Dear Friends,

The Mackinac Arts Council is pleased to report another busy and successful year of arts and culture activity on Mackinac Island. This beautiful island setting continues to inspire the creativity of artists across disciplines from painters to poets. From January to December 2018, Mackinac Island was alive with continuous music and entertainment, art exhibits, classes, theater productions, movies, and more.

This is the first time that we offered a full range of cultural programs to the year-round community of Mackinac Island. Weekly jam sessions in the Community Hall, a burgeoning Community Theater, plus arts and crafts events and enrichment offerings for students at Mackinac Island Public School made for an exciting time during the winter months. The success of the new Community Theater spurred a capital project to update sound, lighting, and other infrastructure in the Center for the Arts and supplement our existing tech for summer events. With support from Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and matching donations from donors like you totaling over $90,000, the Center for the Arts is currently under renovation with major updates for our Spring musical.

In Summer 2018, we broke records for arts and cultural programming with over 75 events. With five gallery exhibits, ten concert recitals, an opera, ten weeks of Music in the Park, over 20 art classes, movies, and several fun community programs, there was never a dull moment for the creative economy on Mackinac Island.

None of these efforts would be possible without the generous support and patronage of donors like you. Our goal is to ensure Mackinac Island will always be a destination for arts and culture—an effort that becomes more and more a reality every year. There is not enough room in this report to show you everything, so we hope you will join us in person to see and experience arts and culture on Mackinac Island.

On behalf of the Mackinac Arts Council board of directors and staff, thank you for an amazing year!
MUSIC in the park

Entertainment in Marquette Park saw the return of The Accidentals and a lineup of world-class artists spanning many genres. Thursday nights were always a “blast”—headliners from all over the country performed at the foot of Fort Mackinac for audiences numbering in the thousands.

MACKINAC’S got talent

In August, Mackinac Arts Council hosted the first ever island-wide talent show, judged by Stephanie McGreevy, Jim Bogan, Jane Manoogian, and Jim Lenfestey (above, left to right). The Grand Prize went to the inimitable Basil Allen (top right), much to the delight of his adoring fans (bottom right).

EXHIBITS

Mackinac Arts Council hosted five indoor and outdoor exhibits at ten locations on Mackinac Island in 2018: a Lilac Festival retrospective, Poetic Visions of Mackinac (with Mackinac Island Public School), Sensoria Artist Collective from Marquette, Crossing the Straits: an ArtPrize preview, and the Intercontinental Biennial of Indigenous Art.
PERFORMING arts

The recital and concert series grew by over 100%, from three events in 2016, five in 2017, to eleven in 2018. Pictured: Soo Theater Project presents *The Secret Garden* in the Mission Point Theater (top left), Melissa Straus and Tess Miller present a program of live music at Trinity Episcopal Church (top right), Green Bay Girl Choir sings at St. Anne’s Catholic Church (left).

movies ON MACKINAC

Mackinac Island original films were showcased in the historic Mission Point Theater every Tuesday and Sunday throughout the entire season. Among the films shown were MGM’s 1947 *This Time for Keeps*, and the rare MRA musical, *The Crowning Experience*, recovered from the archives with the help of Initiatives of Change.

Music Mondays was a new program 2018, in partnership with Mackinac Island City Recreation Dept. Every Monday in the Winter, local musicians met for a jam session and open mic in the Community Hall.

COMMUNITY THEATER

In 2018, Mackinac Arts Council worked with the City of Mackinac Island, Mission Point Resort, and Mackinac Island Community Foundation to form the Mackinac Island Community Theater. In April, they presented a live production of Thornton Wilder’s *Our Town* and in December a Christmas production of *Behind the Pageant* to audiences of over 300 residents.
In 2018 Mackinac Arts Council hosted a student art exhibit, and brought guest musicians, art teachers, and poetry teachers to the island during the school year. In September, with help from Mackinac Island Community Foundation and Earl Holton, students went on a special field trip to ArtPrize in Grand Rapids and the Frederick Meijer Gardens (right). Students used musical instruments provided by grant funding awarded by Mackinac Arts Council (shown above).

In 2018, over **40 people** donated time and effort as volunteers at Mackinac Arts Council events. If you would like to become a volunteer, or know someone who would, visit MackinacArtsCouncil.org or talk to any of our staff at events to find out how!

The Mackinac Arts Council’s diverse programs are made possible through the dedicated labor of many volunteers who donate time and energy to staff our events. To all our amazing volunteers in 2018, thank you!

Special thanks and congratulations to **Kyrsten Cavazos**, year-round resident of Mackinac Island, who received the first ever Mackinac Arts Council Volunteer of the Year Award. Kyrsten volunteered at every Music in the Park event, plus many gallery installations, community theater productions, and fundraisers. Thank you, Kyrsten!
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED ARTS AND CULTURE IN 2018
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10+ WEEKLY CLASSICAL MUSIC RECITALS AND CONCERTS
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