Note from the Executive Director

Even after 45 years as a leading arts organization in South Louisiana, AcA continues to evolve and adapt to the needs of our community. As times and customs change, the work of cultural organizations must change with it. In looking back on the past year in this Impact Report, we take a moment to reflect on who we are today.

But who are we today?

AcA supports artists and the local cultural economy, a bigger economic driver than the oil and gas industry today ($1.5B vs. $1.3B in 2018). AcA is a community-based nonprofit supported by donors, members, and sponsors, and as the arts council for Acadiana, we provide grants and assistance to artists and other nonprofits across the eight-parish region. Our goal as the cultural development agency is to drive growth of the cultural economy throughout Acadiana for the benefit of the greater community.

This work is also driven by the desire to ensure equal access to arts and culture, regardless of economic status. Through our partnerships with public school districts and private schools, AcA serves schools and students, bringing equal access to arts and culture to more than 25,000 students and 77 schools across Acadiana.

We believe this organization is a key part of Acadiana's cultural life and a valuable contributor to the quality of life of our region. Our world-class performances, art exhibitions, and special events in the heart of Lafayette and we host tens of thousands of participants whose lives are enriched by these elevating experiences. AcA features ever-rotating art exhibitions, serving as the central hub of the popular Second Saturday ArtWalk.

With this report's help, I hope you take away these three fundamental points, and consider how you can help us meet our mission of fostering art and culture in Acadiana.

We are your arts council.
We are your arts center.
We are the AcA.

Sincerely,

Samuel M. Oliver
Executive Director
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The People of AcA

AcA program directors meet by videoconference while AcA is closed during COVID-19 shutdown in May 2020. Clockwise from top left: Gwen Richard, Samuel Oliver, Paige Krause, Jaik Faulk, Bree Sargent, Clayton Shelvin.
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Lyle Girouard

Lafayette

The People of AcA: Our Professional Staff

AcA staff wave for a “Porchtrait” by LeeAnn Stephen during the 2020 COVID-19 shutdown.

Staff and family celebrate Bree Sargent’s 20th Anniversary at AcA in February 2020.
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Executive Director

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Cafe/Bar

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Development Manager

Nancy Surosky
Development Director
The People of AcA: Our Volunteers

Volunteers greet and direct patrons for a performance night at AcA in 2019.

Volunteers pose with the executive director during AcA’s holiday party in 2019.
Volunteers

**Lead Volunteers**
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Cliff LaCour
Mike Munzing

**Gulf Brew 2019**
150+ beer pourers, ticket tearers, and setup champions...
Our Impact

for Audiences in Acadiana

In March 2020, AcA watched the entire world come to a collective standstill, and humanity was forced to adapt to a new reality. Millions of people gathered around their televisions, sought community on social media, and allowed time for simpler things like gardening, baking, and watching sunsets from our porches.

Like in the past, people sought solace through music, theater, dance, and film to help us cope with the confusion and uncertainties of the pandemic that we find ourselves in today. One of the few constants in this situation is that the arts gave us an escape from a very harsh reality.

The arts made us feel like we were together while social distancing, and helped us to see a better future during a time where so many of us felt hopeless. The arts inspired us to be better, and to do better. After a busy season of performances, this break—we hope—allows us to refocus on those things that matter the most to us going forward.
Performing Arts Presentations

Fifty performances, 8,577 tickets and countless memories in Season 9

2019-2020 Performances

Season 9 Kick-Off, Ft. Joshua Ledet
A special event honoring the AcA’s supporters, friends, and family this special event featuring the American Idol finalist from Louisiana. The night also included a preview of Basin Dance Collective’s Sport Suites and performances by LPSS students.

Zeno Fest
A special benefit for legendary Blues musician Lee Alan Zeno featuring more than fifty performers and musicians over the course of one day in the James Devin Moncus Theater.

NXT Series (New Program)
Creating unique experiences for AcA’s next generation of audiences. NXT focuses on showcasing local and regional emerging artists, while seeking to engage AcA’s next generation of audiences.

- The Good Dudes, August 30, 2019
- Scott Mulvahill ft. The Rayo Brothers, March 11, 2020
- The Future is Female (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

Spotlight Series (New Program)
Featuring live performances in theater, dance, and comedy, the Spotlight Series is for the cultural omnivore. This series continues the legacy of the Performing Arts Society of Acadiana (“PASA”), which led classical arts presenting in Acadiana from 1989 until its merger with the AcA in 2013.

