

# PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA



## TEMPE ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

February 5, 2024

6 pm

Tempe Public Library  
Cottonwood Board Room  
3500 S Rural Road, 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: November 13 Minutes ACTION
3. Approval: January 8 Minutes ACTION
4. Arts & Economic Prosperity Study
5. A+C Staffing
6. TCA Resident Company Update
7. A+C Financial Update
8. Signature Festival
9. Danelle Plaza
10. Arts & Culture Awards
11. Retreat Planning
12. TACC Updates
13. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Next Meeting: TACC Annual Retreat, February 20, 2024

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# Minutes

## TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

### November 13, 2023

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) meeting recorded at 6:00pm on November 13, 2023, held at the Tempe Public Library and via Teams.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Jacqueline Swan – Vice-chair  
Maureen Kobierowski – Chair  
Haylee Mills  
Lisa Roach  
Jennifer Song  
Justin Stewart – arrived 6:38pm  
Ginny Sylvester

**City Staff Present:**

Brendan Ross, Deputy Director – Arts & Culture Division  
Joy Higgins, Management Assistant – Arts & Culture Division  
Kara Osburn, Financial Analyst – Arts & Culture Division  
Rebecca Blume Rothman, Manager – Tempe Public Art  
Eileen May, General Manager – Tempe Center for the Arts  
Brenda Abney, Manager – Tempe History Museum  
Maja Aurora, Manager – Tempe Community Arts

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Harper Lines

**Guest(s) Present:**

Lynn Trimble

**Call to Order**

- **Maureen Kobierowski**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

- None

**Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the October 16, 2023 Commission Minutes**

**M. Kobierowski** asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated October 16, 2023.

**MOTION:** Lisa Roach moved to approve the October 16, 2023 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes with amendments.

**SECOND:** Jennifer Song seconded

**AYES:** Jacqueline Swan, Maureen Kobierowski, Haylee Mills, Lisa Roach, Jennifer Song, Ginny Sylvester

**ABSTAIN:** None

**NAYS:** None

**RESULT:** Motion passed with a 6-0 vote

**ABSENT:** Harper Lines, Justin Stewart

**Agenda Item 3 – Arts & Culture Financial Update**

- None

**Agenda Item 4 – TCA Program Plan**

- **B. Ross and Eileen May**, TCA General Manager, presented the TCA Program Plan for fiscal year 2024.
  - The Program Plan, presented to Tempe City Council about a year ago, aims to advance TCA as a buzzing art center and one that deepens a sense of belonging and connection.

- On November 20<sup>th</sup> staff will present a report to Tempe City Council , highlighting achievement taken place in the past year and outlining the strategy for continued growth
- Arts & Culture staff seek feedback and endorsement on the presentation from the Arts & Culture Commission before presenting to City Council
- **Commissioner comments and staff responses:**
  - I appreciate 48 Live for the exposure to a variety of emerging artists
  - What percentage of TCA programming is free?
    - The percentage of free programs depends on the area of activation (gallery, live performance, exhibition, etc.). TCA is looking to grow the occurrence of free programs.
  - Arts & Culture has been sharing great social media posts and videos for program promotion.
  - Do you know how many more activations you get from the gallery? What is the motivation for measuring that separate from performing arts?
    - Performing arts and visual arts are very different experiences and require different methods of measurement.
  - How do you collect data?
    - Arts & Culture is working with Wolf Brown on post-event surveys to draw specific data for events. These surveys are emailed or texted out to event attendees.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Arts & Culture Data**

- **B. Ross** presented the Arts & Culture results of the Tempe Community Survey
  - Approximately 1000 Tempe residents participated in the survey, which includes several questions specific to arts and culture programs, services, and facilities
  - Quality of Museum Programs rose 10.07% over 2022 to 81.6% satisfaction
  - Quality of TCA Programs rose 2.72% over 2022 to 87.7% satisfaction
  - Quality of Community Arts Programs rose 7.6% over 2022 to 75% satisfaction
  - Value of Public Art rose 4.96% over 2022 to 66% satisfaction
  - Program target for 2023 was 3% satisfaction increase division-wide; actual result was 6.3% satisfaction increase
  - Arts & Culture’s growth in community satisfaction were two of the ten largest increases city-wide
  - The survey results highlight community support for arts and cultural programming and show the wise investment Tempe has made in increasing funding for these programs and staffing

