

# PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA



## TEMPE ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

April 17, 2023

6 pm

**Tempe Public Library**  
Hackberry Conference Room  
3500 S Rural Road  
Tempe, 85282

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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: March 20, 2023 Tempe Arts & Culture Commission Minutes ACTION
3. Updates: Arts & Culture Division
  - a. Deputy Director's Report – Brendan Ross
  - b. Arts & Culture Financial Report – Kara Osburn
4. Update: General Plan 2050
5. Discussion: TACC Activations
6. Official TACC Representation
  - a. Attended events & activities
  - b. Upcoming events & activities
7. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 8, 2023, location TBD

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# Tempe Arts & Culture Finances

April 2023

## FY 23-24 BUDGET

The Council Work Study Session on April 27 includes the first budget review for FY23-24 operating and capital budgets. A follow-up session will occur May 11 if needed.

## CURRENT YEAR EXPENSES

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

Cost Centers	Budget	Expense	% Expended
3741 Arts and Culture Admin	\$ 1,475,790.00	\$ 355,649.33	24%
3760 Tempe Center for the Arts	\$ 5,762,893.00	\$ 3,278,875.80	57%
3781 Museum	\$ 1,450,533.00	\$ 771,261.53	53%
3785 Community Arts Engagement	\$ 1,424,775.00	\$ 1,145,848.99	80%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,113,991</b>	<b>\$ 5,551,636</b>	<b>55%</b>

## CURRENT YEAR REVENUES

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

Cost Centers	Revenue Estimate	Recognized Revenue	% Target
3741 Arts & Culture Tax	\$11,687,491.00	\$ 7,778,417	67%
3761 TCA Earned Revenue	\$468,051.00	\$278,207.07	59%
3781 Museum & Historic Houses	\$111,000.00	\$25,591.46	23%
3785 Community Arts Engagement	\$50,000.00	\$142,453.01	285%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,316,542</b>	<b>\$ 8,224,669</b>	<b>67%</b>

More information about Arts & Culture Finances

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

# Tempe Community Arts

April 2023

## UPCOMING

### Arts in the Parks: Spring Celebrations

[Arts in the Parks](#) are hyperlocal events providing fun and interactive experiences for all ages. Create a custom shirt at our tie-dye booth, bring chairs and blankets to watch a [Tempe Playlist](#) band, and then see the dance performance “Taking Neverland,” a Peter Pan-inspired performance presented by Elektro Dance Academy. Connect with your neighbors at the food trucks and bring the whole family together at our Arts in the Parks: Spring Celebration!

**Indian Bend Park** | Tuesday, April 18 | 5-7pm

**Corbell Park** | Wednesday, April 19 | 5-7pm

**Selleh Park** | Tuesday, April 25 | 5-7pm

**Scudder Park** | Wednesday, April 26 | 5-7pm

**Hollis Park** | Tuesday, May 2 | 5-7pm

**Harelson Park** | Wednesday, May 3 | 5-7pm

**Optimist Park** | Tuesday, May 9 | 5-7pm



### Music Under the Stars

**Friday, April 28 | 7:30-9pm | Tempe Diablo Stadium | FREE**

[Music Under the Stars](#) is a unique celebration of music by high school students and professional musicians. It provides the opportunity for Tempe musicians to play for the public in the open air!

Music Under the Stars offers an inclusive community atmosphere in which everyone can enjoy live music free of charge. The program is a partnership between Community Arts, the Tempe Union High School District, Arizona Winds Symphony and Tempe Winds. All 6 Tempe high schools are participating with band programs, mariachi, and steel drums.



## Free Art Friday

**Friday, April 19 | 9am-noon | Edna Vihel Arts Center | FREE**

This *All About Earth* themed event gives caregivers and their littles aged 1-5 a garden party filled with art activities, sensory play, and live music, all celebrating nature. Participants will explore our garden oasis as they create unique works of art that would make Mother Nature proud. Everyone is encouraged to come dressed in their gardening best (sun hats, overalls, or even a busy bee).