- Sports Suites presented by Basin Dance Collective, September 12-15, 2019
- Confessions of a Former Monkey Mind Doctor, October 4-5, 2019
- The Velvet Revolution: 30 Years Later, November 1, 2019
- Merry Wives of Windsor presented by Acting Up (in Acadiana), November 21-23, 2019
- Frozen Jr. presented by Wonderland Performing Arts, January 10-12, 2019
- Flex Ave., January 30, 2019
- The Improv Rumble 2020 presented by Silverbacks Improv Theatre, February 8, 2020

AllStars Series
The AllStars Series brings together a diverse collection of award-winning musical artists. These touring performers comprise an eclectic series with music from various genres like rock, jazz, folk, r&b, bluegrass, world music, and country.

- Lyle Lovett and His Large Band at the Heymann Center, August 13, 2020
- On Va Continuer!, Lost Bayou Ramblers, September 28, 2019
- Sam Bush, October 18, 2019
- Seratones, October 24, 2019
- An Evening With Street Corner Symphony, October 29, 2019
- Matthew Whitaker Quartet, January 25, 2020
- An Evening With Judy Collins (at the Heymann Center)
- Aaron Diehl Trio, March 6, 2020
- Sybarite5, (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- The Allman Betts Band (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
**Louisiana Crossroads Series**
Guest Curator: Joel Savoy. A storied music series featuring Louisiana's most compelling artists. Louisiana Crossroads brings audiences and artists closer together through unique performances, combined with moderated conversations. Louisiana Crossroads celebrates the influence that Louisiana's rich culture has had on the artists who call Louisiana HOME.

- Boogie from the Bayou ft. Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience and BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet, September 20, 2019
- Before I Grow Too Old: The Music of Bobby Charles presented by Roddie Romero & Friends, December 5-6, 2019
- Steve Riley's International Accordion Kings, February 7, 2020
- The Instrumental Legacy of Dr. Tommy Comeaux (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Honoring the Life of Jillian Johnson (Rescheduled due to COVID-19)

**Film Series**
Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am, In The Aisles, Give Me Liberty, By The Grace of God

**The Met: Live in HD**
Manon, Madama Butterfly, Akhnater, Wozzeck, Porgy and Bess, Agrippina

**Silent Seats**
With support of Kiwanis Club of Lafayette, AcA distributed 70 free tickets to AcA performances for students, families, and at-risk youth who otherwise would not have access to high quality performing arts activities.

- University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Performing Arts/Dance Department
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Music Department
- J Wallace James Elementary
- Hamilton Academy of the Arts
- Lafayette Parish School System - Talented Program
- St. Martin Parish School System - Talented Program
- Paul Breaux Middle
- LJ Alleman Middle
- Boys & Girls Club of Acadiana
- New Hope Community Development of Acadiana
- Lafayette Parish School System (Visually Impaired Program)
- Vermilionville - Folk Art Teen Advisory Council
- ELITE dance studio
- AMIkids Acadiana
- Comeaux High Performing Arts Academy

2019-2020 Hosted Events

AcA supports community organizations with free or subsidized space year-round.

One Acadiana Mayor-President Forum
97.3 The Dawg’s Holiday Hangover Show
97.3 The Dawg’s Elite Nurses Banquet
Acadiana Symphony Orchestra
Acting Up (in Acadiana) Summer Youth Shakespeare
Ascension Heart for the Arts
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Cinema on the Bayou
CityWide Gathering
Downtown Lafayette, District 5 Council Forum
Downtown Lafayette, Mayor-President Forum
Dreams Come True Foundation
Hearts of Hope’s Stud in Stilettos
Opportunity Machine’s Innovate South 2019

LaPESC Lafayette Parish School Board Candidates Forum
Leadership Institute of Acadiana Leadership Lafayette
LPB Documentary “In the Blind” Screening LPSS Talented Showcase
Mantra Film Screening
Southern Screen Festival Summer Youth Shakespeare Ensemble
The Advocate Economic Outlook Report The Daily Advertiser Storytellers
UL Press Author’s Holiday Party
UL Biology Lab Retreat
UL Athletics Recruitment Dinner
Visual Arts Exhibitions

15,000+ people visited AcA’s galleries during 18 art exhibitions in Season 9.

