ALLIED ARTS
NOVEMBER 2026



CENTER STAGE

ALL OF OUR EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR ARTS CALENDAR



SWEET TRADITION: SUGARPLUM RETURNS TO ST. JOSEPH

For more than 40 years, the Sugarplum Festival has brought art and the holidays together in St. Joseph. Hosted by the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art, this beloved tradition celebrates creativity through handcrafted goods, original artwork and unique creations from local and regional makers. This November, Sugarplum returns—inviting our community to shop creatively, support the arts and celebrate the season surrounded by inspiration.

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Community Spotlight

MYSTERY & MIDNIGHT SPIRITS: TWO NIGHTS OF IMMERSIVE HALLOWEEN EXPERIENCES AT THE ST. JOSEPH MUSEUMS

By Kami Jones, Communications and Group Tours Director, St. Joseph Museums



This Halloween season, the St. Joseph Museums invites guests to step into two unforgettable evenings of mystery, history, and haunting atmosphere. On October 30, the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion hosts Murder at the Mansion: Game Play Night, a fully interactive Clue-style experience that transforms the historic mansion into a life-sized investigation. Participants will search the entire museum to determine whether they have what it takes to solve a murder, all while enjoying provided snacks and refreshments.



The excitement continues on October 31 with Glore After Hours: Halloween—an immersive paranormal event that has already sold out. Guests will explore the Glore Psychiatric Museum after dark, learning about former patients, receiving a brief history of the paranormal, joining group Estus or dowsing sessions, and braving a self-guided investigation across all four floors and the historic tunnels. Snacks, Refreshments, and Ghosts provided.

Together, these back-to-back experiences offer a rare chance to engage with St. Joseph's most iconic historic sites in ways that blend storytelling, exploration, and spine-tingling fun. Whether solving a mystery at the Mansion or seeking spirits in the former State Lunatic Asylum No. 2, guests are guaranteed an unforgettable Halloween with the St. Joseph Museums.

For more information on all upcoming events visit our website at www.stjosephmuseum.org

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BEHIND THE BEAT

Happy fall, and happy Halloween! As the leaves change and the air turns crisp, I am reminded of the quote by Vincent van Gogh, “As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas and colors enough to paint the beautiful things I see.” I hope we all enjoy this beautiful season as we see the art around us.

Our fall membership drive is still underway, and your support makes a meaningful difference. By joining or renewing your membership, you help the Allied Arts Council fulfill our mission and remain a strong advocate for the arts. Your investment allows us to connect people of all ages with meaningful arts experiences. If you have already contributed, thank you! If you haven’t yet, I hope you’ll consider becoming a member.

We are also excited to welcome eight new members to our Board of Directors! Their fresh perspectives and commitment to the arts will help guide our work. I’m grateful to our new and returning board members for sharing their time and talents with the Allied Arts Council.

If you haven’t visited our newest traffic box at the corner of Frederick and Noyes, be sure to take a look! St. Joseph artist Martha Greer is putting the finishing touches on a design inspired by the history and beauty of Fairleigh Terrace, with guidance from Sue Wagner and the neighborhood association. This project celebrates the neighborhood’s character while bringing more art into our everyday surroundings. We look forward to celebrating its completion later this month, so please watch for details!



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A special thank you goes to everyone who joined us for Music Bingo for a Cause! It was a fun evening with friends and a wonderful way to raise funds for the Allied Arts. We are especially grateful to Rick for welcoming us to River Bluff Brewing and making this fundraiser possible. Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening a success!

Our partner agencies have so much happening this fall, with performances, concerts, and exhibitions that offer something for everyone. Don't miss out on the exciting arts events happening in our community! Be sure to check out the November and December Community Arts Calendars at the end of this newsletter. Invite a friend and make an evening of supporting the arts!

As you look ahead to the season of giving, please mark your calendar for Giving Tuesday on December 1. We hope you'll keep the Allied Arts Council and any of our partner agencies in mind as you consider the causes closest to your heart. Your generosity helps us expand access to the arts and continue advocating for their place in our community.

Thank you for being part of this work.
Wishing you a wonderful fall!

May you have a Happy Halloween with more treats than tricks!

Jessica L. Agnew

Executive Director, Allied Arts Council



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WHY THE ARTS MATTER



Why Arts Funding Matters

The arts do more than entertain—they strengthen our economy, enrich education, bring people together, and help create vibrant communities. But keeping the arts accessible requires support from many sources, including individuals, businesses, foundations, and public funding.

Here in St. Joseph

Every concert, gallery exhibit, student art program, and public sculpture is made possible through community partnerships. The Allied Arts Council works year-round to support local artists and organizations through advocacy, marketing, arts education, public art, and the Arts Fund. When our community invests in the arts, we invest in the quality of life that makes St. Joseph a great place to live.

Missouri Arts Council

Across Missouri

Arts organizations throughout Missouri continue to face funding challenges. While the Missouri Arts Council provides important grant support, those grants are designed to leverage—not replace—local investment. Organizations must still rely on community donations, sponsorships, volunteers, and partnerships to bring programs to life. Missouri arts advocates continue working toward stable, long-term funding that will strengthen communities across the state.

Nationally

Federal funding for the arts has remained uncertain in recent years, with ongoing discussions about the future of the National Endowment for the Arts. While those conversations continue, one thing remains clear: public funding alone cannot sustain the arts. Strong local support has never been more important.

