With just a few months under my belt as executive director of the AcA, I have begun reflecting on how my role in the story of our community is not as the main character, or the wise guide; I get to be the storyteller. I get to share the story of the men and women who have built this organization from the ground up and carried it forward over the past 40+ years. This story has a huge cast of characters, an epic scale, spans decades, generations, and involves people from around the world joining together for the betterment of our community. It's a great story, and I'm thrilled to help tell its next chapter.

Together, we raised close to $180,000 for the arts in 2018, which funded 290 projects allowing artists to provide people cultural experiences to 300,000 people in eight parishes.

Because of our dedicated and creative members, passionate board and staff members, strong partnerships, and informed opinion leaders, we have been able to impact communities in every corner of Acadiana, helping ensure they are more healthy, vibrant, and equitable. This work would not have been possible without these partners as we work to educate our field, communicate the power of the arts to decision makers, advocate for more resources, and innovate to ensure the sustainability of the field and our organization.

Our performances and exhibitions saw record attendance and brought droves of newcomers to downtown Lafayette. Our educational work expanded into two new parishes, more than doubling the reach of our in-class teaching artist programs and in-school performances. Our work in cultural development for the region brought about new community-led cultural activities and supported individual artists in eight parishes.

In this report, you will see how we are bringing cultural activity to downtown Lafayette, how we are celebrating the impact of the arts in our region, and how we are partnering with schools and organizations who can help us in our efforts to bring all the arts to all people for the improvement of our world. Thank you for the hard work that has been done and for the critical work to come.

We rely on our culture to unify our community and to drive the great progress we are making in Acadiana. In order to make that future a reality, we depend on our members, sponsors, and supporters of all kinds to invest in our programs and to choose to build a beautiful future for our region.

I hope you will join our cast of characters and make yourself a prominent part of our story—whether as a dynamic artist, a heroic volunteer, or a generous donor. Villains need not apply.

Your storyteller,

Samuel Oliver, Executive Director
Founded in 1975 as the Acadiana Arts Council, this community-supported organization was created to promote, support, and encourage cultural, educational, and creative activities in the region. Since that time, we developed as a major force in public education. Through partnerships with schools, we bring arts experiences—live performances, art classes, and arts-integrated learning—into classrooms in the multi-parish area. Our elementary-level arts-in-education program PACE (“Primary Academic and Creative Experiences”), now in its 20th year, conducts 155 classes weekly, impacts over 3,500 students in Lafayette, Broussard, Youngsville, Carencro, Scott, and throughout the unincorporated regions of Lafayette Parish every year.

In 2004, our mission grew too big for our space. We left our humble gallery and studio building and moved into the newly built Acadiana Center for the Arts with a vision of increasing its impact on the area and improving quality of life for the region through a vibrant venue for all kinds of cultural activity—art, music, dance, theater, and more. Our public facility in the heart of downtown Lafayette now includes an intimate 300-seat theater, large museum-quality galleries, as well as workshop, rehearsal, and office spaces for creative professionals. As a clearing house of activities in the arts, we assist smaller organizations around the region in publicity, grant writing, administration of projects, accessing local resources, coordinating activities, co-sponsoring activities, and in many other ways. More than 250 performances and events are presented by us each year throughout Acadiana, and free visual arts exhibits and monthly events draw more than 18,000 individuals annually.

Traditional and contemporary music and art come together in a continual celebration of the life and spirit of the region through our various programs. Concerts, plays, musicals, and other performances are presented each month in the heart of downtown Lafayette at our facility. Each month during Second Saturday ArtWalk our building bursts at the seams with hundreds of culture-hungry patrons looking to experience art from around the world in its spacious galleries. The center’s highly acclaimed concert series, Louisiana
Crossroads, runs year-round and showcases musicians from around Louisiana, playing alongside their inspirations from around the world, exploring history, geography, and tradition as they impact the work of Louisiana musicians and artists today.

As an organization that provides direct support for artists, festivals, and cultural organizations in an eight-parish region, we invested more than $5 million in the region in the form of grants and direct aid. As an advocate for artists and the arts, we continue to demand fair and equitable compensation for the work of all artists and have helped to guide the region’s treatment of artists as skilled working professionals. In all these activities, the AcA strives to support the cultural life of Acadiana in meeting its full potential.

