

# PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA



## TEMPE ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

March 20, 2023

6 pm

### Tempe History Museum

Boardroom

809 E Southern Ave

Tempe, 85282

### Hybrid option via Microsoft Teams

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## AGENDA

### Call to Order

1. Public Appearances: The Arts & Culture Commission welcomes public comment for items listed on this agenda. There is a three-minute time limit per individual. Anyone wishing to agendize an item for an upcoming meeting should utilize the Public Appearances for consideration.
2. Approval: February 13, 2023 Tempe Arts & Culture Commission Minutes ACTION
3. Approval: Arts & Culture Awards Selections ACTION
4. Update: Tempe Public Art – Rebecca Blume Rothman
5. Update: Arizona Theatre Company – Eileen May
6. Presentation: Increasing Support for Small to Medium Arts Sector - Brendan Ross, Eileen May, Maja Aurora
7. Presentation & Discussion: Arts & Culture Signature Event - Brendan Ross
8. Presentation: Arts & Culture Budgets for 2023-24 – Kara Osburn and Brendan Ross
9. Official TACC Representation
  - a. Attended events & activities
  - b. Upcoming events & activities
10. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Date and location to be determined

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# Tempe Arts & Culture Finances

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## FY 23-24 BUDGET

Due to Council interest in integrating public art in the Mill Avenue and McClintock Road Underpass projects, we will be requesting additional budget appropriations in the Municipal Arts Fund for FY24. All other budget forms have been submitted and will be approved by Council at the end of the fiscal year.

## CURRENT YEAR EXPENSES

Operating expenses by cost center (workgroup) for January are below. Please note these are draft figures. CIP, contingency, and TCA roof debt service annual payment are not included. All TCA expense cost centers have been combined for clarity.

Cost Centers	Budget	Expense	% Expended
3741 Arts and Culture Admin	\$ 1,475,790.00	\$ 300,053.07	20%
3760 Tempe Center for the Arts	\$ 5,762,893.00	\$ 2,701,841.29	47%
3781 Museum	\$ 1,450,533.00	\$ 662,176.55	46%
3785 Community Arts Engagement	\$ 1,424,775.00	\$ 1,021,111.68	72%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,113,991</b>	<b>\$ 4,685,183</b>	<b>46%</b>

## CURRENT YEAR REVENUES

Revenues by cost center (workgroup) for January are below. Please note these are draft figures.

Cost Centers	Revenue Estimate	Recognized Revenue	% Target
3741 Arts & Culture Tax	\$11,687,491.00	\$ 6,837,839	59%
3761 TCA Earned Revenue	\$468,051.00	\$222,143.65	47%
3781 Museum & Historic Houses	\$111,000.00	\$21,322.17	19%
3785 Community Arts Engagement	\$50,000.00	\$102,887.26	206%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,316,542</b>	<b>\$ 7,184,192</b>	<b>58%</b>

More information about Arts & Culture Finances

[kara\\_osburn@tempe.gov](mailto:kara_osburn@tempe.gov)

# Tempe Public Art

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## PUBLIC ART

### Creamery and Escalante Parks

Artist Yuke Li is currently working on designing rubber play surfaces for both Creamery and Escalante Park Play Areas. These pieces are due to be constructed beginning in the late summer. Li is working with the Parks team and Public Art staff to create useable, relevant designs in response to community input provided last fall.

### Park Celebrations

Please join Public Art in celebrating the completion of the artist designed surfaces in the park! Come meet artists Shachi Kale (Redden) and Muta Vision (Mitchell) while experiencing an Arts in Parks Block Party.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD ART

### McClintock Neighborhood

Artist Charles Hilton has spent the past several months working on design details for a standpipe installation at Selleh Park. This piece was shared at a neighborhood potluck in the fall of 2022 and the artist has worked closely with the community to ensure that all imagery reflects their grant intentions. Currently, the artist is completing tile creation and will install the final artwork before June of 2023.