Students from Paul Breaux Middle work on projects based on Jeremiah Ariaz: Louisiana Trail Riders in January 2020.
2019-2020 Exhibitions

Main Gallery Series

Lala Rascic: Gorgo
w/ Cristina Molina, Ryn Wilson, Nina Schwanse
A feminist retelling of Greek myth and tragedy in video and sculpture.
July 13 - October 12, 2019

Meet in the Middle
A show of contemporary sculpture and painting from New Orleans and Houston artists as well as artists based in Lafayette.
November 9 - December 14, 2019

Jeremiah Ariaz: Louisiana Trail Riders
Black and White photographs documenting the Creole Trail Riding Clubs of Southern Louisiana.
January 11 - March 14, 2020
https://youtu.be/Cwi3TtebNks

Russell Whiting: 30 Years
A survey of Russell Whiting's large-scale metal sculptures from various points in his 30 year career
June 13, 2020 - September 12, 2020
https://youtu.be/CJCcWRwDyI

Side Gallery Series

Jeromy Young: Bound Aberration
Oil paintings made by a classically deft hand.
September 14 - November 9, 2019

Willingly Rejected
Art & Performance by local all inclusive arts collective
December 14, 2019 - December 30, 2019

Fresh Pickins' 7
UL Lafayette visual arts majors in a juried group show
January 11- February 8th, 2020

James Van Way: Doodle Bug and Them
Colorfully Imaginative Painting and Installation
March 14 - August 10, 2020
https://youtu.be/LPS4f3fkOqw
https://youtu.be/-1AxWszMXQ
Coca-Cola Studio

Ron Stanford: Big French Dance
Photographs of Cajun and Zydeco music halls and the performers and dancers who inhabited them.
September 14, 2019 - October 12, 2019

Alicia Faciane: Close to Home
An installation of video and handmade pottery interrupted by various wildlife.
November 9, 2019 - January 11, 2020

Voices of Race in Portrait
Twenty subjects tell compelling stories about the role race has played in their lives to over a dozen trained facilitators/story collectors.
February 8, 2020 - February 29, 2020

Student Art Expo High School Showcase
March 14 - June 13, 2020
https://youtu.be/HrzSp0ZK8N8

Reaux Family Vault

Quilters' Guild Acadienne
July 13, 2019 - August 10, 2019

Susan David: Emerge
Immersive Installation and ArtSpark Project
September 14, 2019 - November 9, 2019

Ros Bernard & Dusty Reed: New Works
June 13, 2020 - August 10, 2020

Mallia Galleria

Confessions of a Former Monkey Mind
September 14 - October 12, 2019

Open Studios Acadiana
Mallia Galleria & ArtHouse Circle Gallery
November 9 - December 14, 2019

Hagit Barkai: Access
Contemporary paintings that deal with the body and figuration
## Sponsors in Performing And Visual Arts

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Our Impact

for Schools, Students, and Teachers

20,440 preK-12 students
received access to free, in-school arts programs across three parishes.

1,079 Educators
received training in cultural sensitivity, arts integration, and social and emotional learning.

40 Musicians, Dancers, Storytellers, and Theatre Artists
paid to perform free educational shows in-schools

32 Teaching Artists
paid as in-school art-integration specialists in Lafayette, St. Landry, and Vermilion parish schools.

600,000+ citizens
Benefit from a region with public schools that include creative experiences and arts integration.
Arts in Education

AcA’s education vision is to ensure that creativity, arts, and self-expression are part of the life of every child in Acadiana. For more than 40 years, AcA has partnered directly with schools and school districts to cast the widest possible net and to make sure every student has the right to an arts or creative experience. Our model is to bring artists of all disciplines into classrooms for core-curriculum lessons and in-school arts experiences.

Part of the Kennedy Center’s national network of innovators in the arts, AcA conducts innovative and effective strategies for achieving academic, social, and emotional learning. This program makes an impact on over 20,000 students in Acadiana currently.

A Note on PACE Online

This year, after schools closed, AcA took its PACE arts integration program online within seven days.