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Signature Festival**

- **B. Ross** provided an update on the Arts & Culture Signature Festival planning. The festival is planned to be held annually in April as a month of arts offerings accomplished through events, installations, and programs accomplished through a variety of partnerships and sponsorships. The following highlights some draft concepts, but is expected to evolve through the planning process.
- **2024 “Spring into the Arts”**
  - Pilot some offerings and build partnerships with local partners
  - Playful outdoor arts installations
  - Extraordinary performing arts
  - Inspiring family arts participation
  - Changemaking through fashion, culture, food
- **2025 Signature Festival Planning:**
  - Pilot of full festival
  - Spiegeltent as a unique, temporary venue for a wide range of events
  - Outdoor installations
  - O’odham/Piipaash programs
  - Staff are conducting research and meeting with coordinators of other models of arts events
  - RFP has been posted for a marketing company
  - Staff are building sponsorship relationships
- **Commissioner comments**
  - Ensuring that local Tempe music is integrated in the festival
  - Encourage thinking outside the box as to what is family programming, and the variety of ways families engage with arts

- Include culinary arts in programming

**Agenda Item 7 – Chair & Vice-chair Nominations**

- Haylee and Jennifer nominate Maureen Kobierowski for Chair; she accepts
- Haylee and Jennifer nominate Jacqueline Swan for Vice-Chair; she accepts

**Agenda Item 8 – January Retreat Planning**

- Joy will send out a poll with four options for dates

**Agenda Item 9 – TACC Activations**

- **Recent Activations**
  - Joy to send out the activations list before December meeting
  - Arizona Theater Company production
    - Attended by Haylee, Jacqueline, Ginny, and Lisa
  - Tempe Jam
    - Attended by Jacqueline and Justin
    - Appreciate the new event time and opening the bar garden to the audience space
  - Dia de Los Muertos Ofrenda was successfully presented
  - Jacqueline Swan
    - Will be serving as Liaison on three selection panels in November
    - Orbit Bus should go to TCA; have requested this be added as agenda item to City Council, Jennifer Adams has agreed
    - Governor Awards: would like to see more COT (Council members, upper management) representatives attend;
    - Encourage TACC members to enter public comment for A+C agenda items; all comments get read
  - Justin Stewart
    - Would have liked to see more Council members attend Tempe Jam
  - Ginny
    - Dropped off 12 Musician booklets at Changing Hands
- **Upcoming Activations**
  - **11/16 Fireside stories with Martha Martinez and Friends, TCA 7:30pm**
  - **11/18 Elias Rodriguez House, Open House 11am-2pm**
  - **11/20 Council Workstudy, TCA Program Plan, 4pm**
  - **11/29 Mill Avenue Underpass Public Meeting, Library 5:30pm**
  - **12/9 Theodore Charles Thomas headstone commemorations at Double Butte Cemetery, 4pm**

**Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items**

- None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm**

Prepared by: Joy Higgins

# Minutes

## TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

### January 8, 2024

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**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Jacqueline Swan – Vice-chair  
Maureen Kobierowski – Chair  
Haylee Mills  
Lisa Roach  
Jennifer Song  
Ginny Sylvester

**City Staff Present:**

Brendan Ross, Deputy Director – Arts & Culture Division  
Joy Higgins, Management Assistant – Arts & Culture Division

