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Deb Polich

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From murals of monsters at downtown intersections, to historic architecture in neighborhoods and on campuses, to cutting-edge innovation in every industry from health to automotive design, creativity is abounding in Washtenaw County. The more than 5.6 million people visiting our region refer to the area's rich arts and cultural offerings as their number two reason for coming here – second only to visiting friends and family. With world class musical performances and visual arts exhibitions, cultural treasures that document and proudly showcase our local and national heritage, pop-up events and indie art fairs that feature emerging artists, it is no wonder that these amazing assets draw people to visit – and stay in – Washtenaw County.

This *2016 Annual Arts & Cultural Guide* is your access point to the makers, creatives, producers, presenters and amazing organizations and individuals that make the greater Ann Arbor area such a cultural gem. The Arts Alliance is pleased to present this directory of our members, enabling you to find and access creative talent. Whether you're searching for custom-built furniture, shops that sell locally-made pottery or museums to explore on a date, the *2016 Annual Arts & Cultural Guide* is sure to present you with a plethora of good ideas.

You are encouraged to use this guide to plan rich cultural excursions throughout the county. Catch a play in Chelsea and stretch your legs by hiking the art trail in Dexter. Pop into an art center in Saline and listen to music in Manchester. Watch a parade in Milan. Attend one of the many community festivals in Ypsilanti and while you're there, be sure to visit the city's fine historical museums. Watch an indie film screening with the writer and director in Ann Arbor. And, of course, experience the culinary art delights – from local brews to world-famous sandwiches – in each and every town you explore.

The Arts Alliance works every day to support and promote the creative sector in the greater Ann Arbor Area. Some of our work is easily visible such as managing public art projects that feature local artists' work on power boxes around Ann Arbor or utilizing retired canoes in sculptures along the Huron River. Other work – for

example, needs assessments for arts and cultural education and administering grants to dance companies and literary programs – is more behind the scenes. We invite you to learn more about the arts and cultural programs you experience and enjoy; read their programs, follow them on social media and, in addition to supporting our region's amazing creative producers, consider supporting our entire creative sector by becoming a member of The Arts Alliance. Your membership makes a statement that you proudly support and value arts and culture in our county. For more information on memberships, see page 29.

The Arts Alliance thanks each and every one of its members and supporters, as well as every creative sector patron, for investing in the vibrancy of our community.

With warm regards,

A stylized, handwritten signature of Deb Polich in orange ink.

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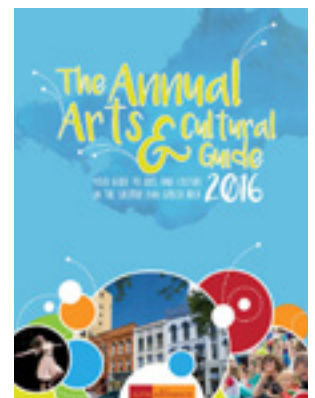
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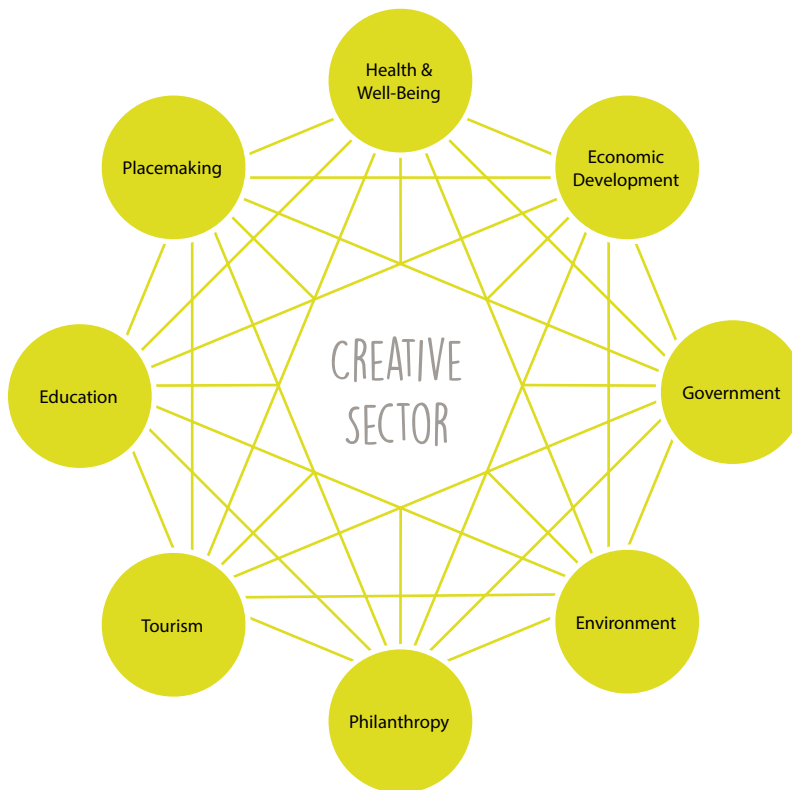
CONNECTING THE CREATIVE SECTOR

The creative sector is at the forefront as communities across the country look toward their quality of life and placemaking to help improve their economies and remain competitive in the 21st century.

The Arts Alliance serves the creative sector of Washtenaw County, which consists of:

- ▶ 2,500+ artists (musicians, dancers, visual artists, etc.)
- ▶ 244 cultural organizations (visual, performing, science, museums, etc.)
- ▶ 1,328 creative businesses

Together, we make an impact. Our constituents offer programs and services to over 350,000 Washtenaw County residents, 80,000 university students and 5.6 million visitors in the area.



Michigan Theater, Photo Courtesy of AAACVB

With and on behalf of Washtenaw's creative sector, The Arts Alliance...

FACILITATES

Explores issues, conducts research and fosters and administers creative initiatives.

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Voices the creative sector's impact on quality of life and place.

COMMUNICATES

Promotes creative sector programs and collaborative initiatives.

EDUCATES

Encourages life-long creative learning programs.

CELEBRATES

Trumpets the triumphs of the creative sector.

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\$2.78 million in local taxes and
\$9.97 million in state taxes are
generated by Washtenaw County
**nonprofit arts and
cultural organizations.**

Creative Member Directory

OUR MEMBERS

There is always more to discover in the greater Ann Arbor area. See amazing artwork, watch astounding performances, be taken away by beautiful music and of course discover something new every day in the creative sector.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT LINDA KLENCZAR



Local subject matter provides great inspiration. The Sidetrack Bar & Grill is an institution in Depot Town in Ypsilanti. It provides great architecture, reflections and energy.

*"No amount of skillful invention can replace the essential element of imagination." Edward Hopper
(page 14)*

7 Cylinders Studio

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.761.1110
16handsgallery.com

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826michigan

115 E. Liberty St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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826michigan.org

826michigan is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting students (ages 6 - 18) with their creative and expository writing skills and to helping teachers inspire their students to write.

89.1, WEMU

426 King Hall - EMU
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734.487.2229
wemu.org
Public radio from Eastern Michigan University featuring jazz and blues, NPR and local news.

The Aartworks Project

Ann Arbor, MI
theaartworksproject.com
The Aartworks Project is an umbrella organization supporting programs and projects which promote creativity, community and change through art.

All Things Artistic Ministries, Inc.

1191 Stamford Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
734.709.8800
ataminc.com
The mission of All Things Artistic Ministries, Inc. (ATAMI) is to glorify God and serve humanity through the arts. ATAMI offers instructional courses, workshops, live performances and productions. A writing group meets monthly.

Jeremy Anderson Illustration

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Jeremy Anderson is a practicing freelance illustrator, teaching artist and human new to Ann Arbor. Jeremy is currently working on a coloring book and a children's book. For more information or to view his other work, please check out his website.

Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation

301 N. Main St., #300
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.663.0401
aaacf.org
The Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation strives to enrich the quality of life in our region by building a permanent community endowment and through grant making.