AcA’s team of teaching artists created daily video lessons in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade during the stay-at-home order for 12 weeks beginning March 15. Staying true to the program, the art lessons were integrated into the school curriculum in fun and grade-level appropriate activities using simple supplies that most kids have at home. Videos were shared daily via social media and through elementary school teachers and PTOs in the Acadiana area. AcA also worked in partnership with Learn United, a program of United Way, to air the videos on local public television, making them even more widely accessible, regardless of internet access.

Online lessons covered many different curricular areas, including fractions, landforms, weather, punctuation, habitats, phases of the moon, mythology, sound, the five senses, outer space, life cycles, and art history—to name a few.

Over a 12-week period, AcA created 180 videos, and had 5,286 views in the United States, United Kingdom, and France. These videos remain as a resource for teachers going forward and can be found on the AcA’s YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/acadianacenterforthearts>
Street Corner Symphony performs for students at Comeaux High School in 2019 as part of Touring Arts Program.
PACE, Elementary Arts-Integration

4500 students. 225 teachers. 22 schools. 13 teaching artists worked in classes each week for 25 weeks, in 4,600 sessions.

Teaching Artist Program

LPSS: 36 sessions, 779 students, 40 educators
Early Childhood: 186 sessions, 850 students, 72 educators
St. Landry: 97 sessions, 1,923 students, 100 educators
* Most sessions occur in the spring. Because schools were closed as of March 16 and those sessions canceled, the leftover funds were redirected to PACE Online art classes.

Touring Arts Performances

70 performances. 12,300 students. 490 educators.
Lafayette: 39 performances. 6,800 students, 270 educators
St Landry: 31 performances. 5,500 students, 220 educators

Street Corner Symphony, November, 2019
Ovey Comeaux High

A Midsummer Night’s Dream Acting Up (in Acadiana), January & February, 2020
Southside High
Carencro High
Broussard Middle
Youngsville Middle
David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy

Comeaux High
Beau Chene High
Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts
Port Barre High
Northwest High

Invincible! Roger Day, January 13–17, 2020
Truman Early Childhood Education Center
Ridge Elementary
G.T. Lindon Elementary
J.Wallace James Elementary
Katharine Drexel Elementary

Live Oak Elementary
Grand Prairie Elementary
Eunice Elementary
Port Barre Elementary
Highland Elementary

FLEX AVE, January, 2020
Northside High

Carencro High

Music, Stories, and Immeasurably More, Baba the Storyteller, January 27–February 5, 2020
Evangeline Elementary
Carencro Middle
Woodvale Elementary

Billeaud Elementary
Myrtle Place Elementary
Ernest Gallet Elementary
Arnaudville Elementary
Palmetto Elementary
Grand Coteau Elementary
Washington Elementary
Opelousas Middle

Northeast Elementary
Sunset Elementary/Middle
Park Vista Elementary
Lawtell Elementary
Leonville Elementary

The Breakdown: A Hip-Hop History Lesson, Kabuki Dancers, February, 2020
Westside Elementary
Alice Boucher Elementary
Opelousas Junior High
Grolee Elementary

Central Middle
Eunice Junior High
East Elementary
Opelousas High

Sport Suites, Basin Dance Collective, February 10–13, 2020
Ossun Elementary
Lafayette High
ESA Lower School
Broadmoor Elementary

Edgar Martin Elementary
L.J. Alleman Middle
Krotz Springs Elementary
Plaisance Elementary

Steve Riley's Accordion Kings, February 6, 2020
Eunice High

Cajun Mardi Gras, Daniel and the Lions, February 13–14, 2020
Milton Elementary/Middle
Middlebrook Elementary
Cankton Elementary
Glendale Elementary

Seventy-four participating schools

Lafayette Parish
Acadian Middle
Acadiana High
L.J. Alleman Middle
Dr. Raphael A. Baranco Elementary
Martial Billeaud Elementary
Alice Boucher Elementary
Paul Breaux Middle
Broadmoor Elementary
Broussard Middle
Charles M. Burke Elementary
W.D. & Mary Baker Smith Career Center
Carencro Heights Elementary
Carencro High
Carencro Middle
Ovey Comeaux High
Katharine Drexel Elementary
Duson Elementary
Evangeline Elementary