**Guest(s) Present:**

None

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Justin Stewart

**Call to Order**

- **Maureen Kobierowski**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

- None

**Agenda Item 2 – Approval: 2023 TACC Annual Report**

**M. Kobierowski** asked the commissioners to review the draft of the 2023 TACC Annual Report for approval.

**MOTION:** Ginny Sylvester moved to approve the 2023 TACC Annual Report as drafted.

**SECOND:** Jennifer Song seconded

**AYES:** Jacqueline Swan, Maureen Kobierowski, Haylee Mills, Lisa Roach, Jennifer Song,  
Ginny Sylvester

**ABSTAIN:** None

**NAYS:** None

**RESULT:** Motion passed with a 6-0 vote

**ABSENT:** Justin Stewart

**Agenda Item 3 – Election: 2024 Commission Chair/Vice-chair**

- Appoint Maureen Kobierowski as 2024 TACC Chair – running uncontested
  - Unanimous approval
- Appoint Jacqueline Bernatt as 2024 TACC Vice-chair – running uncontested
  - Unanimous approval

**Meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm**

Prepared by: Joy Higgins

# Tempe Arts & Culture Finances

February 2024

## FY25 BUDGET PROCESS

The FY25 budget process is underway! Operating and CIP proposals will go to Council in June. Base budget, revenue estimates, and other budget expenditures for FY25 have been submitted.

## 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.

Cost Centers	Budget	Expense	% Expended
3741 Arts and Culture Admin	\$ 922,250.00	\$ 388,166.86	42%
3742 Arts and Culture Marketing	\$ 540,626	\$ 631.53	0%
3760 Tempe Center for the Arts	\$ 6,296,310.00	\$ 3,056,737.25	49%
3781 Museum & Historic Houses	\$ 1,403,842.00	\$ 574,275.25	41%
3785 Community Arts Engagement	\$ 1,542,842.00	\$ 898,859.06	58%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,705,870</b>	<b>\$ 4,918,670</b>	<b>46%</b>

## CURRENT YEAR REVENUES

Revenues by cost center (workgroup) for January are below. Please note these are draft figures. Tax revenues are recorded a month after they are earned.

Cost Centers	Revenue Estimate	Recognized Revenue	% Target
3741 Arts & Culture Tax	\$ 12,483,433.00	\$ 5,947,960.78	48%
3761 TCA Earned Revenue	\$ 463,500.00	\$ 144,555.19	31%
3781 Museum & Historic Houses	\$ 128,500.00	\$ 15,511.47	12%
3785 Community Arts Engagement	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 122,372.76	122%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,175,433</b>	<b>\$ 6,230,400</b>	<b>47%</b>

More information about Arts & Culture Finances

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

# Tempe History Museum

February 2024



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Black History Month Events

#### Black History Month Family Activity Day

Saturday, Feb. 10 | Noon-3pm | FREE | Tempe History Museum | [INFO](#)

The African American Advisory Committee (AAAC) of Tempe History Museum welcomes you to a fun, interactive kids' day to celebrate Black History Month! Visitors will enjoy a variety of crafts and games, and booths hosted by Read On Tempe and Experience Corps. [tempe.gov/aaac](https://tempe.gov/aaac)



#### Tempe History Society Lunch Talk

*Stella McHenry: The First African American Female Graduate, Tempe Normal School, 1925* by Shannon Walker

Wednesday, Feb. 14 | 11:30 am | FREE | Museum Community Room | [INFO](#)

Shannon Walker, ASU University Archivist, will discuss a recent project to identify, recognize, and honor the first African American female graduate of ASU, Stella McHenry. This project has led to further efforts to identify and tell the story of early students of color at the University using ASU and Tempe History Museum archival collections.

View previous Lunch Talks session online on [Tempe History Society's Facebook Videos page](#).



#### Community Chats

*An Evening with Tempe Police Chief, Kenneth McCoy*

Tuesday, Feb. 13 | 6 pm | FREE | Museum Community Room | [INFO](#)

The African American Advisory Committee's Community Chats feature film clips, audio recordings and facilitated group discussion about topics of interest and importance to Tempe's African American community. No registration required; seating is first come, first served. Tempe Police Chief Kenneth McCoy will discuss his views on policing and its future in Tempe.