On average, the we serve over 300,000 people and provide fair pay to 2,700 artists annually. These public funds have supported the creation of new works of art, exhibits, performances, workshops, public art, audience services, professional development, training in various arts disciplines, and arts administration. We serve an eight-parish region that includes Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, and Vermilion Parishes.

One highlighted event is the Students Arts Expo, an annual showcase that takes over storefronts and businesses across Downtown Lafayette and displays the artwork of students from around Lafayette Parish Public Schools. The event attracts more than 5,000 members of the community each year to downtown and serves to celebrate the creativity and originality of young people working across the region.

We are a nationally renowned education center and have been a Kennedy Center Partner for more than 20 years. In 2006, the Acadiana Arts Council received the Governor’s Arts Award for Project HEAL (Helping Employ Artists Locally). In 2016, we were awarded the Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana Culture Award as Outstanding Arts Organization.

As time goes on, our organization grows with the region. However, our mission has remained the same: to foster arts and culture throughout Acadiana.
We are 25 board members...

Dan Hare, President
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Janet Begneaud
John Mouton
John N. Chappuis
Johnathan Williams
Katie Bernhardt
Michael Paul Munzing
Philip Gould
Richard Brauns
Sadie Shamsie
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and 20 staff members

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Victoria Jones, Guest Services
with over 1,000 volunteers.
Arts in Education

2018 was a year of enormous growth for the AcA's role in education. We expanded from serving Lafayette’s 43 public schools to now serving 77 schools throughout St. Landry, Vermilion, and Lafayette parishes. With 40 years of results and demonstrated impact, we are proud to drive the role of arts as a tool to improve learning from early childhood through high school graduation and beyond.

For over 20 years, we have been a partner with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts' Partners in Education program. Based on the belief that teachers' professional learning is an important part of any effort designed to increase the artistic literacy of young people, this program helps organizations like the AcA develop and expand educational partnerships with their local school systems.
25,000 students experienced arts in their school through the AcA Arts-In-Education programs in Lafayette, St. Landry, and Vermilion Parishes.
THESE SCHOOLS ARE INVOLVED IN ARTS INTEGRATION THROUGH ACA.
WE SERVE SCHOOLS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS THROUGH SEVERAL PROGRAMS.

PACE (Primary Academic and Creative Experiences)
Studies show that the arts can be used as a tool to encourage learning and deliver long-term positive results. In 1999, Acadiana Center for the Arts and Lafayette Parish School System created the PACE Program in response to the need for arts programming in elementary schools. PACE helps schools with their arts curriculum as well as teaching other subjects through the arts.

The PACE Program is based on the concept that children learn through listening, speaking, acting, moving and creating. PACE brings together Teaching Artists and classroom teachers, allowing them to learn from each other while providing an arts curriculum to students on a weekly basis for the whole school year. Kindergarten through third-grade teachers work with PACE Teaching Artists to develop lessons. Teaching Artists design arts activities focused on common themes that support existing classroom education.

In 2018, the PACE program impacted 3,600 students and 165 teachers. 12 Teaching Artists worked in 21 elementary schools in select preK-3rd grade classrooms. Teaching Artists worked in each class for 32 weeks, in a total of 4,856 sessions.

Teaching Artist Program
Like PACE, the Teaching Artist Program provides opportunities for students to experience a variety of art forms and innovative arts activities such as music, drama, creative writing, visual arts, and folklife. Each of the session options are designed and presented by a local professional Teaching Artist.

In 2018, 462 sessions took place, affecting 7,107 students.
Lafayette: 166 sessions, 2,206 students
Lafayette early childhood: 218 sessions, 3,240 students
St Landry: 78 sessions, 1,661 students (fall, 2018 only)

Touring Arts
Touring Arts is a program built to introduce students to professional performances in dance, theatre, music, puppetry, storytelling, and more from local and national performers. Each performance serves a specific age or grade level. The Touring Arts Program provides opportunities for schools to request performances at their location or local theaters.