J.W. Faulk Elementary
Ernest Gallet Elementary
J. Wallace James Elementary
Judice Middle
L. Leo Judice Elementary
Lafayette High
Lafayette Middle
Green T. Lindon Elementary
Live Oak Elementary
Edgar Martin Middle
Cpl M. Middlebrook Elementary
Milton Elementary/Middle
S.J. Montgomery Elementary
Myrtle Place Elementary
Northside High
Ossun Elementary
Prairie Elementary
Ridge Elementary
Scott Middle
Southside High
David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy
Truman Early Childhood Education Center
Westside Elementary
Woodvale Elementary
Youngsville Middle

St. Landry Parish
Arnaudville Elementary
Beau Chene High
Cankton Elementary
Central Middle
East Elementary
Eunice Elementary
Eunice Junior High
Eunice High
Glendale Elementary
Grand Coteau Elementary
Grand Prairie Elementary
Grolee Elementary
Highland Elementary
Krotz Springs Elementary
Lawtell Elementary
Leonville Elementary
Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts
North Central High
Northwest High
Palmetto Elementary
Park Vista Elementary
Plaisance Elementary
Port Barre Elementary
Port Barre High
Opelousas High
Opelousas Junior High
Opelousas Middle
Sunset Elementary
Washington Elementary

Vermilion Parish
Meaux Elementary

Play It Again
Refurbished and repaired 45 instruments. Placed in the following school band programs:
Billeaud Elementary
Burke Elementary
Duson Elementary
James A. Herod Elementary
JH Williams Middle
JW James Elementary
Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy
Lindon Elementary
LJ Alleman Middle
L Leo Judice Elementary
Myrtle Place Elementary
Paul Breaux Middle
Ridge Elementary
SJ Montgomery Elementary
Programs for Teachers

Terrance Morgan performs for educators at the Arts in Education Showcase on September 19, 2019

Arts Grants for Teachers

AcA and Lafayette Parish School System funded fifteen teacher-led projects in two rounds of open applications. These programs directly impacted 1,350 students, working directly with 37 teachers, and hiring 14 Teaching Artists.

Arts Integration Grant
Woodvale Elementary

Does Lightning Only Strike Once?
Edgar Martin Middle
Professional Development for Teachers

AcA presented eight professional development workshops for teachers over the course of the academic year focused on arts integration, trauma-informed care, and social and emotional learning through the arts. 152 educators participated in these programs.

- Trauma-Informed Strategies for Educators with an Artistic Approach to Wellness
- Visualizing Rations through Infographics Creative Classroom Management and Assessment
- Social-Emotional Learning through the Arts
- The Art of Community Celebrations: Connecting the Classroom (in conjunction with the AcA’s exhibit, Louisiana Trail Riders, Jeremiah Ariaz)

- Meeting Trauma with Movement
- Culturally Responsive Instruction
- Thinking Outside the Box City
Programs for Students

AcA summer campers smile for the camera in 2019

**Summer Camp**

AcA offered six weeks of summer arts camps to 88 campers. AcA’s week-long camps are offered to ages 6–14 and spark imagination and encourage creativity in a safe environment. Led by AcA’s talented team of teaching artists, each week has a different, and fun theme.

**Student Arts Expo (Virtual)**

Because AcA postponed the 11th year of the Student Arts Expo due to COVID-19, AcA created a “Virtual Student Arts Expo” highlighting work from students across Lafayette Parish schools in grades preK-12th. AcA presented online galleries which received 650 views and our social media highlights that reached over 11,000.
Sponsors and Supporters in Education

Sponsors impact the lives of thousands of young learners. Their support deepens the effectiveness of arts in education programs in existing schools or expands its reach into new schools and parishes throughout Acadiana.

**City Club at River Ranch**
Presenting sponsor of Arts in Education in Lafayette Parish

**Capital One**
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Our Impact

For Artists and the Community

Cultural organizers from across Acadiana meet for a regional strategic planning session hosted by the Acadiana Center for the Arts and Louisiana Division of the Arts in February 2020.
Community Development and Outreach

AcA distributed over $266,000 for arts and cultural projects benefiting more than 285,000 people and presented dozens of professional development opportunities for artists, performers, and creators around the region.

These programs served Region 4 parishes, comprising Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, and Vermilion, for the creation of new works of art, exhibits, performances, workshops, public art, while providing access to professional expertise, training in various arts disciplines, arts administration, and audience services.