[Free Art Friday](#) allows caregivers and their little ones to explore and create together through art projects, imaginative play, and music and movement.

## Arts Grants

**Open for Applications | Deadline: Thursday, June 1**

Arts nonprofits, cultural groups and artist collectives can apply now for Tempe's [Community Art Grants Program](#). We are offering two different arts grants:

- **Wavemaker Arts Grants up to \$10,000** are available to nonprofit organizations providing arts programming in Tempe (501c3 status required). Project structures may include performances, festivals or residencies/workshops.
- **Vibrant City Arts Grants up to \$2,500** are available to artist collectives, cultural groups or arts nonprofit organizations providing arts programming in Tempe. The project structures may include performances, pop-up arts events or residencies/workshops.



## ART CLASSES

Spring session art classes are underway at the Edna Vihel Art Center! We are offering 72 classes which meet 8 times - that's 576 individual class periods! There are over 20 art instructors teaching a variety of mediums. We provide classes in everything from dance to printmaking to painting for people of all ages and artistic backgrounds.

[Check out a current list of classes here](#)



More information about Tempe Community Arts  
[tempe.gov/CommunityArts](http://tempe.gov/CommunityArts)

# Tempe Public Art

April 2023

## PUBLIC ART

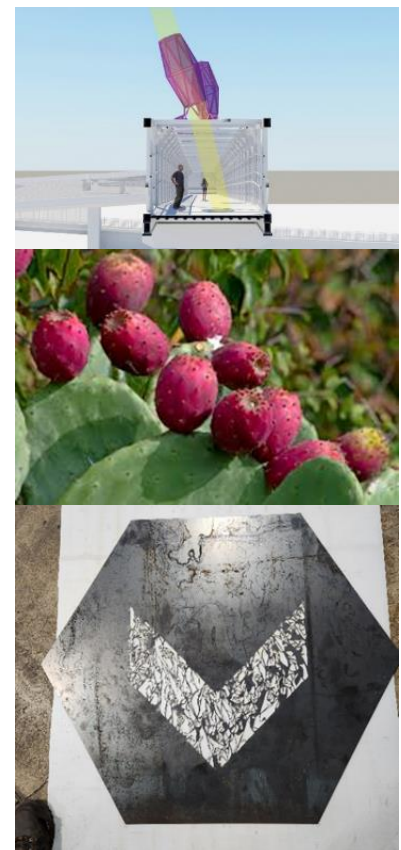
### Mill Avenue Underpass project update

A national Request for Qualifications will be issued in April to commission an artist for the Mill Avenue Underpass project. The expectation is that the completed artwork will provide a sense of vibrancy, vitality, and dynamic energy to the site. Possible art enhancements include the addition of tile, metal, ceramic, paint, stucco, and other construction grade materials. The upper deck is owned by the railroad and is not available for artistic enhancement. The walls, center pier, planters, and possible lighting are available for an artist to work with.



### ADOT Pedestrian Bridges project update

Tempe residents Matthew and Maria Salenger of coLab Studio have been actively working with the City and the ADOT JV team since 2020 to complete the artwork for the pedestrian bridges at Alameda and Western Canal. Their design is inspired by the fruit of the prickly pear cactus and is meant to provide visibility to vehicular traffic while providing pedestrians with a unique art experience. Each “fruit” sculpture has a metal plate at the bottom that allows the sun to pass through and cast shadows of patterns based on local flora in directional patterns. There will be 10 fruits on each bridge. At present, the fabrication of the artwork is being conducted by ADOT’s selected team. It is expected that the artwork will be complete and installed during the summer of 2023 as part of the Broadway Curve project completion. It is anticipated to be open for public use in November of 2023.



## NEIGHBORHOOD ART

### Alameda Meadows

Alameda Meadows and artists Rachel Slick and Timothy Shirack will install their work in early May as part of the FY 22/23 Mary Anne Corder Grant cycle. The final piece will be welded to the top of the fence at South Los Feliz between East Concorda Drive and East Aspen. The art pieces are currently under fabrication and will be installed this spring.