In 2018, there were 76 performances impacting 13,500 students
Lafayette: 51 performances, 9,145 students
St Landry: 25 performances, 4,365 students (fall of 2018 only)
Arts Grants for Teachers

The grants provides funding for arts projects, activities and training, available to Lafayette Parish public educators. In 2018, 15 grants were awarded, directly impacting 595 students and 27 teachers. A total of $15,357 in grants were funded.

Student Arts Expo

Student Arts Expo is an annual public festival bringing thousands of people to downtown Lafayette. This program is a partnership between the AcA and the Lafayette Parish School System to highlight the work of our students in the visual and performing arts. Student Arts Expo is designed to increase public knowledge and appreciation for young artists through community engagement. With 3 stages and 25 locations throughout downtown Lafayette, Student Arts Expo is truly a community event.

In 2018, Student Arts Expo had more than 70 visual arts exhibits and performances. About 2,000 students took part in the Student Arts Expo, representing nearly all public schools in Lafayette Parish. 23 Downtown Lafayette businesses participated in the 2018 Student Arts Expo.

Summer Camps

Our Summer Art Camps offer creative, challenging and fun hands-on experiences for children. We believe in an approach to teaching and learning that employs stimulating ideas like curiosity and self-expression. Our Teaching Artists bring an exceptional wealth of experience as working artists and educators. They have extensive backgrounds working with children of all ages and learning levels. The camp staff work together to design innovative and challenging activities that provide campers the opportunity to express their creativity!

In 2018, we hosted 8 summer camps about literature, painting, Louisiana culture, sculpture, and multicultural art for 160 students.

Professional Development Workshops

Professional Development Workshops provide training in the arts for educators and artists working with students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. The ongoing relationship with the John F. Kennedy Center through the Partners in Education Program has helped us to design training opportunities where educators learn proven techniques for teaching about the arts, and for using the arts to teach.

In 2018, we held 6 workshops, which were attended by 59 teachers and Teaching Artists.
THESE ARE THE SCHOOLS WE SERVED IN 2018.

LAFAYETTE PARISH
Alice Boucher Elementary School
Broadmoor Elementary School
Carenco Heights Elementary School
Charles M. Burke Elementary School
Duson Elementary School
Ernest Gallet Elementary School
Evangeline Elementary School
Green T. Lindon Elementary School
J.W. Faulk Elementary School
J.W. James Elementary School
Katherin Drexel Elementary School
L. Leo Judice Elementary School
Live Oak Elementary School
Milton Elementary School
Myrtle Place Elementary School
Ossun Elementary School
Corporal Michael Middlebrook Elementary School
Prairie Elementary School
Ridge Elementary School
S.J. Montgomery Elementary School
Truman Elementary School
Westside Elementary School
Woodvale Elementary School

Acadian Middle School
Broussard Middle School
Carenco Middle School
E.A. Martin Middle School
Judice Middle School
Lafayette Middle School
L.J. Alleman Middle School
Milton Middle School
Paul Breaux Middle School
David Thibodaux STEM Academy Middle School
Scott Middle School
Youngsville Middle School

Acadiana High School
Carenco High School
Comeaux High School
Early College Academy
Lafayette High School
Northside High School
Southside High School
David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy

ST. LANDRY PARISH
Arnaudville Elementary School
Cankton Elementary
Central Middle School
East Elementary
Eunice Elementary
Glendale Elementary
Grand Coteau Elementary
Grand Prairie Elementary
Grolee Elementary School
Highland Elementary School
Krotz Springs Elementary School
Lawtell Elementary School
Leonville Elementary School
North Elementary School
Northeast Elementary School
Palmetto Elementary School
Park Vista Elementary School
Plaisance Elementary School
Port Barre Elementary School
South Street Elementary School
Southwest Elementary School
Sunset Elementary School
Washington Elementary School

Eunice Jr. High School
Opelousas Jr. High School

Beau Chene High School
Eunice High School
North Central High School
Northwest High School
Opelousas Sr. High School
Port Barre High School
Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts

VERMILION PARISH
Meaux Elementary School
THESE ARE THE SCHOOLS OUR TOURING ARTISTS VISITED IN 2018.