[Tempe Public Art Interactive Map](#)



## TEMPORARY ART

### TEMPEary: Summer Read

Artist Sarah Hurwitz began her work with the Library Staff on the Summer Read project by sharing her design concept and engaging the librarians in a crafting session. The staff will be creating the artwork with Hurwitz as part of the installation process. Through team building exercises, all participants were able to select which areas of the installation they wanted to take on for the next several weeks. Hurwitz will be meeting with the staff on a weekly basis to continue to the process to ensure that all elements are ready for an installation and public view by June 1.



More information about Tempe Public Art  
[tempe.gov/PublicArt](https://tempe.gov/PublicArt)



# Tempe History Museum

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## RECENT EVENTS

### Hayden's Ferry Days – Legends Gala Reception

March 3 | Petersen House Museum | [INFO](#)

Tempe History Society celebrated the “Legends” of Tempe – both living and historic members of the community who have made a difference in Tempe. This ticketed event featured live music, food and beverages, a silent auction, ladies and gents in period attire, as well as recognition of this years’ Living and Historic “Legends.” This is the first time the Legends Reception was held at Petersen House Museum and almost 100 people were in attendance.



### Hayden's Ferry Days Festival

March 5 | Museum & Plaza | [INFO](#)

Tempe heritage came to life at this engaging community festival on Sunday, March 5. The four-hour event featured food trucks, local music performances, diverse ‘show & tell’ demos (including a TACC booth!), children's activities and historical reenactments. The festival drew more than 1,000 attendees, which is on par to the pre-pandemic attendance of 1,345 at the last HFD Festival in 2019.



Mural created live on-site by [BaconCat](#)

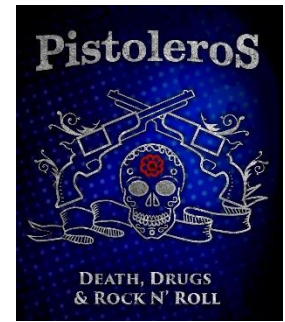
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Film Screening and Performance:

#### ***Pistoleros: Death, Drugs & Rock N' Roll***

March 29 | 7 pm | Museum Community Room

By popular demand, an encore screening of the documentary *Pistoleros: Death, Drugs and Rock N' Roll* is being held in the Museum's Community Room, followed by a special performance by Mark Zubia! Tickets are already **sold out**, but the [trailer can be viewed at Eventbrite](#).

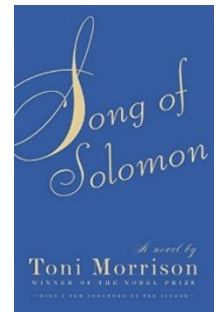


### AAAC Book Club

#### ***Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison**

March 29 | 5-6 pm | Zoom | [INFO](#)

We welcome all participants to this book club series that meets once a month to discuss works written by Black authors. Dr. Felicia Durden will lead the discussion of the *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison. March 29 is the first session for this title. To get the Book Club Zoom link and reminders about sessions, send an email to [museum@tempe.gov](mailto:museum@tempe.gov) to indicate your interest.

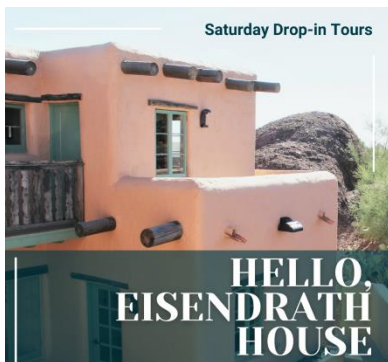


### Historic House Saturday Drop-In Tours

Open between 11 am - 2 pm | FREE; donations welcome! | [INFO](#)

April 8 – Eisendrath House

April 22 – Petersen House



### Tempe History Society Lunch Talk

#### ***Desert Blooms: Stories of the Japanese American Flower Gardens***

by Kathy Nakagawa

April 12 | 11:30 am | Museum Community Room | [INFO](#)

After World War II, seven Japanese American families turned Baseline Road into a tourist attraction with their fields of flowers and vegetables. Kathy Nakagawa will share her own family's history and stories about the flower farms and some of the history of Japanese Americans in Arizona. This free talk will also be live streamed on [Tempe History Society's FB page](#).





