



Lake Arts News

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2026 will be an exciting year for the Lake Arts Council. In addition to the events we are planning, we are bringing back some great ideas from previous years, starting with this newsletter. Inside you will find an article about the economic impact of the arts in Missouri, news about upcoming events, information about our Allied Groups, and the ways you can support the Lake Arts Council.

At the heart of every thriving community is the power of the arts — to inspire, to connect, and to transform lives. At the Lake Arts Council (LAC), we are proud to enrich the quality of life at the Lake of the Ozarks by supporting, promoting, and celebrating the arts in all their forms.

We collaborate with talented visual and performing artists from our own community while also welcoming outstanding touring groups that broaden our cultural experiences. Through these partnerships, we strive to ensure that the arts remain vibrant, accessible, and meaningful for residents and visitors alike. Like many nonprofit organizations, we face ongoing challenges — especially in securing the funding needed to sustain and expand our programs. Even so, our commitment to our mission remains strong. We believe the arts are essential to making the Lake of the Ozarks not only a beautiful place to visit, but an extraordinary place to call home.

This spring, we invite you to experience the **Lake Arts Variety Showcase** featuring area performers, **Student Art Quest & Photo Quest** for local students, and our **Spring Art Show** highlighting both amateur and professional artists.

This summer, enjoy **MizzouRah! Homegrown Theatre for Children** — free for students to participate — and **Photo Quest**, which provides exciting opportunities for amateur photographers to showcase their work.

We look forward to sharing a creative and inspiring year with you.

The Lake Arts Council (LAC) is a 501 (c)3 organization whose mission is to cultivate and promote the arts at Lake of the Ozarks, and to educate, enrich and entertain our community by supporting local artists and performers.

We work with Allied Art Groups, who are independent arts organizations, to provide opportunities for people from all walks of life to continue to explore, develop, and share their talents. You will find more information about these groups on the next few pages.

Allied Arts Groups

Since 1988, LAC has cultivated the arts at Lake of the Ozarks by partnering with nonprofit arts organizations that create opportunities for people of all backgrounds to develop and share their talents. Together, our Allied Arts Groups enrich the region and help make it a vibrant place to live, work, and visit.

LAC Allied Group Membership strengthens these partnerships by connecting organizations to a broader creative network. Members receive Board representation, promotional support, cross-marketing opportunities, invitations to special events, and priority access to collaborations — all while helping expand arts access, support local artists, and sustain a thriving cultural community.

Camden County Historical Society
Greater Lake Area Chorale
Lake Area Camera Club
Lake Area Community Orchestra
Lake Area Fiber Artists
Lake Area Woodcarvers Club

Lake Jazz Band
Lebanon Art Guild
Ozark Brush and Palette
Royal Theatre
Sunrise Beach Little Theater
Symphony of the Magic Dragon

LAC Featured Allied Group - January 2026

For more than 60 years, **Sunrise Beach Little Theatre (SBLT)** has been bringing stories to life at the Lake of the Ozarks. Founded in 1964 by Mrs. Millie Root—who simply wanted to stage an Easter Pageant for the community—SBLT has grown into a vibrant, not-for-profit organization dedicated to enriching our area through the magic of live theatre. That original Easter Pageant remains a cherished tradition today, performed annually at Kent Memorial Lutheran Church in Sunrise Beach.

Our mission is to provide opportunities for area residents of all ages to participate in the creative process of live theatre and to enjoy the social, artistic, and educational benefits of this art form. From beloved plays and lively musicals to variety shows, concerts, and special community events, SBLT creates opportunities for residents of all ages to step into the spotlight—or work behind the scenes—and experience the joy of the creative process. Beyond entertainment, the theatre fosters connection, creativity, and lifelong learning, strengthening our community one performance at a time.

To learn more, follow Sunrise Beach Little Theatre on Facebook or visit our website. If you're ready to get involved, SBLT welcomes new faces both onstage and off. For more information or to join, please contact SBLT President Clinton Walters at cwalters21578@mail.com (not Gmail).

Upcoming SBLT Events:

February 20 & 21 at 7:00pm - Variety Showcase “The 80’s Flashback ” at SBLT(15133 North Highway 5 in Sunrise Beach). Doors open one hour before the start of the productions.Come join us for an unforgettable variety of Songs, Dancing and Skits featuring TV and Movies from the 80’s.Admission \$15.00 at the door – BYOB allowed.

February 28, 2-5pm - Auditions for a musical production of “Jersey Boys”, at the SBLT.

This production will run May 15, 16, & 17, 2026. There will be cold reads from the Scripts, you may choose a song of your choice or from the show that is in your range, and there will be dancing as well. Please make sure to wear comfortable clothing. Schedules will be handed out so you all have an idea of the rehearsals. If you are unable to make it in person you may send an email to Clinton Walters at cwalters21578@mail.com (no Gmail).