TAIKO PROJECT'S BIG RHYTHMS, BIG DRUMS (OCTOBER 1-5)
Alice Boucher School
Cankton Elementary School
Carencro Middle School
Edgar Martin School
Krotz Springs Elementary School
Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy
Paul Breaux Middle School
Pleasant Side Elementary School
Port Barre Middle School

NEW NATIVES BRASS BAND
(OCTOBER 11-12, JANUARY 30-31)
Carencro High School
Comeaux High School
David Thibodaux STEM Academy
North Central High School
Opelousas Sr. High School
Paul Breaux Middle School
Sunset Elementary School

KELLI JONES AND SHRUGS,
PRESENTED BY SICKBAY
(NOVEMBER 8-9)
Comeaux High School
LJ Alleman Middle School

SCOTT AINSLIE (NOVEMBER 12-13)
Eunice Jr. High School
Northwest High School
Opelousas High School
Opelousas Jr. High School

DROP THE B.E.A.T (NOVEMBER 28-30)
Arnaudville Elementary School
Lawtell Elementary School
Leonville Elementary School
North Elementary School
Northeast Elementary School
Pleasant Side Elementary School

HOBEOY FORD (DECEMBER 3-7)
ESA Lower School
East Elementary School
Eunice Elementary School
Grolee Elementary School
Highland Elementary School
JW James Elementary School
L. Leo Judice Elementary School
Middlebrook Elementary School
Milton Elementary School
Prairie Elementary School
Southwest Elementary School
Washington Elementary School
Woodvale Elementary School

ROYAL JELLY JIVE (DECEMBER 13)
Lafayette High

READING ROCKS! BY JOHNETTE DOWNING (FEBRUARY 4-11)
Drexel Elementary School
Ernest Gallet Elementary School
Evangeline Elementary School
Glendale Elementary School
Grand Coteau Elementary School
Grand Prairie Elementary School
Live Oak Elementary School
Myrtle Place Elementary School
North Elementary School
Ossun Elementary School
Park Vista Elementary School
Ridge Elementary School
South Street Elementary School
Truman Elementary School

BASIN DANCE COLLECTIVE
(MARCH 11-14)
Central Middle School
Green T. Lindon Elementary School
LJ Alleman Middle School
Live Oak Elementary School
Palmetto Elementary School
Port Barre Elementary School
Westside Elementary School
Students enjoy making paper bouquets at Student Arts Expo 2018
WE HELP BRING ARTS INTO LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

We invest in arts-based projects that significantly enhance the cultural life of the community and promote local artists. In this role, we provide direct support for artists, festivals, and cultural organizations in our eight-parish region. To-date we have invested more than $5 million in our artists and cultural organizations in the form of grants and direct aid. The AcA strives to foster and expand the ecosystem of culture in our region by supporting local artists to create new works and by engaging new audiences with cultural experiences throughout Acadiana. In keeping with our mission, the AcA supports fair and equitable compensation for the work of all artists and is committed to the promotion and support of artists as working professionals. The AcA strives to support artists in meeting their full potential and help them develop professional careers through advocacy at the local, state-wide, and national levels.
282,765 people were impacted by programs regranted through the AcA, totalling over $274,000 dollars invested into arts and cultural projects.
THIS IS WHERE ALL OF OUR GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS ARE LOCATED.

- DAF Grant Recipients
- LCG Grant Recipients
- Artspark Stipend Recipients
- L.Hill Bonin, Jr. Memorial Award Recipients
Decentralized Arts Funding (DAF) Grant

DAF is an arts grant program created and funded by the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. The Acadiana Center for the Arts manages this statewide, parish-by-parish program for Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion Parishes. This grant supports non-profit arts organizations, non-profit organizations, government agencies, schools and school boards, colleges and universities, as well as individuals.

Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG) External Funding Program- Arts and Culture Grant

Sponsored by Lafayette Consolidated Government, the Arts and Culture Funding Program improves art projects and the operations of arts and culture organizations that better the arts and cultural life of the community, while promoting local artists and the arts in Lafayette Parish.

ArtSpark Stipend

Working with the Lafayette Economic Development Authority, we offer ArtSpark, an Individual Artist Funding Program. ArtSpark directly supports artists in Acadiana to expand their bodies of work as professionals and offer outreach to the community. These awards assist emerging, mid-career, and mature artists with short-term projects.