## PERFORMANCES at the MUSEUM

### *Jaleo*

April 7 | 7pm | Museum Plaza | [INFO](#)

[Jaleo](#) - celebration, festivity, and commemoration - represents their melodic interpersonal motivation. Jaleo has musically reproduced impressionistic geographical cadences in their work, offering Afro Cuban, Puerto Rican, and Colombian rhythmical inspiration. Their multicultural awareness is a musical interpretation of past and present joy. Presented outdoors in the Museum Plaza - bring a lawn chair or a blanket for this free outdoor concert.



View the full spring lineup of [Museum Events](#)

## COLLECTIONS

### Tempe Super Bowl 1996 Photo Goes Viral

Tempe History Museum holds a collection of documents, artifacts and photographs relating to Super Bowl XXX, which was played in 1996 at Sun Devil Stadium. During the recent 2023 Super Bowl weekend, the museum posted this photograph of the Tempe Super Bowl to its Facebook and Instagram. These posts went viral, with the photo being viewed over 2.5 million times. Additionally, it received 25,000 likes, 2000 comments, and was shared 9000 times. This has been Tempe History Museum's largest ever social media response and shows the power of museum collections to connect with large numbers of people.



More information about Tempe History Museum  
[tempe.gov/Museum](https://tempe.gov/Museum)

# Tempe Center for the Arts

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## GALLERY AT TCA

### **EARTH & SKY**

Jan. 14 - Apr. 22, 2023 | [INFO](#)

This art exhibition is part of a yearlong series exploring the complicated relationships between people and the natural elements. EARTH & SKY is about the beauty and wonder of the Southwest from its colorful sunsets and majestic mountains to its bright blue skies and vast desert landscapes. Through contemporary art displays and educational programs, this exhibition examines timely topics like land stewardship, ecology and culture that tie people to this region. (Art Image by Michael Namingha.)



Exhibiting Artists:

Michael Namingha (Hopi/Tewa), Laura Spalding Best, Tlizza Jaurique, Mary Wilhelm, Yuko Yabuki, Thomas “Breeze” Marcus (Akimel & Tohono O’Odham), Anthony Mead, Rebecca Davis and Roger Asay

## TCA PRESENTS

### **48 LIVE: “Legacy” with Melissa Dunmore**

Mar 16 | 7:30 pm | \$15 / FREE for Experience Circle Members | [INFO](#)

Commemorate Women's History Month with Melissa Dunmore, local spoken word artist, writer and scholar of social justice. Dunmore is a guardian of diasporic narratives and matriarch-in-training. She invites several esteemed guests with established and emergent voices to join her in an evening of conversation and storytelling.



### **Performance with a View: Violin Extraordinaire**

Mar 21 | 10 am | FREE | [INFO](#)

Join us for a selection of exquisite masterpieces performed by a group of aspiring young musicians; students of ASU professor Danwen Jiang.





## Red Baraat: Festival of Colors

Mar 24 | 7:30 pm | \$18 / \$13 for Members | [INFO](#)

Red Baraat, a pioneering band from Brooklyn, New York, has drawn worldwide praise for its singular sound of merging hard driving North Indian bhangra with elements of hip-hop, jazz and raw punk energy. On March 24, the band brings its annual tour celebrating the ancient Hindu tradition of Holi –The Festival of Colors – to TCA. The band’s infectious rhythms manifest joy and unity in all people. The funk, ska-punk, and American forms that make their way into the music are layered intricately within the same threadwork as the ragas on which their songs are pulled.



## Star Gazing with ASU Earth & Space Exploration

Mar 24 | 6:30 pm | FREE | [INFO](#)

Staff and students from ASU’s School of Earth and Space Exploration will bring telescopes for participants to look and learn about the stars, moons and planets in the night sky.

Special focus on spring star gazing and how ancient and contemporary cultures utilize the sky to determine planting, harvesting and ceremonies.



## 48 LIVE: Radmilla Cody

Mar 30 | 7:30 pm | \$15 / FREE for Members | [INFO](#)

Join GRAMMY Nominee Radmilla Cody for an evening of K’é/ kinship and songs from her homeland on Dinétah (Navajo territory). Radmilla’s performances incorporate storytelling about Diné lifeways and the social/ environmental injustices faced by Indigenous communities. Radmilla’s music is known as “NavaSoul” as she blends both beautiful heritages as a Diné and Black person.