Eligible applicants were non-profit arts organizations, non-profit social service organizations, government agencies, schools and universities, as well as, individuals using a fiscal agent, and high school and college arts students. Recognized arts disciplines were: dance, design arts, folklife, literature, media, music, theater, visual arts & crafts, and multi-discipline.

AcA partners with state, local, and privately individuals to raise and re-grant these funds for the benefit of Acadiana.

Diversity and Equity

AcA and its staff serve as liaisons between artists and state and local agencies to provide resources and services especially to culturally diverse, underserved, and rural non-profit arts organizations throughout Acadiana.

Main Streets, Cultural Districts, and Regional Stakeholders

AcA serves as a convenor of Main Street programs, Cultural Districts and other arts partners from throughout the region in partnership with the State of Louisiana.
Support for Artists

Covid 19 Response
With cancelled festivals, shuttered museums, and the entire arts and entertainment ecosystem “on hold,” the AcA began looking for ways to support the individuals and organizations that are responsible for Louisiana’s cultural vibrancy and incredible quality of life. AcA set to develop a statewide survey with the Louisiana Division of the Arts and received more than 1,000 responses from artists representing Acadiana. Based on these survey results, AcA set out to connect individuals in the Acadiana arts and cultural sector with the resources they identified as priorities during the COVID-19 crisis.

Lost My Gig Fund
AcA distributed stipends totalling $33,000 to 101 working musicians in Lafayette Parish following the COVID-19 shutdowns. These funds were raised in partnership with Social Entertainment, The Current, and Downtown Lafayette from March 15 to April 1 and distributed on May 15.

Acadiana Creative Relief Fund
AcA awarded grants of up to $300 to individual artists across Acadiana, whose creative practices and incomes were adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. AcA raised and distributed a total of $25,800 (in $300 stipends) to 86 individual artists across Acadiana.
ArtSpark 2019

The purpose of ArtSpark is to directly support artists in Acadiana, especially those with otherwise limited opportunities, to expand their bodies of work as professionals and to offer new opportunities for engagement to the community. These awards offer assistance to emerging, mid-career, and mature artists for specific, short-term projects.

In 2019, eleven artists were awarded support totalling $50,000. The Stipend supported an 8-month timeline for each artist to complete their proposed projects. During this period, each artist participated in career development workshops through the Opportunity Machine and produced three hours of community outreach.

Gina Aswell  
Dance, design, visual arts & crafts  
St. Landry Parish

Alicia Chaisson  
Theatre  
Lafayette

Clare Cook  
Dance  
Lafayette

Susan David  
Theatre, media arts, design, folklike, visual arts & crafts  
Lafayette

Lynda Frese  
Visual arts & crafts  
St. Martin

Denise Gallagher  
Visual arts & crafts, literature  
Lafayette

Brecky Thomas-Lavigne  
Visual arts & crafts, folklike  
Evangeline Parish

Terrance Michael Morgan  
Dance, literature, music, theatre  
Iberia Parish

Patricia Drury Sidman  
Theatre  
Lafayette

James D.K. Tancill  
Visual arts & crafts, media arts  
Lafayette

Jordan Vidrine  
Media arts, music  
St. Landry
Masterclasses/Workshops

Masterclass with Aaron Diehl
Twenty piano students from Comeaux High Performing Arts Academy joined Aaron Diehl for a special masterclass with the world renowned pianist in the James Devin Moncus Theater.

Sense of Place and Loss: Artists and Scientists Facing Change
Forty traditional artists, scientists, contemporary artists participated in a workshop at AcA on Sense of Place and Loss in the face of climate change in collaboration with Bayou Culture Collaborative.

In-school workshops with RAM
AcA brought 1,220 students a unique experience with RAM (Haitian), as part of a month-long residency by the band in Lafayette in partnership with Festival International de Louisiane.

Masterclass with FLEX AVE
Open to the public, 32 adults participated in a masterclass with the Brooklyn-based dance company FLEX AVE at University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Student Discussion with FLEX AVE
Fifteen students from AMIkids Acadiana joined the dancers of FLEX AVE for a demonstration and question and answer session on dance and their careers as artists.

EMERGE Installation Art Panel Discussion
EMERGE artists Susan David joined a panel of artists and curators on the subject of art installations as an artistic practice with an audience of 25 people.