L. Hill Bonin, Jr. Memorial Award

The L. Hill Bonin, Jr. Memorial Award is available for Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion Parishes. This program awards talented performing arts students with funds for enhancing their talents through participation in advanced classes outside of their current programs. This award also benefits non-profit groups that provide opportunities to students for enhancing their arts talents in dance, folklife, literature, media arts, music, and theater.

Play it Again

Play it Again is an instrument-recycling program created to give the gift of music to students in Acadiana. With generous support from members of the community and Lafayette Music, we are able to collect old instruments no longer being used and repair them so they can be gifted to band programs in Acadiana public schools. The revival of donated instruments gives students the opportunity to learn and participate in music education. In 2018, we gave 25 instruments to schools in Acadiana.
THESE ARE OUR GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR 2018.

DAF GRANT
Acadiana Cares
Acadiana Symphony Association
Boys and Girls Club of Acadiana
Bunk Johnson Jazz Arts & Heritage Festival
Chorale Acadienne
City of Franklin
Creole Heritage Inc.
Crowley Art Association
Eunice Rotary Club Community Outreach (501)(c)(3)
Evangeline Parish Library
Festival of Words Cultural Arts Collective
Iberia Cultural Resources Association (ICRA)
Iberia Parish Library
Iberia Performing Arts League (IPAL)
Lafayette Art Association, Inc
Louisiana Folk Roots, Inc.
NUNU Arts and Culture Collective
St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission
St. Martin Parish Library
Teche Center for the Arts (TCA)
Teche Theatre for the Performing Arts
The Grand Opera House of the South, Inc.
Thensted Center
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
University of Louisiana at Louisiana/Hilliard University Art Museum
Vermilionville Living History Museum Foundation

ARTSPARK
Chere Coen
Eric Breaux
Eric Hitt
Hannah Thibodeaux
JeLyn Morvant
Lucius Fontenot
Mark St. Cyr
Sean Broussard
Sue Schleifer
Whitney Hebert

L. HILL BONIN JR. MEMORIAL AWARD
337 Allstar Marching Band
Annette Diaz
Brooke Gutshall
Cooper Helm
Iberia Performing Arts League
Zachary Fuselier

LCG EXTERNAL AGENCIES FUNDING PROGRAM – ARTS AND CULTURE
Acadiana Symphony Orchestra
Asociacion Cultural Latino Acadiana
Ballet Acadiana, Inc.
Children’s Museum of Acadiana
Chorale Acadienne
Festivals Acadiens et Créoles

Festival International de Louisiane
Freetown Studios
Lafayette Art Association, Inc.
Louisiana Crafts Guild
Louisiana Folk Roots
Mardi Gras Association
Vermilionville Living History Museum
Performers from Whitney Hebert’s THIRST on the James Devin Moncus Stage.
The AcA brought tens of thousands of visitors and residents to Downtown Lafayette for a busy schedule of year-round performances, gallery openings, and special events. We are well established as a regional destination for music, drawing people from the wider Gulf South to our performances and galleries throughout 2018. Known for bringing artists from all around the world, we showcase their talent and the diversity of cultures they represent.
THIS IS WHERE OUR TICKET BUYERS ARE FROM*.

*not including out-of-Acadiana visitors.
35,590 visitors came to our building in downtown Lafayette for performances and Second Saturday ArtWalk.
WE BRING PERFORMING ARTS TO ACADIANA.

We are the leading presenter of live performances in Acadiana. Throughout the year, our world-class performances—including music, dance, theater—showcase talented artists from all over the world providing our region with entertainment and unique experiences. Since opening our theater in 2011, the AcA has grown to become one of the largest, multi-discipline performing arts presenters in Louisiana and one of the largest independent arts presenters in the Southern United States.


The AcA presents over 100 performances and events annually in two venues—the James Devin Moncus Theater and the Heymann Performing Arts Center—and in site-specific locations and other spaces. The performances range among Modern and Classical Dance, Theater, Instrumental and Vocal Recital, Opera, Chamber Music, Jazz, New Music, World Music, Dance, and Storytelling. Our performances serve tens of thousands of patrons annually through performances, arts education, residency, and community programs.