Ann Arbor Area Piano Teachers Guild

Ann Arbor, MI
734.864.2686
a2pianoteachers.com
Ann Arbor Area Piano Teachers Guild offers professional enrichment for piano teachers, performance and financial aid opportunities for students and teachers, student testing, awards programs and music camp.

Ann Arbor Area SCORE

1100 N. Main St., Suite 109
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.929.1121
Ann Arbor Area SCORE offers business mentoring to artists.

Ann Arbor Art Center

117 W. Liberty St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.994.8004
annarborartcenter.org
The Ann Arbor Art Center has been leveraging the power of creative expression for over 106 years, enriching the lives of countless community members through innovative educational programs, thought-provoking exhibitions, a gallery shop offering locally-made artworks and a variety of events that infuse visual arts throughout the community.

Ann Arbor Civic Theatre

322 W. Ann St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.971.2228
a2ct.org
The Ann Arbor Civic Theatre (A2CT) offers a full season of shows – both musicals and plays – from Broadway and Off Broadway, as well as a children's theater, camps and intimate studio productions. A2CT also offers workshops on acting, playwriting and various aspects of production.

Ann Arbor District Library

343 S. Fifth Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.327.4200
aadl.org

The Ann Arbor District Library provides collections, programs and leadership to promote the development of literate and informed citizens through open and equal access to cultural, intellectual, recreational and information resources.

Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild

Ann Arbor, MI
annarborfiberarts.org

The Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild is a membership group that educates and promotes the fiber arts.

Ann Arbor Film Festival

217 N. First St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.995.5356
aafilmfest.org

The Ann Arbor Film Festival is the longest-running independent and experimental film festival in North America, established in 1963. The 54th Festival will take place March 15-20, 2016.

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum

220 E. Ann St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.995.5439
aahom.org

The mission of the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum is to inspire people to discover the wonder of science, technology, math, art and engineering.

Ann Arbor In Concert

Ann Arbor, MI
734.768.3868
a2ic.org

Ann Arbor In Concert (A2IC) is a performing arts organization that focuses on bringing 100+ members of the community together to perform musicals in a concert format. Shows are one-night only gala events.

The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair – The Original

721 E. Huron St., Suite 200
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.994.5260
artfair.org

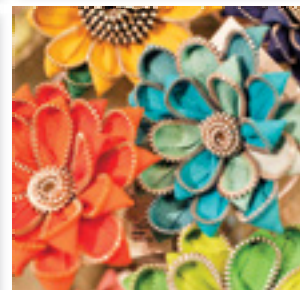
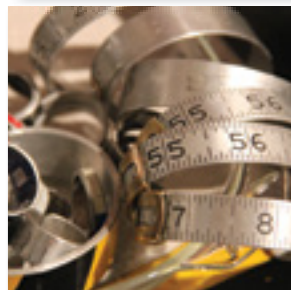
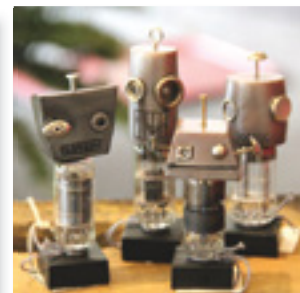
The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair is the original of the four fairs that comprise the Ann Arbor Art Fair. The Street Art Fair surrounds Burton Tower and is recognized for its high quality work.

Ann Arbor Summer Festival

310 Depot St., Suite 3
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT THOMAS ROSENBAUM



Abandoned I, 16x20 Acrylic on Linen. This is the first in a series of three paintings from photographs I took while vacationing in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina.

"In the words of Picasso: Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." (page 21)

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra

220 E. Huron St., Suite 470
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.994.4801
a2so.com

The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra gives nine orchestra concerts per year, as well as numerous education programs for all ages including a dozen farmers markets performances during the summer, kinderconcerts, in-school programs, instrument petting zoos and more.

Ann Arbor Women Artists

4844 Jackson Ave., Suite 100
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
annarborwomenartists.org
Ann Arbor Women Artists (AAWA) welcomes artists of all genders, offering many exhibition opportunities, workshops, classes, studio rentals, monthly speakers programs (free and open to the public) and more. AAWA is a nonprofit, established in 1951 with over 300 members.

Arbor Opera Theater

Ann Arbor, MI
734.332.9063
arboropera.com
Arbor Opera Theater presents fully staged operas and musicals each June with recitals—cabarets and other performances throughout the year. Artists are also available for private and outreach functions.

Argus Museum, Washtenaw County Historical Society

535 W. William St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734.769.0770
washtenawhistory.org
The Argus Museum, under the umbrella of the Washtenaw County Historical Society, features products manufactured by Argus Cameras Inc. and preserves the company's history by displaying its significant impact on photography, military equipment and Ann Arbor. The museum hosts photography exhibitions that showcase local and regional photographers and encourages the continued use of analog cameras.

The Ark

316 S. Main St.
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theark.org
The Ark is a nonprofit live music venue for contemporary and traditional folk and roots music.

Art Is In Market

100 Briarwood Circle
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
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artisinmarket.com
Art Is In Market, comprised of three well-located stores, offers juried, Michigan-only artists (from a variety of media), community, training and selling opportunities.

Art Meets Business

Saline, MI
734.707.5825
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Art Meets Business is a program to help creative entrepreneurs connect with their markets through business skills development, networking and individual coaching.

Artistica

3203 Broad St.
Dexter, MI 48130
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artisticagallery.net
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Artrain, Inc.

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artrainusa.org
For more than 40 years Artrain, a nonprofit organization, has delivered world class arts and cultural exhibitions with accompanying education programs to under-resourced communities throughout the United States. Artrain's mission is to deliver discovery and — through the galvanizing power of arts and culture — transform lives, organizations and communities.

The Arts Alliance

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The Arts Alliance is a nonpartisan, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that advocates for and supports the Creative Sector in Washtenaw County — arts and cultural organizations and creative individuals and businesses — to ensure that our region remains a great place to create, live, work, learn, play and visit.

Arts in Motion Dance Studio

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artsinmotion.net

Arts in Motion Dance Studio's mission is to provide quality dance training to students of all ages and levels with an emphasis on self-expression, musicality and artistic integrity.

Washtenaw County's nonprofit arts and cultural organizations have a **\$100 million** economic impact according to a 2015 study commissioned by the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation.

Jill Ault

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Jill Ault constructs art quilts of digitally printed fabric. Multiple copies of an image are divided into small squares (no two are exactly alike). When sewn together the design moves piece-by-piece across and down the face of the quilt.

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Bank of Ann Arbor's Sonic Lunch

Ann Arbor, MI
soniclunch.com

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Ballet Chelsea

1050 S. Main St.
Chelsea, MI 48118
734.475.3070

balletchelsea.org

Ballet Chelsea provides superior training and education in all aspects of dance for ages 3 - adult.

Ruth Bardenstein

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Ruth Bardenstein's work includes book arts, 2D mixed media and graphic art, assemblages and installations.

Daniel J. Barry

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Daniel J. Barry creates fine art oil paintings.



The Gloaming

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ART IS IN MARKET



Ann Arbor is one of the three locations of Art Is In Market in Michigan. Art Is In Market supports Michigan-only artists and makers (juried), Michigan culture and nature. In this way, they serve the community and enable artists to further develop themselves and their businesses.

"We believe we can alter Michigan through all the forms of art we offer in our stores. By creating a community of makers, we believe we can help each artist reach their fullest potential. By supporting Michigan and Michigan-made products, we dynamically and positively add to our culture." (page 8)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT KIM VOX & WARREN NELSON



Have keyboard, will travel! Engaging duo performs at private parties and special events, with a repertoire that includes intimate ballads, energetic bebop and everything in between.

"Hailing from Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, Vox and Nelson celebrate The Arts Alliance's commitment to the creative sector in Washtenaw County." (page 25)

Thiess Baugh

Ann Arbor, MI
215.410.5221

Thiess Baugh creates world-class abstracts and figures, collages, murals and fine art designs.

