 looks to be everything and more! I have to ask you, is your life better than it was in 2004 because I have to say that since our inception all those at OAC believe it is!

This year has broken all our records and we are excited for our future. Everything from artists applying for residencies, to school tours, to program extensions, to community response, and then to gifts. OAC is an established, professional, rich program that benefits our Arts community. You now ask, what Arts community, we define what is OAC's Arts community. And we have firmly established our community as an international and national community

of creative persons.

We at OAC appreciate the creative persons that find this art place in the middle of a pasture and who find it in themselves the ability to create and then share themselves with a larger audience. That is art and that is what OAC nurtures and celebrates.

Project Renovations

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Completed in September

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OAC Warehouse Stage /
Completed in December

Warehouse A/V
improvements / In progress

Art House / In progress

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Art is our one true global language. It knows no nation, it favors no race, and it acknowledges no class. It speaks to our need to reveal, heal, and transform. It transcends our ordinary lives and lets us imagine what is possible.

-Richard Kamler-



Belle High School students on a tour at the Art Center

Art Center School Tours

OAC Art Center is visited on average 10 school tours per exhibition

Artist-in-Schools Program

Josh Crow presented portraiture to all six high school art classes

Greg Edmonson presented 3D concepts to all six high school art classes

Art Center Exhibitions from 2015

OAC Textiles 2 Exhibition /
December 2014 - March 2015

David Plank / March - April

GVC High School Student Exhibition /
April

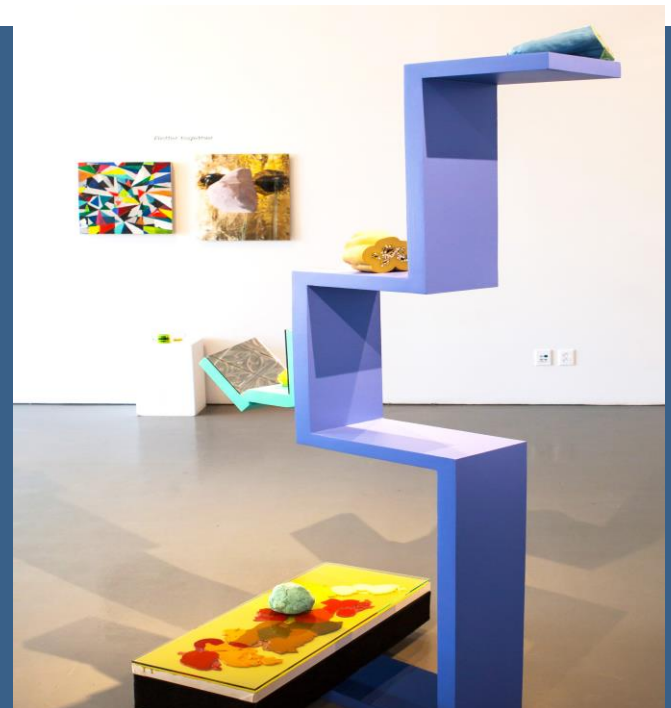
Lincoln University Exhibition / May

Annual OAC Alumni Exhibition -
featuring Josh Crow / May - September

FACT or FICTION / October - November

Inaugural GVC Middle School Exhibition
/ November – Jan 2016

Average attendance = 250 guests



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Coming soon

In our next issue:

The results of our spring activity

Annual Development

\$50,000 from John A. Hayden Foundation

\$50,000 from General Electric Foundation

\$10,000 from Bellows Foundation

\$ 5,000 from Jan and Bruce Sassmann

\$1,000 from Nancy Merritt and her company's match with another \$500 at the end of the year

\$1,000 from Tim Hayden and \$1,000 in his company's match

\$500 from JoAnne and Al Hayden

Annual Total = \$114,000

Non-Cash Donations

Furniture from Nancy Merritt & Tim Hayden

Appliances from Charlie Robinson

Baby Grand Piano from Michael Petri & Bob Minzloff

Artwork for the OAC permanent collection from Brandon

Anschultz exhibiting OAC artist

Egg containers from the Belle community

\$7 million capital campaign effort to be launched in 2016 to be realized before 2026

Grant writing projects

Bellows Foundation \$10,000 award – January

Farm Credit Services: FCS Financial Shaping Rural Missouri Grant \$500 Award – Community Collaboration between the local Belle 4H Hawkeyes, the City of Belle, and the OAC Art League on the Belle Beautification Project for flower containers on Main Street