Coffee and Conversation: Louisiana Trail Riders panel discussion
Creole trail ride leaders Latoya Paris and Paul Scott joined Oxford University ethnomusicologist Gwennie von Einsiedel and Jonathan Ariaz for a discussion with an audience of forty people, moderated by NPR “Zydeco Stomp” host Herman Fuselier.
Support for Nonprofits

State of Louisiana Grants
“Decentralized Arts Funding”

**Acadia Parish, $9,504**
Crowley Art Association
The Grand Opera House of the South

**Evangeline Parish, $5,229**
Evangeline Parish Library

**Iberia Parish, $11,269**
Bunk Johnson/New Iberia Jazz Arts & Heritage Festival
Iberia Performing Arts League
Iberia Parish Library
Iberia Cultural Resources Association
National Trust For Historic Preservation

**Lafayette Parish, $34,092**
Chorale Acadienne
Freetown Studios
Upstage
Vermilionville Living History Museum Foundation

**Louisiana Crafts Guild**
**Louisiana Folk Roots**
**Associacion Cultural Lation-Acadiana**
**Southern Screens**

**St. Landry Parish, $12,829**
Festival of Words Cultural Arts Collective
City of Opelousas Eunice Public Library

**St. Martin Parish, $8,025**
NuNu’s Arts and Culture Collective
NuNu’s Arts and Culture Collective/Atelier

**St. Mary Parish, $8,049**
City of Franklin

**Vermilion Parish, $8,923**
Gueydan Museum & Cultural Art Society
Abbey Players
Vermilion Arts Council
Vermilion Parish Library
Lafayette Consolidated Government Grants

“LCG Arts and Culture Grants”

Lafayette Parish, Competitive Awards, Totalling $30,232
Competitive Grants
Asociacion Cultural Latino
Basin Arts
Children’s Museum of Acadiana
Chorale Acadienne
Freetown Studios
Lafayette Art Association
Lafayette Dazzlers
Louisiana Folk Roots
Vermilionville Living History Museum

Lafayette Parish Non-Competitive Awards, Totalling $81,102
Acadiana Symphony Orchestra
Festivals Acadiens et Créoles
Festival International de Louisiane
Lafayette Mardi Gras Association

L. Hill Bonin Jr. Award

Acadiana-Wide, $4,000
Spartan Band Foundation
Basin Arts
De’Ondre Goodley
Chorale des Amis
Southern Screen Festival

Arts for Assisted Living and Memory Care

20 weekly visual Art Classes in Assisted Living and Memory Care at The Blake for 25 residents
Membership

In 2020, AcA renewed its membership program in hopes of allowing patrons of the arts to engage and be ‘in the know’ of what is going on within the AcA. Each tier offers different benefits designed to deepen and enhance the art experience.
AcA Membership

As of June 30, 2020

President’s Circle

The President’s Circle includes the leadership supporters in arts and culture from across Acadiana. These members access special events, receptions, and performances as part of the innermost circle of the AcA’s supporters.

President’s Circle Gold

Andy and Kathy Vodicka
Ashton Grace Montessori School
Atmos Energy
Bart Bernard
Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Louisiana
Capital One
Choon, Inc.

Cox Communications
Darnall Sikes CPA’s/Clay Darnall
Darnall Sikes Wealth Partners/David Strother
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Dr. Mary B. Neiheisel
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Jack and Padmini Gupta
A. Curtis and Angela Morrison
Mark and Renée Oliver
Jeanne Schoeffler
Paulette Sibille
AcA Membership

As of June 30, 2020

Insiders

The AcA Insiders membership was launched in Spring of 2020 to encourage more direct involvement from AcA’s up-and-coming supporters. AcA Insiders peek behind the scenes and attend special monthly gatherings as an AcA Insider. These members receive exclusive benefits in addition to those of the general members.

AcA Insiders spend time in the AcA atrium during ArtWalk.