Concerts
From Americana to Bluegrass to Rock, we present high-quality performances that highlight the best-known names in music. Our MainStage Series brings a diverse mix to the Heymann Performing Arts Center stage. We also present varied contemporary world jazz musicians. We regularly transform the Moncus Theater into a jazz club with intimate table seating and wine service. Telescopic seating also allows us to create a flat floor for standing room only concerts, such as Gary Clark Jr.

Louisiana Crossroads
Louisiana Crossroads is our premier production—a town-hall concert series in the vein of the Louisiana Hayride celebrating our state’s immeasurable wealth of musical heritage. This series engages audiences through intimate performances that combine cultural influences and diverse artists. This season, the AcA partnered with our first curator Joel Savoy to assist with developing and creating the series.

Family Performance, Dance, Theater
The AcA ensures family-focused and educational performances continue year-round in our community. Through these shows, we introduce young viewers to the performing arts in a family-friendly atmosphere.

We also foster local dance and theater initiatives and bring world-renowned companies to Acadiana, shining a light on the art of professional performance and the important role it plays in our community.

The Acadiana Center for the Arts is part of SouthArts Dance Touring Initiative (DTI), a program that supports performing arts presenters throughout the South. DTI receives
funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and supports venues across the South in developing quality performances, workshops, and audience engagement activities. In partnership with DTI, we strive to connect local audiences with touring modern dance and contemporary ballet companies.

**Silent Seats**

Silent Seats is an outreach program that provides enrichment, education and entertainment opportunities for students who lack access to high-quality performing arts events. Since its beginning, we have identified Silent Seats Partners - individuals, organizations, foundations, and corporations - to sponsor this program. In turn, the AcA manages the distribution of tickets through social service programs, school administrators, and, in some cases, to parents who cannot purchase tickets for their children to attend performance events. Through the generosity of Silent Seats partners, we gave over 300 tickets in 2018.

**WE CAN’T DO IT ALONE.**

As a venue for the community, the AcA partners with local artists and organizations to present their work and to support their missions. These vital partners are performance groups, dance schools, social service organizations, public and private schools, universities, and government agencies. The AcA is proud of its strong relationships with these great organizations based in our community.

**ARTS, CULTURE, AND EDUCATION:**

- ABC Fund, Community Foundation of Acadiana
- Acadiana Symphony Orchestra
- Acting Up (in Acadiana)
- Ascension Episcopal School
- Association of Culture Latino Acadiana
- Basin Dance Collective
- Cinema on the Bayou Film Festival
- CODOFIL
- Episcopal School of Acadiana
- Festival International de Louisiane
- GEAR UP
- The Hilliard University Art Museum
- Lafayette Parish Public Education Stakeholders Council (LaPESC)
- Lafayette Parish School System
- Louisiana Division of the Arts
- Love of People
- Southern Screen Film Festival
- St. Landry Parish School System
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- ULL Athletics
- ULL School of the Arts
- UpStage

**CIVIC AND SOCIAL SERVICE:**

- Acadiana Cares
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana
- The Daily Advertiser
- Dreams Come True Foundation
- Downtown Development Authority
- Downtown Lafayette Unlimited
- Hospice of Acadiana
- Hearts of Hope Foundation
- Kiwanis Club of Lafayette
- Lafayette Economic Development Authority
- Lafayette General Health
- Leadership Louisiana (Council for a Better Louisiana)
- Leadership Institute of Acadiana
- One Acadiana
- One Acadiana Ambassadors
- Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center
WE CURATE VISUAL ARTISTS.

Exhibitions
As an arts center with multiple gallery spaces and a destination for culture-seeking visitors, the AcA celebrates emerging and established artists from Acadiana and beyond by presenting exhibitions year-round to the public. We present several exhibitions simultaneously and new exhibitions rotate through the space each month at Second Saturday ArtWalk. Open to the public daily, there is always something new to see.

Our visual arts program features varying approaches to the presentation of contemporary art; retrospective exhibitions that look back at the entire career of a single artist; exhibitions that explore a particular history or theme through a group of artists work; and exhibitions of recent work by emerging and established artists, artisans, and documentarians. We focus on presenting photography, painting and drawing, sculpture, and new media works at a professional level with engaging materials. We are dedicated to creating an inclusive environment through fresh and inventive ways of presenting artwork that offer an enriching experience to both seasoned art-lovers and first-time art viewers.