LAC Featured Allied Group - February 2026

The Royal Theatre and the Royal Arts Council is a community-driven space where volunteers with a passion for the arts come together. We offer a theatre and gallery, providing artists and performers an outlet to showcase their work while offering audiences a place to enjoy quality entertainment. Our regular season features a variety of concerts, live performances, and shows by our Royal Players. We also host exclusive performances from the Royal Underground Society, which is outside our regular season schedule. The Royal Theatre is the perfect place for those seeking new adventures, meeting creative individuals, and experiencing unforgettable moments.

The mission of the Royal Arts Council (RAC) is to foster an understanding and appreciation for the visual and performing arts by providing a welcoming place for anyone in the community to learn and grow through our educational and performing opportunities. Royal Arts Council Board commitment intentionally involves children and adults in the quest of creative excellence in community theatre and to expose them to performing artists and visual arts from the Midwest region. RAC programming is intended to provide family-friendly, quality entertainment while recognizing the value of the arts to our rural community.

Upcoming Royal Theatre events

More Than Meets the Eye – March 12, 13, 14, 15, 2026
 Comedians Lee Hardin and Kari Jones – April 18, 2026
The Secrets of Charity Teach – May 14, 15, 16, 17, 2026
 Finley River Boys – June 6, 2026
I Hate Shakespeare! – June 26, 27, 28, 2026

Follow our social media for updates on shows that aren't on our schedule yet!

Royal Theatre Website - theroyaltheatre.com
 To buy tickets - theroyaltheatre.ludus.com
 Facebook - Royal Theatre Versailles, MO

LAC Featured Allied Group - March 2026

For more than 30 years, the **Greater Lake Area Chorale** has filled the Lake Area with the power and beauty of choral music—lifting spirits with everything from sacred masterworks and classical favorites to Broadway hits and pop classics. Our volunteer choir welcomes adult vocalists from all walks of life who share a love of singing and community. This spring, 60 talented local voices will take the stage for a concert series that promises inspiration, energy, and unforgettable harmonies.

Each year, the Chorale presents 8 to 10 performances during the Christmas and Spring seasons, bringing live music directly to our neighbors. From churches and schools to community venues across the counties surrounding the Lake of the Ozarks, we are committed to making exceptional choral music accessible to the broadest possible audience.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Greater Lake Area Chorale relies on the generous support of local businesses, community groups, and individuals. These gifts make it possible to purchase music, secure venues, maintain performance equipment, and share our concerts with the community through thoughtful promotion and outreach.

In 2024, the Chorale received national recognition with an invitation to perform as part of a joint choir at New York City's Lincoln Center—an extraordinary honor that reflects the passion, dedication, and musical excellence of our members.

Whether you'd like to raise your voice with us or help sustain the music we share, we'd love to connect. To learn more about performing with or supporting the Greater Lake Area Chorale, please contact Director Tracy Garrett at glacdirector@gmail.com or (573) 502-9219.

Greater Lake Area Chorale 2026 Spring Concert Series

Sunday, April 12, 2:00pm, Kent Memorial Lutheran Church, Sunrise Beach
 Sunday, April 19, 2:00pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Camdenton
 Sunday, April 26, 2:00pm, Lake Ozark Christian Church, Lake Ozark
 Sunday, May 3, 2:00pm, First Baptist Church, Eldon

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ARTS IN MISSOURI

Compelling evidence that the arts are an investment in Missouri's economic vitality is documented in the national nonprofit Americans for the Arts in their *Arts & Prosperity 6: the Economic & Social Impact Study of Nonprofit Arts & Culture Organizations & Their Audiences (AEP6)*, released on October 12, 2023.

According to the study, in 2022 Missouri's nonprofit arts and culture industry generated \$1.725 billion in economic activity.

The \$1.725 billion includes \$1.136 billion in spending by nonprofit arts and culture organizations and nearly \$589.3 million in event-related spending by their audiences. This spending supported 13,356 jobs and generated nearly \$14.1 million in local, state, and federal government revenue.

"The study confirms what Missouri has long appreciated—the arts create stronger economies and more vibrant communities," said Michael Donovan, Missouri Arts Council executive director. "The state of Missouri is more innovative and resourceful when the arts thrive."

The study also reinforces that cultural tourism is a powerful economic driver for Missouri. 30.1% of arts and culture attendees in Missouri were from outside the county in which the activity took place. They spent an average of \$60.57 per person per event, not including the cost of admission. Local attendees spent an average of \$29.77 per person per event.

"The arts have a profound impact on our state's cultural, educational, and economic vitality," said Mike Kehoe, Missouri Lieutenant Governor at the time the study was released and subsequently Governor since January 13, 2025. "We're proud to promote Missouri as a great place to live, work, and visit, and the arts play an important role in Missouri's tourism industry."