OAC 'Art Town' Capital Campaign design work

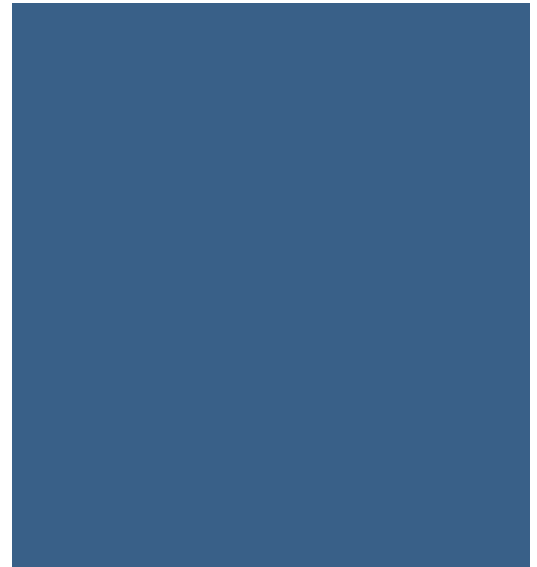


Osage Arts Community

National Development Activity

OAC board members will travel to NYC and Brooklyn to move an OAC developed exhibition FACT or FICTION to the Gallery Gaia in Vinegar Hill Brooklyn in April. While there they will pursue existing development opportunities and entertain potential artists in residence applicants.

OAC board members will also travel to Austin TX to attend the performance of 'Denim Doves' in February. Our Austin alumni group worked on this project for the last two summers at OAC and we are excited to see the product of our creative alumni. While there they will also



OAC School Grant Program

Awards -

Performing Arts Award:

Ms. Diane Brown K-12 Performing Arts Grant: \$700 for percussion instruments, music copyright licensing, smart board classroom software licensing for online education

Visual Arts Award:

Ms. Alesia Tibbitts Visual Arts Grant: \$800 for a classroom drying rack

OAC Concert Choir

Work in progress / working with the high school concert choir and sponsoring their events and integrated them in to the OAC YMP (Youth Music Project) program for our Christmas concert. - December

OAC Public Programming

OAC YMP Christmas Concert 105 guests attended - December

Music Composition Presentations from various Composers / July

Holiday Decoration Contest – Belle city wide / December

Yard of the Month Celebrations – Belle and Bland city wide / May – October

Belle Beautification Project – 15 Flower containers and flowers on Main Street



OAC YMP Christmas Concert @ the Warehouse

OAC Composers Symposium

Eleven esteemed composers from around the country gathered at OAC for our first ever Mid-Missouri Composers Symposium. The focus of this Mid-Missouri Composers Symposium was not to perform new compositions, but to allow the composers to focus on their creative output and engage in lively discussions about issues in classical music written in the 21st century. Composer presented their work to the public. / July



Josh Crow is in Fellowship in Studio #105

OAC Fellowship Program

Program began in 2014 which provides long-term housing for our OAC Alumni who choose to take up residence in Belle



OAC Art Center Annex

Capital Acquisitions

Buildings acquired or that OAC is in negotiations to acquire to expand our residency and public programming offerings

OAC Annex / acquired in October: public programming expansion

Linn Street Studio / in progress : residency live work space

OAC Wellness Center and Store / in progress : public programming expansion

Blue House Studio / in progress : residency live work space

Taylor Street Studio / in progress : residency live work space

Vienna Street Studio / in progress : residency live work space

Farm House Studio / in progress : residency live work space

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Wish List

Working and gently used appliances to support artist's studios

Furniture for artist's studios

Cow/Pigs to harvest to feed artists or sell to fund OAC programming

Donations of or resources to purchase art equipment for studios

Purchase of the OAC Wellness Center \$15,000

Realizing all the potential Capital Acquisitions for 2016
Total = \$85,000

2016 Renovation budget for current projects
Total = \$100,000



OAC Warehouse Stage

Calendar of events for 2016

Poetry Reading at the OAC Warehouse /
February 6th

15 regional writers to present their work
with public readings: 10 from Kansas City
MO and 5 from St. Louis MO.

YMP Spring Concert / May

OAC Composers Symposium / July

OAC Yard of the Month / May - October

YMP Summer Concert / August

YMP Christmas Concert / December

Holiday Decorations Contest/December

The OAC Art Center exhibition calendar is full for 2016 with seven exhibitions scheduled. We will continue our relationships with our local schools and university to host these three exhibitions again, as well as the annual OAC Alumni exhibition this summer. We will have three other exhibitions showcasing photography, and print making from three internationally renowned artists. These exhibitions are confirmed but the titles are not yet worked out.