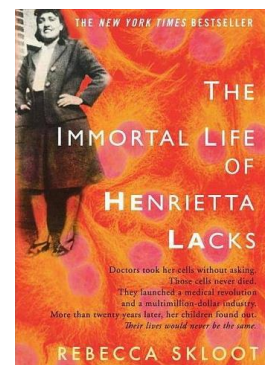


#### AAAC Book Club

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

Wednesday, Feb. 28 | 5-6 pm | Zoom | [INFO](#)

Dr. Felicia Durden will lead the first discussion for *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. All participants welcome to this book club series that meets once a month to discuss works written by Black authors. To get the link to this online session, send an email to [museum@tempe.gov](mailto:museum@tempe.gov) to indicate your interest.



More information about Tempe History Museum

[www.tempe.gov/Museum](https://www.tempe.gov/Museum)

## PERFORMANCES at the MUSEUM

### Prime Society

Friday, Feb. 23 | 7 pm | FREE | Museum Community Room | [INFO](#)

Prime Society is a Southwest neo-soul rap group turned band, based in Phoenix, featuring a vocalist, rap artist, bassist, and keyboardist. Their single, "Paradise," landed them on Discover Weekly and #2 on the Global Top 150 Independent charts on digital radio. Join us for this free performance and meet the performers in a Q&A session after the show.



### Hello Historic Houses!

#### Historic Houses: Saturday Drop-In Self-Guided Tours

11 am-2 pm | FREE | [INFO](#)

Explore the history of Tempe's iconic homes up close for yourself! Donations welcome. Parking is limited, carpooling encouraged. See locations and dates below:



**Petersen House**  
**February 10**  
1414 W. Southern Ave.  
Tempe, 85281



**Elias-Rodriguez House**  
**February 24**  
927 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
Tempe, 85281

## EXHIBITS

### Community Room Gallery

RE:Made by Zybrena Porter

Currently on display through February 24, 2024

Zybrena Porter's oil on canvas series is featured in the museum's Community Room gallery for Black History Month. RE:Made is a visual representation of how the journey of grief and healing impacts the subsequent ways we express ourselves. Pulling from the art of kintsugi, this seven-part series highlights the notion that embracing the way grief permeates our lives often results in a more intentional ... more beautiful ... form of self-expression. [www.zybrena.com](http://www.zybrena.com)



## COLLECTIONS

Last year the Figueroa family lent the sign from their family business, Bill's Market, to Tempe History Museum to include in the Tempe Signs exhibit. Now that the exhibit has concluded, the family has decided to donate the sign to the museum's permanent collection. The market was located on Apache Boulevard near the Victory Acres and Escalante neighborhoods and was an important hub for Tempe's Hispanic citizens for 62 years until it closed in 2022. The homemade chorizo they sold by the pound was particularly cherished. The 16-foot-long sign was repaired for the exhibit and now lights again for the first time in many years.





# Tempe Public Art

February 2024

## Kiwanis North– Play Area

Artist Bobby Zokaites has been working with the City and J2 Designs to create a work of art for Kiwanis North. Conceptually, Zokaites has focused on the idea of play and has been working with a play ground consultant to explore ways that sculpture might be interactive for adults and children alike. Zokaites will also design the rubber surface of the play area to connect the amenities with his artwork.

### Play Day 2024

**Saturday, February 24 | 10 am-2 pm | Fiesta Playground | [INFO](#)**

At this event, Zokaites will share his concepts to obtain feedback from the public.