The sample shown here has not yet been powder coated, but when complete it will be vibrant shades of green, turquoise, copper, and purple.

Currently, staff is working with Neighborhood Services and community members to assist in the preparation of the grant cycle for 23/24. The deadline is approaching on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



## TEMPORARY ART

### TEMPEary PLAY

TPA received 58 proposals from all over the country in response to the solitication for artworks that can provide an interactive expereince at various Arts and Culture events throught the upcoming year. The selection process will take place in the coming months. Public Art staff is currently working with the other programs within the division to determine the placement, timelines, and potential for interaction within the upcoming season.

## UPCOMING

### GIS Map of Public Art in Tempe

Staff is working with the City of Tempe's GIS team to migrate the public art map to an updated platform and expects to launch the new map by early summer. Currently, the model is receiving final edits by IT staff and we anticipate sharing this model with TACC once it is released to art staff for input. The new map provides a cleaner look, easier navigation, and the ability to submit maintenance inquiries on existising artworks.

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# Tempe History Museum

April 2023



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tempe History Museum welcomes the Arizona History Convention

April 15 | Tempe Community Complex

The Arizona History Convention (AHC) is presenting its first-ever hybrid conference April 13-15, 2023. Online sessions will take place Thursday and Friday, and in-person sessions will be on Saturday on the Tempe Community Complex. The hub of the conference is Tempe History Museum, with sessions also scheduled at Pyle Adult Center and Tempe Public Library.



Conference organizer Heidi Osselaer stated that the Arizona History Convention chose the Tempe History Museum for a number of reasons, including its proven track record hosting successful conferences, its proximity to Arizona State University, and the assistance from museum staff in arranging a conference that creates a campus-like feel. Osselaer noted, "What could be better than having a history museum open and available to history buffs?"

AHC alternates its location between Arizona and New Mexico each year and attracts scholars and historians from throughout the western region and beyond. This year's 30 sessions cover a wide range of topics like climate change and the environment, civil rights and citizenship, race and gender, Arizona's Indigenous people, historic preservation, border policy and immigration, and more.



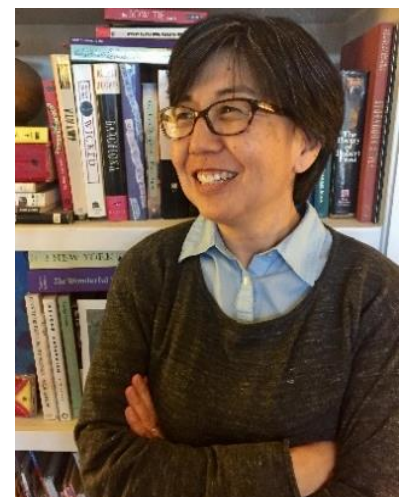
Visit [www.arizonahistory.org](http://www.arizonahistory.org) for details.

### 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](#).



## Historic House Saturday Drop-In Tours

April 22 – Petersen House | Open between 11 am - 2 pm | [INFO](#)

Historic house tours will take a break during the summer months so don't miss this opportunity to take a late spring stroll through the Petersen House and afterward skip over to the Petersen Park playground just next door! Drop-in tours are free; donations always welcome!

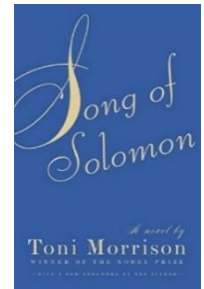


## AAAC Book Club

*Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison

April 26 | 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. April 26 is the second 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.



## PERFORMANCES at the MUSEUM

*Bohemian Insurgence*

May 5 | 7 pm | Museum Community Room | FREE | [INFO](#)

[Bohemian Insurgence](#) is where soulful, Americana melodies meet Afro-Cuban and Latin/World rhythms. They feature beautiful vocals, intriguing soundscapes, and Latin/Folk/World originals. Meet the band in a Q&A session after the show.



