



Get to Know the Allied Arts Council

Bringing Arts and People Together

Founded in 1963, the Allied Arts Council continues to serve as a catalyst for the nurturance and sustained growth of the arts in the St. Joseph area. To obtain that goal, it works with and for artists, its fourteen-member organizations, and the constituencies that affect the growth of the arts.



Our Mission

The Allied Arts Council exists to enrich the lives of the citizens of St. Joseph by bringing arts and people together. As the leadership organization for the Arts in St. Joseph, the Council fulfills its mission in several ways:

- by supporting its member organizations in promoting artistic opportunities;
- by providing financial support, and fostering coordinated cultural planning;
- by offering programs to educate and develop future audiences;
- by providing forums of expression for local artists;
- and by advocating for arts and its member organizations at the local, state, and national levels.

Our Member Organizations

Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
American Guild of Organists
Creative Arts Productions
Junior League of St. Joseph
Performing Arts Association
RiverSong Chorus
Robidoux Resident Theatre

Runcie Club
St. Joseph Community Chorus
St. Joseph Figure Skating Club
St. Joseph Historical
St. Joseph Museums Inc
Saint Joseph Symphony
St. Joseph Youth Chorale

Our Efforts



Arts Education

- **Artists in the Schools Program** brings professional artists into local schools in person or virtually to share their expertise with children, offering hands-on experience or interactive presentations.
- **Poetry Out Loud Northwest Regional Competition** is a national program for high school students sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation.



The Arts Fund

- Since 1982, has raised nearly \$7 million for organizations who apply and are allocated funds. In 2023, eight organizations will receive allocations from the Fund.
- Supports arts organizations through a broad-based annual community appeal to businesses, corporations, and individuals.
- Keeps ticket prices affordable and quality events possible
- Subsidizes between 15-25% of the costs of over 200 events annually
- **Beer Walk for the Arts** is a fundraiser for the Arts Fund.



Public Art

- **St. Joseph Sculpture Walk**, is an important, nationally recognized platform for sculpture while educating and inspiring the Saint Joseph community and its many visitors.
- The **Traffic Box Project** is a public art project to create art on traffic signal boxes.

David H. Morton Memorial Fund for the Arts accepts memorial contributions, bequests, and other deferred gifts to help build an endowment for St. Joseph arts.

Mayor's Awards for the Arts annually recognize artists, volunteers, organizations, and businesses for their contributions to the local arts community.



Advocacy

Local

The Council disseminates information about the arts industry to interested citizens, and the media, and mobilizes its member organizations on local issues of importance to the future of the arts in the St. Joseph area.

State

Active in Missouri Citizens for the Arts, Allied Arts rallies local volunteers to lobby in support of increased funding from the legislature for Missouri arts organizations.

National

Staying well informed on national trends and issues which affect the future of the arts in the United States, The Allied Arts Council stays well-informed on national trends and issues that may affect the future of the arts in the United States and uses that information to plan and influence current funding sources.