Insider

The Insider package serves to engage AcA patrons looking for exciting and new opportunities to engage with their peers through the arts. Insiders receive access to an Insiders-exclusive monthly “Insiders” event including behind-the-scenes tours and social gatherings. Insiders additionally receive a limited edition print by a Louisiana artist commissioned for the season and complimentary beverage tickets to be used at the AcA bar and cafe.
John Michael Chachere
Jimmy and Sandra Clarke
Jackie and Dwayne David
Kenneth Douet
Matthew Dugas
Christine and Bob Dugas
Andrew Duhan
Bernard Duhan
Dawn Dupuis
Gary Falgout
Kenneth Fuselier
Raymond Goodrich II
Juno and Alice Guedry
Dan Hare
David and Jon-Ella Hays
Robert G. Jaeger
William LaBar
Marcelle and Bob Langlinais
Dr. Ann Laurent
Linda and Sam Lolan
Tom and Karen McNamara
Robert Michalk
Elizabeth Randall
David Schoeffler
Wayne Shullaw
Deborah and Ken Simeral
Robert Twilley
Mary and Robert Wilkinson

Young Insider
The Young Insider package engages young professionals ages 21-40 by giving them discounted access to the “See & Be Scene” monthly social events in addition to the benefits of general membership.

Simone Ancelet
John Oliver
Emma Sullivan

Dual Young Insider
The Dual Young Insider package serves to engage AcA patrons and young professional couples looking for exciting and new opportunities within the AcA. Dual Young Insiders will receive the same benefits as the Young Insider, but for TWO!

Devon Greenfield
Kelly Rick
Elizabeth "Biz" Thomason
General Members

General Members support the work of the AcA and get exclusive benefits.

A family visits the AcA galleries during Second Saturday ArtWalk.

Family Members

The Family Package serves to engage families looking to get AcA perks for the entire family. This gives them access to exclusive Members-Only E-Newsletter, select workshops, events, and early tickets. Also, discounts on AcA Summer Camp, tickets, and AcA merchandise.

Vona and Jim Allen  
Carol Antosiak  
Wayne Bares  
Robin Barry  
Laurue Bivins  
Theresa Bodker  
Chuck and Lisa Boudreaux  
R. J. and Judith Boutte
Individual Members

The purpose of the Members package is to engage AcA patrons looking to get perks at an affordable price. This gives them access to exclusive Members-Only E-Newsletter, select workshops, events, and discounts on tickets and merchandise.
Friends of the Arts

The Friends of the Arts package offers benefits to Students, Teachers, Artist, and Seniors at a discounted price. This gives them access to Members-Only E-Newsletter, select workshops, and discounts on tickets.
Sam Fontenot
Richard Foreman
Elaine Fortier
Billy Fortier
Lynda Frese
Robert Gabour
Martha Garner
Louis Gary
Greg and Kay-bray Gilman
Phyllis Giordano
Yolanda Gourrier
Charlotte Graeff
Mary Guercio
Libby Guidry
Brandy Gumela
Eugene Hancock
James Hanisee
Rebekah Hanks
Patricia Hebert
Sally Herpin
Robert Hester
Bruce Higginson
Tim Hoffpaur
Shirley Hoisington
Randy Hopper
David and Carla Hostetter
Sherry James
Willanna James
Michael Kleimeyer
Brenda Kovach
Sandy Labry
Jay and Marie LaLonde
Earl Landry
George Latiolais
Maxine Latiolais
Anita Leggett
Leslie Lopez
Pat Love
William and Paula Majeau
Phyllis Malveaux
Salah Mansour
Louis Maraist
Mare Martin
Kenneth Mccarron
Mandy Migues
Mary Morgan
Viane Moses
Brenda Mounier
Mazie Movassaghi
Sue Nations
Bill and Lee Nevitt
Janet Orand
John Oubre
Simone Palmer
Edwin Sebastian Patout
Stephanie Patton
Linda Price
Jessica Robichaux
Amie Rogers
David Rougeau
Elizabeth Savoy
Gerry Savoy
Ebba and Thomas
Schoonover
Claire Schultz
Carol Shaw
Shine Sonnier
Molly and Joseph Stauffer
James Stenhouse
Jeani Stevens
Carol and Bill Stubbs
Suzanne Synborski
Scott Tabor
Mark Thomas
Chrisanda Touchet
Rod Touchet
Bernard Ussher
Francesca Vega
Terresa Viator
Raul Viera
Deborah and Jeanne Heller
Waldman
Theresa Wasiloski
Cissy Whipp
May Louise White
Jacob White
Sara Whitney
Janet Wing
Caryn Winters
David Wortman
William Young
Linnzi Zaorski