## COLLECTIONS

A collection of photographs, letters, and other documents relating to Tempe's first mayor Fenn Hart were recently donated to Tempe History Museum by his great-granddaughter. Hart was a doctor who came to Tempe in 1887 to start a medical practice and pharmacy. He became Tempe's first Mayor in 1894 shortly after the town was incorporated. He also served in the Philippines during the Spanish American War at a Red Cross hospital and also as an emergency surgeon attached to a volunteer regiment.

This collection contains several letters that he wrote home to his wife in Tempe during the war.

Dr. Hart is buried in Tempe Double Butte Cemetery.



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



# Tempe Center for the Arts

April 2023

## 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

### **Safos Dance Theatre**

Apr 13 | 7:30 pm | \$15 | \$10 student w/ID

FREE - Experience Circle Members | [INFO](#)

Experience an evening of dance and storytelling with Tucson-based choreographer Yvonne Montoya. It will begin with a storytelling and luminaria making workshop. Share your stories with friends and neighbors and design your own luminaria that represents your light, love, and home.



### **Con Tumbao**

Apr 15 | 7:30 pm | \$30 & \$40

\$25 & \$35 Experience Circle members | [INFO](#)

One of Cuba’s most famous stars and a respected musical innovator, GRAMMY-nominated vocalist Issac Delgado brings together an extraordinary band re-imagining some of the classics in the Great Latin American Songbook. Con Tumbao celebrates the common ingredient in Latin music that urges hips to sway – that irresistible swing that is an essential part of the sound that Latin artists live and breathe.



## Vintage Clothes

Apr 20 | 7:30 pm | \$15 | \$10 student w/ID

FREE - Experience Circle Members | [INFO](#)

Phoenix-based rock band Vintage Clothes has infused the piano-based rock of Elton John with the psychedelic nature of The Flaming Lips into a combination of vintage styles with modern sensibilities much like David Bowie - creating a unique brand of elemental sounds with the melodicism of classic pop. They bring their rich piano and vocals, lively bass, and dynamic drums, all encapsulated in a nice, thick production that presents a repertoire that consists of all original material.



## IIWAA

Apr 27 | 7:30 pm | \$15 | \$10 student w/ID

FREE - Experience Circle Members | [INFO](#)

In coordination with the release of IIWAA's sophomore EP, Scared of the Dark, TCA hosts the world premiere of three live musical performances from this upcoming release. Accompanied by visuals from Cheyenne Weston, the blend of sonic landscape and visual field will captivate and inspire. This event will also feature the sensational Faun Flora, a surging Arizona talent with incredible songwriting ability and a knack for live performance.



## RISO

May 4 | 7:30 pm | \$15 | \$10 student w/ID

FREE - Experience Circle Members | [INFO](#)

Matt and Rebekah Rolland are Tucson-based acoustic duo RISO. Their rich Americana sound is "a slice of folk perfection," as dubbed by AmericanaUK. Now, the duo brings their old-time aesthetic with a touch of pop flourish to TCA. Hear music from their award-winning 2022 album New Eyes, and enjoy the rich, multilayered music of this dynamic duo.



## 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

- *Gospel to Jazz Explosion* presented by Doc Jones & Friends Apr 8
- Tempe Symphony Orchestra Apr 11
- Book Signing with artists Rebecca Davis and Roger Asay Apr 12
- Hayden's Ferry Chamber Music Series presents: Lysander Trio Apr 16
- For the Love of Movement Apr 16
- Performance with a View: Piano Students of Professor Robert Hamilton Apr 18
- Stray Cat Theatre presents: *Fairview* Apr 21 – May 6
- eARTh Night Apr 22
- Tempe Comedy presents: Class Clowns Apr 23
- Arizona Wind Symphony: *Circus Magic - Performing Amazing Feats of the Big Top* Apr 26

View the full [TCA Event Calendar](#)

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