Pi Benio

Adrian, MI
pibenio.com

Pi Benio is a sculptor and installation artist working in a wide variety of media including handmade paper, found objects, fiber, clay and metal.

Janet Blackwell

Belleville, MI
impel-international.com

Janet Blackwell creates abstract pastels.

Brenda Bobon

Ann Arbor, MI
517.581.1657
brendabobon.com

Brenda Bobon is a fiber artist that creates knitted ladies garments, knitted accessories, greeting cards by order, jewelry featuring handmade beads and fibers and wreaths.

Boychoir of Ann Arbor

1100 North Main St., Suite 215
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.663.5377
aabochoir.org

The Boychoir of Ann Arbor offers choral music education and performance opportunities for boys who like to sing and provides choral music performances for our community.

The Brass Tacks Ensemble

Ann Arbor, MI
517.914.9300
btensemble.org

The Brass Tacks Ensemble is devoted to connecting to audiences through the essential elements of theater to spark the imagination, present established and original works and provide actors, directors, designers and writers an opportunity to develop as artists.

Mark Mr. B Braun, Joybox Express

Ann Arbor, MI
joyboxexpress.org

Joybox Express is a 501(c)(3) that raises money for charitable organizations that enhance the quality of children's lives, focusing on those that provide access to programs in the arts & athletics.

Dolores M. Carlson

Novi, MI
dolorescarlsonart.com

Dolores A. Carlson works in acrylics, oils and collages to create abstracts as well as landscapes and portraits. She also does decorative painting and murals.

Daniel Cascardo

Huntington Woods, MI
248.885.0028
danielcascardo.com

The Cascardo Art Action Experience is an interactive, collaborative, mural making process. It is an engaging process that promotes team building, community, creativity and fun.

Martha Ceccio

Ann Arbor, MI
marthaceccio.com
Martha Ceccio is a visual artist.

Chelsea Area Festivals & Events

222 S. Main St., Suite B
Chelsea, MI 48118
734.474.9178
chelseafestivals.com

Chelsea Area Festivals & Events produces outdoor music concerts and art series every Thursday night, June - August, held in historic downtown Chelsea (14 miles west of Ann Arbor). The annual July 28-30 Sounds & Sights festival includes the Chelsea Art Market, live music, a car show and a chalk art contest.

Chelsea Underground Art Gallery

105 S. Main St.
Chelsea, MI 48118
734.277.8747
chelseaunderground.com

The meaning of art is to be found in opening up worlds. The Chelsea Underground Art Gallery's investment is in the human spirit. They bring high level art outside the mega-cities. The artists shown embody a deep social awareness, reflecting humanitarian concerns.



Photo Courtesy of Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra

City of Dexter Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee

8123 Main St., 2nd Floor
Dexter, MI 48130
734.426.8303

The City of Dexter celebrates and promotes arts and culture through its Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee.

Clinton Arts Center

127 W. Michigan Ave.
Clinton, MI 49236
517.456.5145
clintonartscenter.org

The Clinton Arts Center is located on US-12, 15 miles west of Saline. They offer youth and adult art classes in ceramics, glass, painting and drawing.

Community Music School of Ann Arbor

1289 Jewett St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.213.2000
cmsa2.org

Community Music School (formerly known as Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts) provides educational opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Community Television Network (CTN)

2805 S. Industrial Highway, Suite 200
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.794.6150
a2gov.org/ctn

CTN is committed to providing multimedia resources such as media production workshops, equipment checkout and programming – all free of charge – to serve diverse public interests and strengthen the fabric of the Ann Arbor community through multimedia.

Candace Compton Pappas

Chelsea, MI
734.475.6059
comptonpappas.com

Working in both 2D and 3D, Candace Compton Pappas intertwines her paintings and sculpture using cement, plaster, wax, acrylics, inks, tar and oils.

Corner Health Centers Teen Peer Education Theatre Troupe

47 North Huron St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734.714.2241
cornerhealth.org

The Corner Health Theatre Troupe's presentations combine theater performances with follow-up health workshops, all performed by trained youth actors/peer educators. Performances take place in schools and community settings throughout Washtenaw County.

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Kristine M. Cravens

Brooklyn, MI
etsy.com/shop/kriscravenspottery
Kristine Cravens is a ceramics artist coming from a fashion design background. She utilizes design elements, rather than more traditional glazes, with finishes that often resemble fabric.

Creative Voice

1100 N. Main St., Suite 106
Ann Arbor, MI
734.747.8300
creativevoice.buzz

Creative Voice (formerly CriticCar Detroit) is a social media-based arts journalism source that produces and posts videos showcasing the arts and cultural scene in Detroit and Southeast MI.

Cultural Art Strings

Manchester, MI
734.223.6876
culturalartstrings.org

A division of the Riverfolk Music and Arts Organization, Cultural Art Strings (CAS) provides string music education for the youth of Manchester. CAS offerings include: private lessons, group classes, summer day camp, quarterly benefit concerts and community outreach concerts.

CultureSource

2727 Second Ave., Suite 147
Detroit, MI 48201
313.831.1151
culturesource.org

A professional association of arts and cultural nonprofits in seven counties of southeastern Michigan, CultureSource connects audiences to culture and helps nonprofit organizations thrive!

Lyn Davidge, Storyteller

Ann Arbor, MI
Lyn Davidge performs storytelling programs for grown-ups featuring original, real-life stories to entertain, inspire and surprise. She is available to perform at service and social organizations, senior centers, faith-based groups and private events.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT YOUTH ARTS ALLIANCE!



"YAA! is a four county art collaborative that serves youth in residential treatment and detention services. Find out more about us at: youthartsalliance.com." (page 25)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ARTS & HUMANITIES



Henry Ford's 19th and final Village Industry will be preserved as part of the 14-acre Village Arts Factory complex. The regional destination where history and art come together to be embraced by all.

"The arts inspire, excite, heal and entertain. The arts bring people of all ages and cultures together to participate in expression, appreciation and enjoyment. The arts create a sense of pride." (page 19)

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT CASCARDO ART ACTION EXPERIENCE



Cascardo Art Action Experience
Live Love Art

"Everyone is an artist in some way or another. By engaging and exposing people to the arts we plant the seeds to grow creativity and unlimited possibilities."
(page 10)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT CHELSEA UNDERGROUND



Exhibit: Dec. 2015 - Feb. 2016 Artist Judith Peck

"Chelsea Underground is selective in its artists, representing the highest standards of artistic and technical excellence and social meaning. The meaning of art is to be found in opening up worlds." (page 10)

Sally Day

Ypsilanti, MI
salzart.com

Sally Day works in abstract art, paintings, pastels, drawings, graphic design, website creation and freelance writing (primarily for the *Ann Arbor Observer*). Prints of Day's work are available at www.salzart.com.

Rick De Troyer- Ricks Iron Art

Chelsea, MI
734.476.4024
ricksironart.com

Rick De Troyer is a metal artist who creates assemblages of found objects, community art and sculptures.

Dexter Community Orchestra

Dexter, MI 48130
734.726.0070

dextercommunityorchestra.org

A musical group in Dexter dedicated to cultural enrichment through live symphonic music, the Dexter Community Orchestra is proud to offer a place for volunteer musicians to play and an opportunity for individuals and families to experience the magic of live classical music.

Jeff DiCenzo

Adrian, MI
517.358.1883

Jeff DiCenzo is a keyboard player who can also provide sound equipment, event production and a dance band.

DIYpsi

Ypsilanti, MI
diypsi.com

DIYpsi is a biannual indie art fair held in a weird little creative town called Ypsilanti. DIYpsi Holiday Market is Dec. 12 & 13 at Riverside Arts Center.