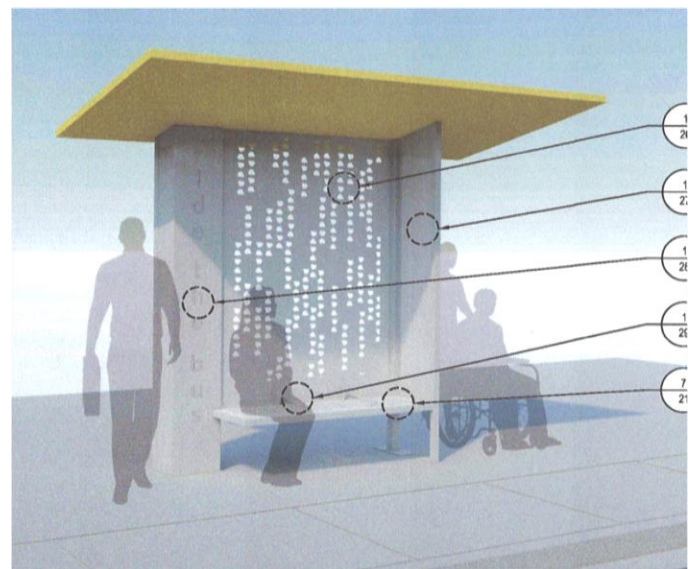
*Design rendering: Bobby Zokaites*

## Transit Shelters

**Artist: Jacob Butler and Joshua Yazzie, Heiku**

Heiku artists Jacob Butler and Joshua Yazzie have entered into design contracts with the city to create unique designs within the new Tempe Transit Shelters. The Shelters are expected to provide greater comfort and shade to transit users. Each year there are 25-30 new shelters created within the City of Tempe, and of this group it is expected that 3-5 will include artist designed panels.

This is a new project that is in the early stages. Design updates will be shared later in the spring or early summer as the project develops.



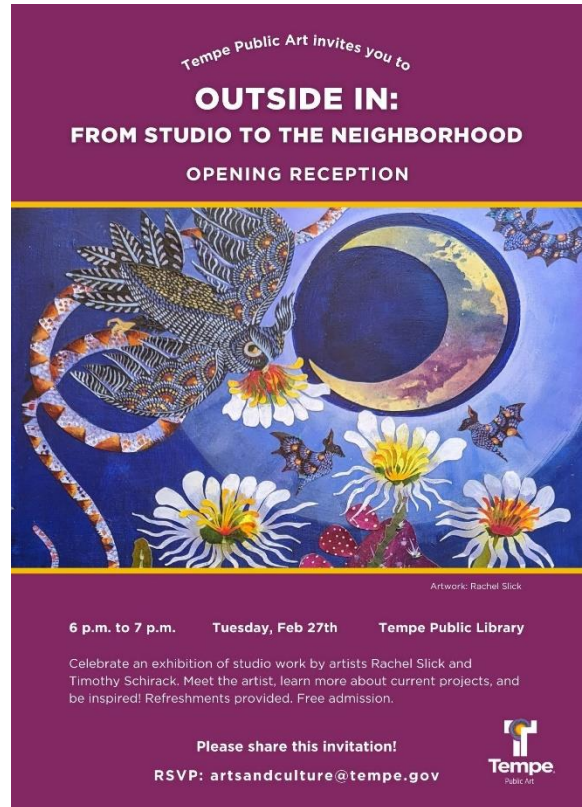
*Newly designed Tempe Transit Shelter without artwork shown above*

## Connections Café Exhibit Outside In: From Studio to the Neighborhood Opening Reception

Tuesday, February 27 | 6-7 pm | FREE  
Library-Connections Café | [INFO](#)

Rachel Slick and Timothy Schirack completed a Maryanne Corder Grant project with the Alameda Meadows Neighborhood in 2023. They are currently working with Santo Tomas and McClintock Neighborhoods to complete a work of art for this year's grant cycle. The work in this exhibit includes examples of their studio practice. While Schirack and Slick work as a creative team, they will have individual works on loan as part of this exhibit.

The artists will be at the library to celebrate a recently completed public art piece, share their studio works, and share insights into their new project in Tempe.



## College Avenue / Daley Park Plinth Call to Artists Open through February 27 | [INFO](#)

Tempe Public Art invites artists to submit sculptural works for review in consideration of display at Daley Park Plinth for the coming 3-year cycle. In the past, this plinth was programmed as part of a collaborative effort with other valley cities to engage emerging artists with the built environment. At this time, Tempe is looking for works that are previously existing and can be placed at the plinth as part of a loan process to showcase Arizona artists and highlight the unique nature of placing art at an intersection between the park and the neighborhood. The expectation is that the selected artwork will be installed in early summer of 2024 and will be on display through FY27.