What YOU Can Do

Advocacy isn't just contacting elected officials—it's showing up. Attend a performance. Visit a gallery. Volunteer. Share why the arts matter to you. Support the Arts Fund. Every ticket purchased, every donation made, every volunteer hour given, and every story shared helps ensure the arts continue to thrive in St. Joseph. Together, we're not just supporting the arts—we're investing in our community's future.

ARTS CALENDAR
NOVEMBER 2026

ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL

Together We Create

TUES IN NOV 4:30 - 6 PM	**KIDS MEDIA MIX-UP** Put your imagination to work by using different mediums to create unique artwork. With a new project each week, students will construct, paint, and assemble projects ranging from sculptures, paintings, prints, and mixed media pieces.	AKMA ALBRECHT-KEMPER MUSEUM OF ART
TUES IN NOV 5:30 - 7:30 PM	**KNITTING WORKSHOP** Whether you're brand new to knitting or ready to build on your existing skills, this 4-week class welcomes beginner & intermediate knitters alike. Join Marylin for a cozy knitting series as you work on a handmade project perfect for giving as a Christmas gift—or keeping for yourself!	AKMA ALBRECHT-KEMPER MUSEUM OF ART
WED NOV 4 & 11 5:30 PM	**FUSED GLASS WORKSHOP** Discover the art of glass fusing in this hands-on, two-class workshop designed for beginners and creatives of all levels. In the first class, students will learn the fundamentals of working with fused glass, including safe material handling, cutting techniques, etc.	AKMA ALBRECHT-KEMPER MUSEUM OF ART
FRI, SAT SUN NOV 6, 7 - 7 PM NOV 8 - 2 PM	**MATILDA THE MUSICAL** Central High School Fall Musical	ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SAT NOV 7 6:30 PM	**YOUNG(ISH) AT HEART** 6:30 p.m. Dinner and show: This ticket includes both dinner and the performance. Dinner is served one hour before the show begins. 7:30 p.m.: Performance only: This ticket does NOT include dinner. SOLD OUT	816 Live
TUES NOV 10 6 PM	**YOUTH ALLIANCE SUPERSTARS** Join the St. Joseph Youth Chorale at Fulkerson on MWSU campus for the opening ceremonies for the Youth Alliance Superstars.	JYC ST. JOSEPH YOUTH CHORALE
THURS, FRI, SAT NOV 12-14 5:30 PM	**SUGARPLUM FESTIVAL** For more than 40 years, this annual holiday fair features locally-made handcrafted goods, unique gifts from small businesses, specialty food and drink, and artisanal crafts.	AKMA ALBRECHT-KEMPER MUSEUM OF ART
SAT NOV 14 9:30 AM - 3:30PM	**NURSING HOME TOUR** The St. Joseph Youth Chorale visits nursing homes in and around St. Joseph to spread holiday cheer.	JYC ST. JOSEPH YOUTH CHORALE
SAT NOV 14 7:30 PM	**FJ: THE MUSIC OF FOREIGNER/JOURNEY** FJ honors the timeless music of Foreigner, Journey and Classic Rock Legends. With meticulous attention to detail, world-class musicianship, and commanding lead vocals, the band captures both the sound and spirit of these classic rock giants.	816 Live
THUR, FRI, SAT NOV 19, 20, 21 7 PM	**TUCK EVERLASTING MUSICAL** Benton High School Fall Musical	ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ALBRECHT-KEMPER MUSEUM OF ART
Creative Arts Productions
JUNIOR LEAGUE ST. JOSEPH
ROBIDOUX RESIDENT THEATRE
SAINT JOSEPH MUSEUMS
SAINT JOSEPH SYMPHONY
St. Joseph COMMUNITY CHORUS
SJYC — ST. JOSEPH YOUTH CHORALE —

TUES DEC 1, 8, 15 4:30 PM

KIDS MEDIA MIX-UP

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FRI DEC 4 7 PM

HOLIDAY CONCERT

SJYC is an educational nonprofit that provides advanced choral experiences for outstanding young singers in grades 2–12 from St. Joseph, Missouri, and surrounding communities. All donations are tax-deductible! Join them for their Holiday Concert.

FRI, SAT, SUN DEC 4, 5, 6, 11 12,13

NUNCRACKERS

The Little Sisters of Hoboken are here to make your holiday season merry and bright! All the nuns you love, plus Father Virgil and several students, take the stage to celebrate the season with warmth and hilarity.

SAT DEC 5 10:30 AM

MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET

Lyric Singers sing at annual Moila Banquet

SAT DEC 5 7 PM

CHRISTMAS SHOW

First Christian Church 927 Faraon

SATURDAY DEC 12 7:30 PM

WHO BROUGHT THE HUMBUG

Grab your ugliest sweater, you're invited to the holiday party of the year that turns the whole theater into one big holiday extravaganza.

SUN, MON DEC 13 - 2:30 PM DEC 14 - 7 PM

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Experience the magic of the holidays in the Cathedral of St. Joseph as SJCC and St. Joseph Youth Chorale perform together.

SATURDAY DEC 19 7 PM

HOLIDAY CHEER

It's a St. Joe tradition you won't want to miss! Celebrate the season with the heartwarming sounds of the Saint Joseph Symphony's beloved Holiday Cheer concert with special guest, acclaimed soprano and St. Joe native Hannah De Priest, named Musical America's March 2026 Artist of the Month.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL

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