Mark S. Ducker

Ypsilanti, MI
307.321.7690
ypsi24.com

Mark Ducker is an independent media arts producer, visual storyteller and founder/director of the YPSI 24-Hour Film Shootout.

Jayna Eckler

Ypsilanti, MI
jaynaart.com

Jayna Eckler creates with watercolor, inks and other mixed media concentrating on a central theme of motion within.

EMU Theatre

103 Quirk
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734.487.1220
emich.edu/emutheatre

EMU Theatre is dedicated to the training of students in the process and practical application of theater arts and to provide entertaining and enlightening theater for audiences. Their public performance season runs September to June.

The Encore Musical Theatre Company

3126 Broad St.
Dexter, MI 48130
734.268.6200
theencoretheatre.org

The Encore Theatre is a professional musical theater company creating quality theatrical productions with an emphasis on musical theater, utilizing a unique mixture of Broadway and local talent of all levels, while engaging and entertaining a wide spectrum of patrons.

Envisions Design, Ltd., Lynne Friman

Saline, MI
734.945.5611

facebook.com/envisionsdesign

Lynne Friman, president, was project manager of the DIA's reinstallation and UMMA's installation. Friman also offers other consulting services, strategic planning, exhibit design and facility development. She is currently an arts administrator for CultureSource.

Erin Morris & Her Ragdolls

Ypsilanti, MI
emragdolls.com

Erin Morris and Her Ragdolls are an all-girl vintage jazz dance performance troupe based in Ann Arbor.

Etcetera

Ann Arbor, MI
734.665.4573
etcetera-sings.org

Etcetera: Singin' and swingin' the standards! Etcetera's four-part vocals and stylized choreography – delivered with a dash of humor – add pizzazz to any special occasion!

FLY Childrens Art Center

Ypsilanti, MI
734.217.2228
flyartcenter.org

FLY Children's Art Center believes that creativity opens doors. FLY empowers kids and shares tools to nurture their independent vision and develop their creative problem solving skills. They teach the art of making things happen. Sign up for classes and workshops at flyartcenter.org.

FOUND

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734.302.3060
foundgallery.com

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Front Porch Textiles

1219 Traver St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
734.662.7134
underwoodfrontporch.com

Front Porch Textiles is a small weaving studio offering handwoven textiles and handspun yarns produced by Mary Underwood. Studio sales, including other artists, occurs biannually in December and May. The studio is also open by appointment.

Mary Gentry

Ypsilanti, MI
Mary Gentry creates art quilts.

Gifts of Art, U-M Health System

1500 E. Medical Center Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
734.936.2787
med.umich.edu/goa

Gifts of Art brings the world of art and music to the U-M Health System, including exhibit galleries, concerts, bedside art and music and more.

Zita Gillis

Ann Arbor, MI
Zita Gillis specializes in laser lightshows and martini picks made with amber and other semi-precious stones.

Janice Glander

Ann Arbor, MI
734.846.4258
Janice Glander creates drawings, paintings, glass mosaics, fiber arts and wood block prints.

Barbara A. Goodsitt

Ann Arbor, MI
734.662.6671
barbaragoodsittstudio.com
Barbara Goodsitt is president of Ann Arbor Women Artists. She teaches colored pencil techniques at Washtenaw Community College and with Ann Arbor Community Education & Recreation. Goodsitt is a member of the Colored Pencil Society of America who exhibits her art in shows and galleries.

Mike Gould - Laser Artist

Ann Arbor, MI
734.904.0659
mikegouldlaserartist.com
Mike Gould is an internationally-recognized laser artist who builds laser light installations for art galleries, museums and art events. He works with the Illuminatus Light Show and is currently working on International Year of Light (IYL) projects.

5.4 million people visit the greater Ann Arbor area annually according to a recent Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau study. Visitors pointed towards festivals, events, arts, culture and performing arts as the #2 reason for their visit following their #1 reason, visiting friends and families.



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ctnannarborblog.org

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ANN ARBOR DISTRICT LIBRARY



"Check out a spinning wheel, drawing tablet, or die cutter from your library's tools collection for your next creation. Visit aadl.org/arttools to learn more!" (page 7)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT TRUSTART STUDIOS



trustArt studios is a versatile work and exhibition space for artists.

"The Arts Alliance has provided excellent networking, support and exposure which has greatly contributed to launching the studio. At a time when it is difficult for artists and art venues to survive, it is immensely helpful, and they have a really caring, hardworking staff." (page 24)

Great Lakes Performing Artist Associates

415 N. Fourth Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.665.4029
greatlakespaa.org

Great Lakes Performing Artist Associates is a nonprofit booking agency developing artists and audiences for the live performing arts within Great Lakes communities.

Sophie Grillet

Ann Arbor, MI
734.757.3717
SophieArtist.com

Sophie Grillet is a painter, sculptor, photographer and cartoonist. She accepts commissions and also offers no-pressure art advising for home or office.

Carol A. Hanna

Saline, MI
carolhanna.com

Carol Hanna interprets bird songs in her paintings by using the color of the birds and the notes of their songs.

Hollanders

410 N. Fourth Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.741.7531
hollanders.com

Hollanders carries close to 2,000 different decorative and artist papers, as well as bookbinding and art supplies.

Jeri Hollister

Ann Arbor, MI
jerihollister.com

Jeri Hollister's equine themed art – primarily in clay – draws inspiration from horse art throughout history from cave paintings to modern masters.

David Hoonstra

Ann Arbor, MI
734.996.4290
davidclassicdesign.com

David Hoonstra is an Ann Arbor-based artist working primarily in traditional, representational oil on canvas, as well as landscape, seascape, portraiture and figurative work. He accepts commissions for virtually any subject matter. His work has been juried into art fairs and shows in five states including the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

Georgette Jones, Gettejo Studio

Ann Arbor, MI
gettejostudio.com

Georgette Jones is a professional visual artist and owner of Gettejo Studio, which specializes in original fine-art paintings as well as greeting cards, calligraphy products and painted wood items. Her work may be viewed on her website.

Bonnie J. Kay

Ann Arbor, MI
734.996.8601
portfoliosforartists.com/bonniekay
Bonnie J. Kay is a fiber artist and handweaver of clothing and accessories, home furnishing and wall art.

Kelsey Museum of Archeology – University of Michigan

434 S. State St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
734.764.9304
lsa.umich.edu/kelsey

The Kelsey Museum of Archaeology supports teaching and research on Classical, Egyptian and Near Eastern archaeology through stewardship of its rich collections, an active exhibitions program, and sponsorship of ongoing field research. As an exhibit museum at a public university, the Kelsey Museum also embraces a vigorous public outreach mission, engaging with local residents and visitors of all ages, from kindergarten through retirement.

Kerrytown BookFest

701 N. Fourth Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.769.1114
kerrytownbookfest.org

The Kerrytown BookFest is an event celebrating those who create books and those who read them. The primary goal is to highlight the area's rich heritage in the book and printing arts while showcasing the rich book culture in the region.

Kerrytown Concert House

415 N. Fourth Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.769.2999
kerrytownconcerthouse.com

Kerrytown Concert House (KCH) is focused on community engagement and bringing artists and audiences together. The intimate 110-seat venue is home to diverse offerings in a wide range of musical styles and a rotating art gallery. KCH is also available for recitals and events.

Kickshaw Theatre

Ann Arbor, MI
kickshawtheatre.org

Kickshaw Theatre is a new, professional, nonprofit theatre dedicated to exciting our curiosity with plays that represent humanity in all its complexity and multitudes.

Linda J.K. Klenczar

Saline, MI
lindaklenczar.com

Linda J.K. Klenczar uses pure pigment pastels, flowing watercolors and acrylics to paint plein air landscapes and cityscapes. These are a few of her favorite things!



Photo Courtesy of Performance Network Theatre

Kreft Arts Program-Concordia University

4090 Geddes Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
734.995.7300
cuaa.edu/life/kreft

Kreft Arts Program offers a varied program of exhibits, concerts, readings and lectures.