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

# Tempe Center for the Arts

February 2024

## GALLERY AT TCA

### "Storytellers"

January 13 - April 20, 2024

Discover the powerful narratives of locally and nationally recognized women artists in this exhibition. Through visual art they tell stories about themselves and others.

Displays offer personal insights into a range of human experiences like grief, trauma and the healing journey. The artists also reveal their compassion for others and seek to engage with timely conversations

about family, race, gender and self-expression. Together, this diverse group of voices emphasizes the dynamic roles women play as storytellers within our families and communities.

(image: "Venerations" by artist Wabwila Mugala)



#### Exhibiting Artists:

Cristina Cárdenas

Liz Cohen

Jan Talmadge Davids

Wabwila Mugala

Beth Ames Swartz

Claire A. Warden

## Gallery Programs and Workshops

### "The Art of Storytelling" Panel Talk

Thursday, February 8 | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | FREE

This artist panel talk brings together female storytellers from different artistic disciplines including visual art, music, dance, theatre and spoken word. Panelists will discuss the commonalities that tie their practices together as well as the differences that challenge each discipline. Special guests include exhibiting artist Wabwila Mugala; Carley Conder, Artistic Director of CONDER|dance, and international performers from the upcoming TCA Presents performance "Small Island Big Song" on Feb. 10th.



## TCA Presents

### Small Island Big Song

Saturday, February 10 | 7:30 pm | Theater | \$10 - \$25 | \$20 Experience Circle Members

Journey through the enchanting sounds of the Pacific and Indian Ocean cultures.

"Small Island Big Song" evolved from visits to 16 Island Nations, and work with 100+ artists, elders and community groups all recorded in their homelands using traditional instruments and languages. The result is a surprising and stunning musical collaboration of Pacific and Indian Ocean cultures.



Don't miss this multimedia concert and residency experience, featuring eight musicians and vocalists from New Zealand, Taiwan, Australia, Madagascar, Solomon Islands, Mauritius, Marshall Islands, Papa New Guinea, and Tahiti.

### 48 LIVE: Beth Lederman and Jazz Con Alma Thursday, February 15 | 7:30 pm | \$10 - \$15 FREE for Members

Mix the playful creativity found at the heart of jazz with Latin rhythms, blues and good solid grooves and the result is Jazz Con Alma, jazz with soul! Joining Beth Lederman on keyboards will be Juli Woods on sax and vocals, Steven Powell on vocals, Allen Ames on violin, Felix Sainz on bass, and Mike Schlick on drums.



### This Land is Our Land - featuring Martha Redbone and American Patchwork Quartet

Saturday, February 24 | 7:30 pm | Lakeside  
\$15 - \$35 | \$30 Experience Circle Members

Join the mesmerizing Martha Redbone and American Patchwork Quartet for a night of soulful and captivating music that celebrates the rich and cultural tapestry of America.



Martha Redbone's soul-stirring voice and music are a tasty gumbo of folk, blues, and gospel celebrating her southeastern Cherokee/Choctaw and African American heritage.



American Patchwork Quartet expertly weaves together jazz refinement, country twang, and West African hypnotics, to create a musical patchwork that celebrates both our differences and commonalities as a nation.

#### **48 LIVE: Alexis Janae**

#### **"To the Women Who Paved the Way"**

**Thursday, February 29 | 7:30 pm | \$10 - \$15 | FREE for Members**

Experience the mesmerizing talent of vocalist Alexis Janae! Her incredible 5-octave range, unmatched vocal agility, and dynamic performances are captivating. "To the Women Who Paved the Way" features songs by influential black female artists who have inspired the sound of today's music. Join us in honoring the trailblazing women who opened doors, empowering today's generation to assert control over their art and express it boldly and unapologetically.