Second Saturday ArtWalk
This Downtown Lafayette event brings the city to life as each independent gallery, studio and art house opens their doors for this free event. Art aficionados and casual patrons alike will leave inspired as they explore the Downtown Lafayette Cultural District. We are one of the largest locations open during ArtWalk, having over 1,000 patrons coming into our galleries each month.

Artist Residency
We value art making as an essential component of a vibrant, engaged and healthy community. The residency program strives to offer our local artists a platform to develop original work and to engage our audiences in a public dialogue on the value of contemporary art making.

Our Residency program began in 2012 and has hosted ten local artists in the development of original work in visual, performing, and media-driven disciplines. This program helps to build and strengthen the creative community where artists are in residence for three to six months at a time. The program is structured to offer support through rehearsal space, along with administrative and technical assistance.
These were our exhibitions in 2018.

Abdi Farah and Ashley Tamer, *Black Patriots*
Yeon Choi, *Making of a Woman’s Tea Room*
Arthur McViccar, *Wood Meets Paint*
Tina Girouard, *Parts Known and Unknown*
*Artists’ Alliance Revisited 2018*
Evan Koch, *Laminae Verso*
Benjamin Guidry, *Azonal*
*Acadiana Quilting Society*
Chris Pavlik, *The Last Hundred Years And Other Ghost Stories*
Gwendolyn Alexis Richard, *Sisters of Flora*
Jessica E. Moore, *To Toil in Achilles’ Heel*
Angie Rheil & Mary Attwood, *Metal | Glass | Fiber*
Kathy Dumisnel, *Nature’s Labyrinth*
*Shelf Life*
*Educators as Artists*
Matt Thompson, *Drawings*
Eric Hitt, *A Ship’s Worth*
*Acadiana Open Studio Tours*
Annette Aucoin, *Celebrating Turning Eighty*
Heather Ryan Kelly, *Quiddity*

January 13 - March 24
March 12 - April 17
March 10 - April 14
April 14 - July 14
April 14 - June 23
June 9 - August 25
June 9 - June 30
July 21 - August 31
July 14 - September 22
August 11 - September 25
September 8 - October 23
September 8 - October 27
September 8 - October 13
August 11 - November 10
October 2 - October 23
October 13 - December 8
November 10 - January 12
November 6 - December 8
November 10 - December 8
December 8 - March 9
We had over 30 different artists perform throughout the year.

The Milena Theatre Group presents *The Registry*
John Hiatt
Arturo Sandoval
The Mavericks: Roddie Romero & the Hub City All-Stars
Johnny Lang
Lucinda Williams
The Hot Sardines
"And This Is No Damn Lie"
An Evening with the Julian Lage Trio
Tedeschi Trucks
Gregory Porter
Alicia Olatuja
globalFEST On the Road — THE NEW GOLDEN AGE OF LATIN MUSIC
‘FEMME’: A Celebration of Women in Acadiana Music
Dance Heginbotham
Lucky Diaz & The Family Jam Band
Cameron Carpenter
Dr. Lonnie Smith Trio
*Issue # 1* by Riley McCallum
Acting Up presents, Shakespeare's *The Tempest*
An Evening with Gillian Welch
Grizzly Bear
Wayne Toups and Royal Blugarou unplugs Zydecajun
Amos Lee: My New Moon Tour
Ulysses Owens Jr.'s “Three”
*Thirst* by Whitney Hebert
Turn It Up! The New Sound of New Orleans
Virginia Rep Theatre presents *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*
Garly Clark Jr.
Edmar Castaneda
Cajun Face 2: The Tanties
Mavis Staples
Basin Dance Collective Presents Surface
The Robert Cray Band

January 6
January 11 & 12
January 18
January 19 & 20
January 25
January 29
January 30
February 1
February 23
February 27
February 28
March 3
March 7 & 8
March 10
March 14
March 27
April 7
April 12-14
May 2 - 5
August 18
September 11
September 20 & 21
September 24
September 26
October 3-5
October 15 & 16
October 18
October 30
November 1
November 2-3
November 9
November 28-30
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