Laila Kujala

Milan, MI
lailakujala.com

Laila Kujala's art is positive, uplifting and promotes peace. She is currently working on a series of peace dove paintings and miniature enchanted forest paintings. She also creates letter art alphabets based on plants, forests, sand dunes, beaches and snow.

Lankton Metal Design

Ann Arbor, MI
734.426.3735
lanktonmetaldesign.com

Lankton Metal Design has been creating quality architectural metalwork since 1979.

Leslie Science & Nature Center

1831 Traver Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
734.997.1553
lesliesnc.org

Leslie Science & Nature Center creates a space for our community to come together to share and explore nature. Through innovative science-based educational programs for individuals and groups, they educate and inspire children and adults to discover, understand and respect their natural environment.

K.A. Letts

Ann Arbor, MI
734.930.9918
kalettsart.com

K.A. Letts makes paintings of a world where all nature is touched by humans and all humans are touched by technology.

Lifespan Resources, Inc.

Ann Arbor, MI
734 663-9891

Lifespan Resources, Inc. promotes cooperation between generations through the visual arts.

Kirsten Lund

Ann Arbor, MI
734.276.5463
kirstenlund.com

Ann Arbor-based artist and designer Kirsten Lund has a diverse studio practice involving painting, prints, sculpture and in recent years a focus on fiber media.

Felicia Macheske

Ann Arbor, MI
feliciamacheskeart.com

Felicia Macheske is an Ann Arbor artist working in pastel, oil, acrylic and mosaic. Her artwork explores her love and interest in the processes, colors and textures of the natural world.

Valerie Mann

Saline, MI
734.429.0008
valerie-mann.squarespace.com

Valerie Mann is a painter and sculptor who accepts commissions. She is also a lecturer, juror, gallery owner and instructor to students of all ages.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT CHELSEA AREA FESTIVALS & EVENTS



Chelsea Art Market is one of the many events that take place during the annual Chelsea Sounds & Sights Festival in July.

"It is exciting to see the progression of favorite artists and to discover something new each week at Sounds & Sights" (page 10)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT GREAT LAKES PERFORMING ARTIST ASSOCIATES



Great Lakes Performing Artists Associates is a non-profit booking agency that represents the finest Great Lakes musicians and connects those musicians to students in order to teach skills in decision making, teamwork, and creativity through music. Image Credit: Benjamin Weatherston.

"The Arts Alliance provides us with the connections and visibility to enhance our artistic contributions to the community at large." (page 14)

Reasons to Support Arts and Culture



Americans for the Arts' mission is to serve, advance and lead the network of organizations and individuals who cultivate, promote, sustain and support the arts in America. Connecting your best ideas and leaders from the arts, communities and business, together we can work to ensure that every American has access to the transformative power of the arts. ArtsUSA.org

ARTS AND CULTURE MEANS BUSINESS

The Creative Industries include...

- Architecture
- Art Centers
- Art Cinemas
- Art Museums
- Artists & Fine Arts Schools
- Cultural Museums
- DIY and Maker Spaces
- Film/Audiovisual/Broadcasting
- Game Designers
- Graphic Designers
- Heritage Sites & Museums
- Industrial Design
- Interior Design
- Literary/Publishing/Print
- Music/Musicians/Music Ensembles/
Music Halls
- Performing Art Centers
- Science & Nature Museums &
Centers
- Theater
- Visual Arts

A 2015 analysis of Dun & Bradstreet data counts

702,771

businesses in the U.S. involved
in the creation or distribution of
the arts that employ

2.9 MILLION PEOPLE.

In Washtenaw
County, there are
1,042
arts and culture-
related businesses
that employ

3,689 PEOPLE.

ARTS AND CULTURE ALSO...



...DRIVE TOURISM

The U.S. Department of Commerce reports that the percentage of international travelers has grown steadily since 2003, from 18% to 24%.



...ARE AN EXPORT INDUSTRY

U.S. exports of arts goods (e.g. movies, paintings, jewelry) grew to \$72 billion in 2011.



...ARE GOOD FOR LOCAL MERCHANTS

Attendees at nonprofit arts and culture events spend \$24.60 per person beyond the cost of admission on items including meals, parking and babysitters.



...PROMOTE TRUE PROSPERITY

The arts help us express our values, build bridges between cultures and bring us together regardless of ethnicity, religion or age.



...STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMY

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that the arts and cultural sector represents 3.25% of the GDP - a larger share of the economy than tourism and agriculture.



...IMPROVE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Students with an education rich in the arts have higher GPAs, higher standardized test scores and lower dropout rates.



...IMPROVE HEALTHCARE

78% of arts and cultural programs provided by healthcare institutions resulted in shorter hospital stays and better pain management, lowering medication costs.



...HAVE SOCIAL IMPACT

Research done by the University of Pennsylvania has demonstrated that cities with a high concentration of the arts have more social cohesion, higher civic engagement, higher child well-being and lower poverty rates.



...SPARK CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION

The Conference Board reports that creativity is among the top five skills sought by business leaders.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BONNIE J. KAY



Ruana/shawl in rayon and cotton.

"I weave clothing, wall art and home furnishings and enjoy creating geometric loom-controlled designs." (page 14)

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Materials Unlimited is a full service antiques restoration facility housed in a massive 15,000 square foot 1920's Art Deco building.

Gregory F. Mazure

Ann Arbor, MI
734.645.5635

Gregory F. Mazure is a member of IATSE 395 and a lighting designer.

Susan E. McDowell

734.528.0644
suemcd.com

Susan E. McDowell is a glass artist specializing in fused and engraved glass.

Mélange

312 S. Main St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.222.0202
melangebistro.com

Mélange, centrally located in downtown Ann Arbor, offers a menu with an American metropolitan interpretation of European and Asian cuisines and an extensive wine list. Mélange is also available for catering.

Michigan and State Theaters

603 E. Liberty St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.668.8397

michtheater.org; cinetopiafestival.org
The Michigan Theater is Ann Arbor's premiere center for fine film and the performing arts for more than 85 years. The State Theatre, a full-time Art House cinema, was designed by renowned architect C. Howard Crane. The State will soon

be improved to enhance its original art deco design, be made accessible to all, comfortable and excellent for state-of-the-art cinema exhibitions.

Michigan Shakespeare Festival

215 W. Michigan Ave.
Jackson, MI 49201
517.998.3673

michiganshakespearefestival.com

As the official Shakespeare festival of the state of Michigan, the Michigan Shakespeare Festival (MSF) is recognized as one of the premier professional theater companies in Michigan. The MSF is dedicated to producing classical theater in innovative ways.

Melissa Milton-Pung

415 W. Michigan Ave.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
517.230.6881

Melissa is a friend and supporter of the arts and cultural community through her role in economic development and historic preservation at Washtenaw County Government. She is a past board chair of The Arts Alliance and current board member.

Music Go Round

2791 Oak Valley Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734.662.1080

Music Go Round buys, sells and trades used musical instruments.

Neighborhood Theatre Group

Ypsilanti, MI
facebook.com/neighborhoodtheatregroup
Neighborhood Theatre Group is a grassroots theater company in Ypsilanti with a focus on original works.

Ranking #4 in creative industries among 83 Michigan counties,

Washtenaw County & the greater Ann Arbor area is home to 1,042 creative sector businesses employing 4,534 people.



Photo Courtesy of 826michigan

Neutral Zone

310 E. Washington St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.214.9995
neutral-zone.org

The Neutral Zone is a diverse, youth-driven teen center dedicated to promoting personal growth through artistic expression, community leadership and the exchange of ideas. NZ offers programming in the visual arts, literary arts and music technology.

Molly Paberzs

Ypsilanti, MI
mollyroot.com

Molly Paberzs is a local modern dancer, choreographer and arts administrator.