## Walk-in Wednesdays

Wednesdays | 5 pm | FREE | [INFO](#)

Join us at this FREE, weekly series ... hone your craft, test new material or just enjoy some great music and an amazing view of Tempe Town Lake! Hosted by Tempe favorite, Walt Ricardson.



## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- Arizona Wind Symphony: *Mother Earth - Echoes of Nature* Mar 16
- Tempe Comedy presents: *Class Clowns* Mar 17
- Hayden's Ferry Chamber Music Series presents: Harmony Zhu, Piano Mar 19
- Desert Overture: *What's Your Sign? Music of the Zodiac* Mar 26
- The Inner Science of Meditation Mar 26
- Performance with a View: ClariZona Clarinet Choir Feb 28

View the full [TCA Event Calendar](#)

### El Puente Festival

Apr 2 | 2 – 6 pm | FREE | [INFO](#)

Enjoy an afternoon of the Valley's most talented youth performers at the 11th Annual El Puente Festival. Known for its signature community parade across the bridge, or “el puente” in spanish, this festival brings together artists of all ages to highlight the importance of connecting traditional arts and culture practices from one generation to the next. High school mariachi music, elementary school ballet folklórico dances, a performance by Borderlands Theatre, and free arts and craft activities are just a few of the things attendees will enjoy during this event. This event is presented by the Cultural Coalition.



More information about Tempe Center for the Arts  
[tempecenterforthearts.com](http://tempecenterforthearts.com)

# Tempe Community Arts

March 2022

## UPCOMING

### Park Reopenings

Walk, bike or roll over to **Redden** and **Mitchell Park** to enjoy an exciting evening of fun, live music, food trucks arts activities! These events are a special edition of our in the Parks program to celebrate local park improvements. Check out new playground equipment, learn about the artist-designed play surfaces, and enjoy new improvements. These events are a collaboration between Community Arts, Public Art and Parks.



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## RECAPS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays on Mill

Held Sunday, March 12 | 10 am-3 pm | Downtown Tempe

Community Arts participated in the [2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays on Mill](#) event presented by the Downtown Tempe Authority. Tempe Community Arts teaching artists demonstrated simple image transfer and coloring techniques to help participants design their very own pet portrait keychains.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays on Mill events have allowed teaching artists to make new connections and see many attendees return time and time again. This was the last 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the 2022-2023 season, it will start up again in October.





## Art 6 Reception

Held Tuesday, March 7 | 6-7:30 pm | TCA | [INFO](#)

This year, Tempe Community Arts partnered with the Gallery at TCA to hold the opening reception for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Art 6 exhibition. Over 250 people attended to celebrate student creatives and the excellence of visual arts programming in the Tempe Union High School District. Speakers included TUHSD Superintendent Dr. Mendivil, Tempe Councilmember Doreen Garlid and TUHSD Board Member and Tempe Council Member Berdetta Hodge. 115 students presented work in a variety of media including photography, painting, drawing, graphic design and ceramics.



## Free Art Friday

A free art event geared towards pre-k children and their families. Each session has a fun, kid-friendly theme and families can take home their masterpieces the same day. At the February edition of Free Art Friday, we celebrated national friendship month with a pajama party. Our **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** event, "Dessert Island," experienced our highest number of attendees: **260 participants!**

We plan to continue to expand the event by featuring Tempe Playlist musicians, adding sounds and smells to our sensory area, and finding ways to keep participants cool!



**Next Free Art Friday Events:**

**Friday, April 21 | 9 am -noon**

**Friday, May 12 | 9 am-noon**

[INFO](#)

## Empty Bowls

Held Saturday, February 25 | 10 am-2 pm | Museum Plaza | [INFO](#)

On Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> we helped host the Tempe Empty Bowls event. This fundraiser has been held annually since 2002 to raise funds for local food banks, soup kitchens, and other organizations to fight hunger. By the end of the day, **over \$18,000 was raised** to benefit United Food Bank and Tempe Community Action Agency.

Tempe Community Arts donated over 300 bowls created in our Edna Arts Ceramics Studio. During the event, we offered a tile making activity, tours of our studio, and wheel throwing demonstrations.