## **OTHER FEBRUARY EVENTS**

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| • R-Rated Magic Show                                  | Feb 1          |
| • Mardi Gras Celebration                              | Feb 4          |
| • TSO: Winter Concert                                 | Feb 5          |
| • Tempe Comedy: Love & Marriage - A Valentine's Event | Feb 13         |
| • Arizona Theatre Company: Intimate Apparel           | Feb 16 – Mar 3 |
| • Stray Cat Theatre: Until the Flood                  | Feb 16 – Mar 2 |
| • ART Tempe   | Feb 23 - Mar 5 |
| • Performance with a View: ClariZona                  | Feb 27         |

**View the full [TCA Event Calendar](#)**

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

# Tempe Community Arts

February 2024

## RECAP

### Dance Tempe

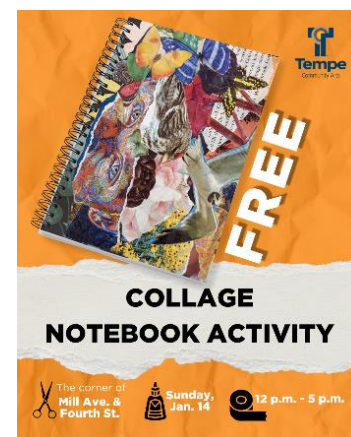
On January 9th, 133 high school dance students and professional dance artists performed at the sold-out Dance Tempe event at the Tempe Center for the Arts. Special thanks to Vice Mayor Jennifer Adams, Council M Berdette Hodge and TUHSD Superintendent Dr. Stacia Wilson for giving the welcome. Programmed by the Tempe Community Arts team, Dance Tempe is the culmination of the annual [High School Dance Residency Program](#) which serves all six Tempe Union High schools. The dance students participated in all-day workshops and rehearsals before the evening performance. The performance premiered six pieces created by artists [Carley Conder](#), [Shayla Eshelman](#) and [Luis “Weezy” Egurrola](#) during their fall 2023 residencies and featured additional pieces by each high school and the resident artists’ professional companies. This program is run by Community Arts in partnership with Tempe Union High School District.



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

Next event: February 11 | 10 am-3 pm | Downtown Tempe | [INFO](#)

On January 14, Community Arts participated in the [2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays on Mill](#) event presented by the Downtown Tempe Authority. Community Arts teaching artists demonstrated the basic techniques of collecting, cutting and combining to help participants design a one-of-a-kind notebook cover with cut paper collage. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays on Mill events have allowed the Community Arts team to make new connections and see many attendees return time and time again. Come visit us at the next event on February 11!



## UPCOMING

### Arts in the Parks: Block Parties | [INFO](#)

The Community Arts team continues this year’s Arts in the Parks series with events in six Tempe parks; Indian Bend, Corbell, Green, Optimist, Scudder and Meyer. Theming for each Block Party –Surrealism or Pop Art— were selected based on surveys collected from September’s Kick-Off events. Join us for live music, food trucks and themed art activities including shrink art, printmaking and cyanotype



sun art with photo-sensitive paper. This season's Block Party series also features a temporary, interactive art installation by esteemed artist [Mandy Palasik](#), encouraging community collaboration and play. Join us for our final weekend!

- **Corbell Park:** Friday, February 2, 5-8 pm
- **Scudder Park:** Saturday, February 3, 11 am-2 pm
- **Meyer Park:** Sunday, February 4, 11 am-2 pm

## Free Art Friday

**Friday, February 9 | 9 am - Noon | Edna Vihel Arts Center | [INFO](#)**

Free Art Friday is an event for families and their children aged 0-5. This month, celebrate friendship with art activities meant for sharing. Meet our wonderful friendship fairies as they encourage acts of kindness with stickers and happy high fives. Free Art Friday allows caregivers and their little ones to explore and create together through art projects, imaginative play, and music and movement. This program is partially funded by a grant from the Tempe Diablos.



## Art Tempe Opening Reception

**Tuesday, February 27 | 6 – 7:30 pm | Tempe Center for the Arts | [INFO](#)**

Art Tempe showcases student artwork from all six Tempe Union High School District schools in collaboration with City of Tempe Community Arts. Mingle with the talented artists while viewing their exceptional drawings, paintings and ceramics work at an opening reception. Join us for opening remarks from Tempe City Council Members and the Superintendent.

**Art Tempe Exhibit**  
**February 23 – March 5 | TCA Lakeside Room**



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