The Missouri Arts Council commissioned the Missouri-specific version of the nationwide study. Nationally, AEP6 states that America's nonprofit arts and culture sector is a \$151.7 billion industry, supporting 2.6 million jobs and generating \$29.1 billion in government revenue.

"Arts and culture organizations have a powerful ability to attract and hold dollars in the community longer," said Nolen V. Bivens, Americans for the Arts president and CEO. "They employ people locally, purchase goods and services from nearby businesses, and produce the authentic cultural experiences that are magnets for visitors, tourists, and new residents."

Americans for the Arts is the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts and arts education. AFTA has conducted art economic impact studies about every five years since 1994. *Arts & Economic Prosperity 6* was supported by The Ruth Lilly Endowment Fund of Americans for the Arts. AFTA's 297 study partners contributed time and financial support to the study.

You can find more information about this study on the Missouri Arts Council website.

Support the Lake Arts Council

Each year, the Lake Arts Council serves hundreds of individuals through performances, exhibitions, workshops, and outreach programs. From young students discovering their creative voice for the first time to adults finding connection through shared artistic experiences, the impact of your support is visible, meaningful, and lasting.

We cannot do this work alone. As a nonprofit organization, funding from generous donors like you ensures that arts programming remains accessible and affordable, local artists are supported and celebrated, and community partnerships continue to grow.

The arts are not a luxury — they are essential. They strengthen critical thinking, build empathy, fuel local economies, and foster a sense of belonging. Your contribution directly sustains this vital work. We invite you to invest in creativity and community by supporting the Lake Arts Council.

Every donation makes a difference to our community. Together, we can ensure that the arts continue to thrive and remain accessible to all. There are many ways you can support the LAC:

Annual Individual Support Levels

\$35 Friend of the Arts

\$100 Supporter

\$250 Donor

\$500 Patron

\$1000+ Benefactor

Annual Business Sponsorship Levels

BRONZE SPONSOR

\$100 annual donation

Name listed in programs

SILVER SPONSOR

\$250 annual donation

3.5" X 2" ad in programs

GOLD SPONSOR

\$500 annual donation

1/2 page ad in programs

PLATINUM SPONSOR

\$1000 annual donation

Full page ad in programs

2 free tickets to every performance

DIAMOND SPONSOR

\$2500 or more annual donation

Full page ad in programs

4 free tickets to every performance

Sponsorships for these events are also available:

Student Art Quest and Photo Quest \$500, Spring Art Show \$500, Photo Quest \$500,

MizzouRah Homegrown Theatre for Children starting at \$100,

and the Missouri Symphony Patriotic Pops Concert starting at \$100.

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LAC Upcoming Events

Lake Arts Variety Showcase

Saturday, March 28, 7:00pm, Main Street Music Hall

Auditions: Friday, February 27th 5-7pm & Saturday, February 28th 10am- 12pm, LAC

Dress Rehearsal, Thursday, March 26, 6-9pm, MSMH

Tickets available at the LAC office or at the door - Adults \$15, Students \$5, Children age 5 & under are free

Junior Duck Stamp Exhibit

Exhibited at area libraries

February - April

Student Art Quest & Photo Quest

Art Drop Off April 10, 2026

Exhibition April 10-26

Reception & Awards April 26

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Spring Art Show

May 2-31, 2026

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MizzouRah!

Homegrown Theatre for Children

June 15-20, 2026

Camdenton Middle School Little Theatre

Photo Quest

Entry deadline August 21

Reception & Awards September 12

Exhibition September 12 - October 2

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Auditions for "Jersey Boys", February 28, 2-5pm at Sunrise Beach Little Theatre

"More Than Meets the Eye" at Royal Theatre March 12, 13, 14, 15, 2026

Lake Jazz Band concert March 29, 7-9p.m. – Sunrise Beach Little Theatre



Lake Arts Council

Presents

Student Art & PhotoQuest

April 13-26, 2026

This is an annual event open to ALL K-12 public, private and home-schooled students in the Lake of the Ozarks area.

▶ ORGANIZED BY
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Lake Area Camera Club

RECEPTION & AWARDS

Sunday April 26

2:00pm K-6, 2 :30pm 7-12

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▶ LOCATION

LakeArtsCouncil 3797
Osage Beach Parkway
StoneCrest Mall, Suite D4
(Between Ashley Furniture and
State Fair College)

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**The Lake Arts Council
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**2026
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Variety
Showcase**

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Main Street Music Hall
Osage Beach, MO**

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Auditions

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Saturday, February 28, 10am-12pm
Lake Arts Council**

3797 Osage Beach Parkway

**AUDITIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT.
YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR AN AUDITION TIME
THROUGH THE LAC.**

Dress Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 26, 6-9pm
Main Street Music Hall**

Diane Oltmann, Director

Mike Clayton, Emcee



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