Partnership for the Arts & Humanities

50430 School House Road, Suite 200
Canton, MI 48187
734.765.7061

partnershipforarts.org

The Partnership for the Arts & Humanities is a 501(c)3 cultural arts organization. The Partnership's current initiative is the preservation and construction of the Village Arts Factory located in Canton Township's historic Cherry Hill Village.

Norma Penchansky-Glasser

Ann Arbor, MI

Norma Penchansky-Glasser's aim in making drawings, sculpture and artists' books is to capture motion – to freeze a moment in time. The works she produces seem to be continually conversing and overlapping. She finds inspiration in line, gesture, kinetic energy and the movement and repose of dancers.

The Penny Seats Theatre Company

Ann Arbor, MI

734.926.5346

pennyseats.org

The Penny Seats Company performs professional theater outdoors in Ann Arbor's West Park in the summer, and in other appealing places around Ann Arbor throughout the rest of the year. The company performs plays and musicals at the park on Thursday through Saturday evenings in July and August.

Penny Stamps Distinguished Speaker Series, University of Michigan Stamps School of Art & Design

1600 Bonisteel Blvd.

Ann Arbor, MI 48109

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"It is important to me to support organizations that help Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti & the surrounding areas continue to be great places to live, work and play! The Arts Alliance is a key player supporting those efforts. (page 26)

People Dancing Company

3810 Packard Road, Suite 270
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
734.368.7573

peopledancing.org

People Dancing is a professional dance company that provides artistic and holistic dance services and experiences. People Dancing performs at private events and also produces public events such as concerts of dance. Founded in 1985, this award-winning company's motto is, "Connecting Hearts through the Arts."

Performance Network Theatre

120 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.663.0681

pntheatre.org

The Performance Network Theatre is a professional, regional, producing nonprofit theater with a five-play subscription season of established/new works, holiday and youth programming, the Northern Writers Project and dark night programming. Performance Network is a cultural destination.

Vickie Peterson Michalak

Ann Arbor, MI

Vickie Peterson Michalak's work includes digital photography and graphic collage enhanced with screen printing, drawing and mixed media. She has a background in printmaking, is a member of Ann Arbor Women Artists and owner/operator of Imagecrafters, Inc. in Ann Arbor doing commercial screen printing, vinyl graphics and more.

Robert Piepenburg

1610 Longshore Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

734.327.0833

piepenburgstudios.com

Robert Piepenburg is a designer, sculptor, author and lecturer.

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The ripple effect.

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Pittsfield Charter Township

6201 W. Michigan Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
734.822.2112
pittsfield-mi.gov

Pittsfield Township is committed to promoting a sense of place through the establishment of public gathering spaces that incorporate art. Highlighting our cultural heritage and future vision through the visual medium of art is further defined in Pittsfield Township's 2020 Vision.

Marcia Polenberg

Ann Arbor, MI
734.327.1084

Marcia Polenberg is a figurative ceramic sculptor and painter. She creates animal-portraits and abstract works at Studio 524, her home on the Old West Side of Ann Arbor.

The Potters Guild, Ann Arbor

201 Hill St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.663.4970
pottersguild.net

The Potters Guild is a cooperative nonprofit organization comprised of over 50 members. Classes in ceramics for adults run 12 weeks in the fall and winter terms. The Guild holds two sales per year at the studio and participates in the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair.

Monica Prince

Ypsilanti, MI
princesdye.com

Monica Prince is a textile artist that works with hand-dyed fabrics and silk scarves. She also creates wall hangings and teaches surface design on fabric.

Marilyn M. Prucka

Monroe, MI
734.755.4860
marilynprucka.sharepoint.com

Marilyn Prucka is a fiber artist specializing in art quilts, hand-dyeing and surface design.

The Purple Rose Theatre Company

137 Park St.
Chelsea, MI 48118
734.433.7782
purplerosetheatre.org

The Purple Rose Theatre Company (PRTC) is a professional theater company with roots in the Midwest that takes a handcrafted, artisanal approach to producing new and classic American plays that are nothing less than one-of-a-kind experiences. The PRTC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit professional theater.

Ted Ramsay

Ann Arbor, MI
734.327.1084
tedramsay.com

Ted Ramsay is a figurative painter and handmade paper artist maintaining a studio in Scio Township.

River Raisin Ragtime Revue

Chelsea, MI
ragtimeband.org

River Raisin Ragtime Revue is an internationally recognized ragtime orchestra committed to performing and preserving outstanding American music. Their fun, interactive concerts and educational workshops include exciting music and engaging history.

Riverfolk Music & Arts

Manchester, MI
734.223.6876
riverfolkarts.org

Riverfolk Music and Arts organization's mission is to engage the community in music and arts experiences, which nurture creativity and promote cultural diversity. The organization includes Cultural Art Strings – a youth strings education program – and Manchester Gazebo Concerts, a free summer music series.

Riverside Arts Center

76 N. Huron St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734.480.2787
riversidearts.org

Riverside Arts Center is a multipurpose cultural arts venue providing performance, exhibit, studio and reception space for artists and arts and cultural organizations.

Thomas Rosenbaum

1952 S. Industrial Highway, Suite C & D
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.395.3305
facebook.com/the-studio-where-art-happens-359229187539423/

Thomas Rosenbaum creates paintings at The Studio, a workshop and exhibit space. The Studio also shares space with Rosenbaum's rehabilitation facility, Therasupport.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT U-M HEALTH SYSTEM GIFTS OF ART PROGRAM



"Andromeda" by Gerome Kamrowski is part of the Gifts of Art visual arts program at the U-M Health System.

"Being at the intersection of arts and medicine creates interesting opportunities for integrating the arts into a variety of healing environments. We are constantly developing new creative partnerships, and some of the best ones pop up unexpectedly. The Arts Alliance's Creative Connection events allow us to reach out to artists and share information about exhibition, performance and collaborative opportunities within the world of healthcare and to learn about arts in our local community." (page 13)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT THEISS BAUGH



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"ArtAccustomed.com galleries, a MUST SEE." (page 10)

Creative Member Directory

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ANN ARBOR WOMEN ARTISTS



Our annual Fall Juried Show at the Ann Arbor District Library Main Branch is one of AAWA's three juried shows a year. We have 8 non-juried exhibition venues in businesses around Ann Arbor that run throughout the year.

"AAWA & their informative programs taught me how to become part of an art community, enter shows, look for gallery representation, improve my art & other essential lessons."

Jill Stefani Wagner (page 8)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT CLINTON ARTS CENTER



clintonartscenter.org (page 11)

Among the University Research Corridor institutions – Michigan State University, University of Michigan and Wayne State University – one in five graduates have started a business. Coming from a wide variety of fields, a high number of these entrepreneurs hold arts degrees – including architecture, art and design, communications and journalism.

Based on the 2013 study by the Anderson Economic Group for the URC (urcmich.org/reports/entrepreneurship)



Joan Rosenblum

Ann Arbor, MI

Joan Rosenblum is an abstract artist creating colorfield paintings in pastels and oils.

Saline Area Players

Saline, MI

Saline Area Players is a community theater troupe.

Joanne Scherf

Huntington Woods, MI

joannescherf.com

Innovative. Creative. Inspirational. Joanne Scherf is a visual explorer of contemporary photography that promotes an emotional connection. Her images encourage one to explore the potential, engage the soul and escape reality.

The Scrap Box

581 State Circle

Ann Arbor, MI 48108

734.994.0012

scrapbox.org

The Scrap Box is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote creativity and sustainability by providing inexpensive recycled materials and teaching eco-friendly ways to recycle.

Dave Sharp

Ann Arbor, MI

734.945.6926

davessharp.com

Dave Sharp is a bassist, composer and band leader for Dave Sharp's Secret 7 and Dave Sharp Worlds Trio. Sharp is also the music educator and director of the jazz and blues program at the Ann Arbor Music Center.

Ronald F. Sharp

Ann Arbor, MI

Ronald Sharp is an artist and novelist.

Patti Smith

Ann Arbor, MI

734.649.4647

teacherpatti.com

Patti Smith is a storyteller, writer and lover of all things Ann Arbor. Her book, "Images of America: Downtown Ann Arbor," details the history of her beloved city. Smith is a member of The Storytellers' Guild and blogs at teacherpatti.com.

Leslie Sobel

734.497.3018

lesliesobel.com

Leslie Sobel is a visual artist doing abstracted landscapes and environmentally-focused art.

Jill Stefani Wagner, PSA-MP

Chelsea, MI

jillwagnerart.com

Jill Stefani Wagner, PSA-MP, is a professional watercolor, oil and pastel artist. She has work at River Gallery (Chelsea), Ann Arbor Art Center (Ann Arbor), Tvedten Fine Art (Harbor Springs), Synchronicity (Glen Arbor), Three Chairs (Frankfurt), Dexter Picture Frame (Dexter), Saline Picture Frame (Saline) and Blue Hat (Coldwater).

Beth J. Steinkellner

Ypsilanti, MI

Beth J. Steinkellner is an artist and educator specializing in drawing, painting and printmaking.

Linda Stingl

Ann Arbor, MI

313.530.3820

Linda Stingl manages an arts camp for grown-ups.

Studio West Gallery

111 S. West St.
Brighton, MI 48116
810.534.6200

studiowestgallery.org

Founded in 2011, Studio West – a Work Skills Corporation venture – provides people with disabilities and students with an opportunity to express their artistic abilities by creating artwork in a multitude of media and take pride in displaying and selling their work for income. Studio West provides Work Skills Corporation, a 501(c)3 Michigan-based organization, a venue to increase community involvement and exposure by hosting events, participating in art shows, and Chamber of Commerce events in downtown Brighton.

The Sunday Artisan Market

315 Detroit St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734.913.9622

artisanmarket.org

The Sunday Artisan Market offers original, handmade work by as many as 60 artists and fine crafts persons in a full range of media from traditional to cutting edge. All work is sold by the artists themselves.

Joel Swanson

Ann Arbor, MI
734.330.1521

joelswansonstudio.com

Joel Swanson creates paintings and drawings.

Third Mind Books

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Ara Topouzian

6689 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 312
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

aratopouzian.com

Ara Topouzian is a world music artist whose proficiency at the kanun (Middle Eastern harp) has made him a nationally-recognized artist. Topouzian is a Kresge Artist Fellow (2012) and Artist in Residence for the City of Farmington Hills (2015).

TreeTown Murals

Ann Arbor, MI
treetownmurals.com

TreeTown Murals is a mural and mosaic arts company specializing in custom and participatory projects for businesses, communities, personal spaces, schools and centers.

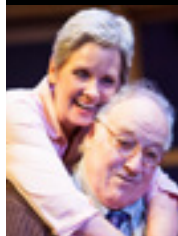
Kate Tremel Clay

627 Gott St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734.709.4899

katetremel.com

Kate Tremel Clay creates functional and sculptural porcelain pottery.

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734.433.7673

PurpleRoseTheatre.org

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SOPHIE GRILLET



The Houses of Montague and of Capulet

"Each piece I make has a story, a meaning. I want my work to arouse curiosity, wonder and excitement about art, social justice, emotions, science and math."
(page 14)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

U-M KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY



The Kelsey's collection and exhibitions offer something for everyone, and the Museum has long been a favorite of scholars and schoolchildren alike. (page 14)

trustArt studios

7885 Jackson Road, Suite 1
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734.253.2551
trustartstudios.com

trustArt studios is a creative center and rental space designed to provide a flexible work and learning environment suitable for a variety of creative endeavors. trustArt has private artist studios, a shared ceramic studio and a multipurpose area which can be used for exhibits or other events.

Two Twelve Arts Center

216 W. Michigan Ave.
Saline, MI 48176
734.944.2787
212arts.org

Two Twelve Arts Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit arts center that provides a creative hub for visual & performing arts. Two Twelve also provides theatrical opportunities in their production company, From Around Here Productions.

UM Duderstadt Center. Gallery

2281 Bonisteel Blvd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
734.763.0606

The Gallery in the University of Michigan Duderstadt Center exhibits a wide range of creative talents from within the University of Michigan. The gallery hours are Monday through Friday 12 - 6 p.m. and Sunday 12 - 5 p.m. during the school year.

UM School of Music, Theatre & Dance

1100 Baits Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
734.764.0584
music.umich.edu

The University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance educates the artists, scholars, educators and entrepreneurs of the future. Students are prepared with expert skills, instilled with passionate enthusiasm and emboldened to challenge and inspire the world through the power of the performing arts. NASM Accredited school of performing arts.

University Musical Society (UMS)

881 N. University Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
734.764.2538

ums.org; umslobby.org; umsrewind.org
UMS brings an exceptional collection of talent, creativity, performance and passion in the world-class performing arts to engage, educate, transform and connect individuals with uncommon experiences.

University of Michigan Museum of Art (UMMA)

525 S. State St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
734.764.0395
umma.umich.edu

UMMA seeks to transform individual and civic life by promoting the discovery, contemplation and enjoyment of the art of our world. For more information please visit our website.

University of Michigan Museum of Natural History

1109 Geddes Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
734.764.0478
umnh.org

The University of Michigan Museum of Natural History has displays of dinosaur and mastodon skeletons, pterosaurs, whales and other fossils as well as a planetarium and exhibits on Michigan wildlife, anthropology and geology.

University of Michigan Stearns Collection of Musical Instruments

1100 Baits Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
734.936.2891
music.umich.edu/research/stearns_collection
The University of Michigan Stearns Collection of Musical Instruments, comprised of well over 2,400 pieces, is one of the most important global instrumental collections in North America, housing instruments from cultures on six continents.

Nora Venturelli

Ann Arbor, MI
734.994.0344
venturellistudio.net

Nora Venturelli is an artist of drawing and painting and a lecturer II at the University of Michigan Stamps School of Art & Design. Venturelli also teaches a summer plein air workshop at La Romita School of Art in Umbria, Italy. For more information visit www.laromita.org.

VEO Art Studio & Gallery

114 N. Main St., Suite 8
Chelsea, MI 48118
734.417.6326
veoartstudio.com

VEO Art Studio & Gallery provides the opportunity to share with others interested in the visual arts, to discover inner creativity and to explore new artistic techniques and expression. VEO offers a variety of visual art classes for all ages.

Mike Vial

Ann Arbor, MI
810.471.0626
mikevial.com

Mike Vial is a singer-songwriter, musician and teacher from Ann Arbor.

Kim Vox & Warren Nelson

Ann Arbor, MI

facebook.com/voxnelson

Kim Vox and Warren Nelson perform sultry jazz standards and favorites from the "Great American Songbook."

Washtenaw Community Concert Band

Ypsilanti, MI

734.252.9221

wccband.org

The Washtenaw Community Concert Band is a 70 member adult recreational band in its 37th season of providing its members, concert audiences and area communities with quality musical concert band experiences.

Leona Webb

Ann Arbor, MI

734.904.4612, cell

734.904.4612, home

leonawebbphotography.com

Leona Webb is an award-winning black and white and color photographer. She specializes in unusual compositions including: architecture, classic cars, boats, landscapes, industrial furniture and people.

Gordon White

Ann Arbor, MI

734.332.8967

Gordon White is an independent writer and an AEA stage manager with experience organizing nonprofit volunteers, events, fundraising, theater production and advertising sales.

Wild Swan Theater

6175 Jackson Road

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

734.995.0530

wildswantheater.org

Wild Swan Theater has been delighting family audiences since 1980 with professional imaginative performances that blend storytelling, movement and music into magical, accessible experiences. They also offer theater classes and camps.

Nancy Wolf

Ann Arbor, MI

Nancy Wolfe is a painter, educator and art coordinator at Kerrytown Concert House. She has open studio sessions and workshops in image and poetry.

Womens Caucus for Art - Michigan

1342 N. Main St., Suite 7

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

734.645.9024

miwca.wordpress.com

The Women's Caucus for Art's mission is to create community through art, education, and social activism. The Michigan chapter is dedicated to upholding the mission of the greater WCA while committed to supporting the efforts and vision of Michigan women artists.

WonderFool Productions

Ann Arbor, MI

wonderfoolproductions.org

WonderFool Productions engages communities in dynamic, educational, collaborative and entertaining public art experiences and foolishness! They are the producers of FoolMoon and FestiFools the first weekend in April.

WSG Gallery

306 S. Main St.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

734.761.2287

wsg-art.com

WSG Gallery is an artist-owned fine art gallery located in downtown Ann Arbor, MI.

Youth Arts Alliance!

4125 Washtenaw Ave.

Ann Arbor, MI 48108

734.973.4490

youthartsalliance.com

Youth Arts Alliance! offers at-risk youth involved in residential, detention and probation services creative workshop opportunities to encourage, support and celebrate their artistic talents and social development.

Debra Zamperla - Artensity Workshop

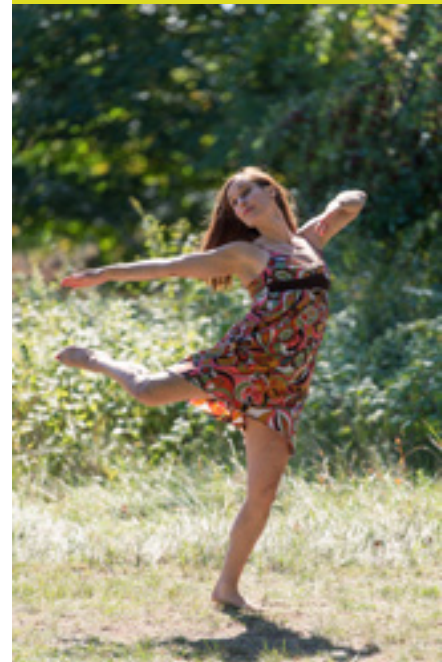
Ann Arbor, MI

734.662.8734

artensity.org

Debra Zamperla is an Ann Arbor artist specializing in portrait work in various media. She also hosts art workshops in Ann Arbor, MI and Florence, Italy with nationally-known artists.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT PEOPLE DANCING COMPANY



Christina Sears-Etter, MFA directs People Dancing Company. Photo: Edda photography. For Company Members information on events, classes and performances, visit www.peopledancing.org.

"Dance is the hidden language of the soul"
- Martha Graham

People Dancing is pleased to join forces with The Arts Alliance. We look forward to connecting with other artists and with new audiences. (page 20)

2015 City Wide Poetry Slam. Photo Courtesy of Neutral Zone



2015-2016 Ally Members

THANK YOU!

Ally members are those who publicly support, advocate for and promote arts, culture and creativity in the greater Ann Arbor area. We are sincerely thankful to all members who value our community's arts and culture and make it possible for The Arts Alliance to serve as the backbone organization for the creative sector.

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- Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau
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THE ARTS ALLIANCE IS A PROUD MEMBER OF
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These member listings reflect 2015-16 memberships with The Arts Alliance. We did our best to include and list everyone properly and regret any omission or errors. If you have corrections please contact info@a3arts.org or call 734.213.2733.

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PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OF THE ARTS ALLIANCE

- **Facilitate** and manage public art & design projects including:
 - PowerArt! - Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority.
 - Ann Arbor Housing Commission Public Art & Design Plan - City of Ann Arbor.
 - ReImagine Washtenaw Public Art & Design Plan - Washtenaw County.
 - Canoe Imagine Art - City of Ann Arbor.
- **Administer** project and professional development minigrants to organizations & artists in Hillsdale, Jackson Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe and Washtenaw counties on behalf of the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs.
- **Conduct** the Americans for the Arts Arts & Economic Prosperity IV Survey on behalf of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation's Creative Economic Development Initiative.
- **Publish** and distribute the *Annual Arts & Cultural Guide*.
- **Lead** the Arts & Cultural Education Integration for Student Excellence (ACEISE) Initiative in Washtenaw County.
- **Spearhead** the Creative Convergence Conference.
- **Conduct** the Washtenaw County Candidates Creative Sector Survey.
- **Convene** Cultural and Regional Leaders Forums.
- **Publish** the biweekly *Cultural eNewsletter*.
- **Host** the Creative Connections Series.
- **Promote** the work of our (over 200!) members on social media.
- **Organize** The pARTy!, a celebration of our region's Creative Sector.
- **Award** The Arts Alliance Medals for Arts, Sciences & Humanities and 21st Century Awards.

What We Do

The Arts Alliance

...advocates for and supports the Creative Sector in Washtenaw County - arts and cultural organizations, creative individuals and businesses - to ensure that our region remains a great place to create, live, work, learn, play and visit.

explores issues, conducts research, fosters and administers creative initiatives

facilitate



communicate

promotes creative sector programs and collaborative initiatives

advocate

vocalizes the creative sector's impact on quality of life and place

educate

encourages life-long creative learning programs



celebrate

trumpets the triumphs of the creative sector

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Arts Alliance

How To Become a Member of The Arts Alliance

WITH THE ARTS ALLIANCE, YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY...

to partner with many creative organizations and individuals in Washtenaw County! Express and support the importance of arts and culture in our community by becoming a member of The Arts Alliance. A strong community of members like you keeps this vital sector alive and thriving!

CREATIVE SECTOR MEMBERSHIPS

As a creative individual, organization and/or business member, you will receive these great incentives:

- ▶ Supporting advocacy, facilitation and guidance for Washtenaw's creative sector.
- ▶ Basic listing and discount on advertising in *The Annual Arts & Cultural Guide*.
- ▶ Opportunity to host Creative Connections at your venue.
- ▶ Additional discounts and promotional opportunities at The Arts Alliance events and conferences.

CREATIVE INDIVIDUALS

Individuals who work within the creative sector producing arts & cultural works.

- ▶ **\$35 — first time member/students**
- ▶ **\$50 — continuing member**

ARTS AND CULTURAL CREATIVE ORGANIZATIONS

Organizations/businesses in the creative sector

- ▶ **\$50 — Revenue \$49,999 or less**
- ▶ **\$100 — Revenue \$50,000 - \$249,999**
- ▶ **\$175 — Revenue \$250,000 - \$749,999**
- ▶ **\$250 — Revenue \$750,000 - \$1.49M**
- ▶ **\$350 — Revenue \$1.5M +**

ALLY MEMBERSHIPS

Ally members are individuals or businesses who understand the significance of arts & culture to our community and support the cause to advocate for and promote arts, culture and creativity in Washtenaw County!

Ally members are listed in *The Annual Arts & Cultural Guide* and receive the same incentives available to creative sector members.

- ▶ **\$50: RED**
- ▶ **\$100: ORANGE**
- ▶ **\$250: YELLOW**
- ▶ **\$500: GREEN**
- ▶ **\$1,000: BLUE**
- ▶ **\$2,500: INDIGO**
- ▶ **\$5,000: VIOLET**
- ▶ **\$10,000: PURPLE**

For more information or to become a member, contact The Arts Alliance at:

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THE 2015 ARTS ALLIANCE MEDALS FOR ARTS, SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES

THE pARTY! 2015, hosted by The Arts Alliance and Mélange, celebrated the Arts, Sciences and Humanities in Washtenaw County with The Arts Alliance Medals for Arts, Science and Humanities and The Arts Alliance 21st Century Awards. Congratulations to the 2015 honorees:

The 2015 Arts Alliance Medals for Arts, Science and Humanities

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Jeff Daniels

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Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau
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The Arts Alliance 21st Century Awards 2015

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Omari Rush

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