The MACKINAC ARTS COUNCIL, now in its 17th year, started 2019 with a packed winter season including open mic nights, movies, and a fully-staged musical with an all-local cast, crew, and orchestra. In 2019, Mackinac Arts Council worked in partnership with Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, Mackinac Island Community Foundation, Mackinac State Historic Parks, Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, the City of Mackinac Island, Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau, Mackinac Island Public Schools, and other community groups and businesses to meet the arts and cultural needs of Mackinac Island through a diversity of initiatives, services and cultural programming. We thank you for joining us in our endeavor to provide quality arts programming on beautiful Mackinac Island.

Conrad Birdie (played by Brian Thomas) with cast members in the Mackinac Island Community Theater production of Bye Bye Birdie, April 2019
Dear Friends,

The Mackinac Arts Council had its busiest and most successful year in 2019. The incredible diversity, talent, and creativity of Mackinac Island residents, employees, and visitors continues to delight and astonish us.

This year saw a flourishing of the new Mackinac Island Community Theater with updated light and sound made possible by a capital grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the added generosity of many private donors. With state-of-the-art facilities, we produced a fully staged production of Bye Bye Birdie in April with a cast, crew, and orchestra totaling over 50 residents and an audience of nearly 300. We opened the historic Mission Point Theater for movies on two weekends in the winter, and continued to host open mic nights at Community Hall every week.

In Summer we hosted over 150 events and engaged thousands of residents and visitors in eight ongoing programs. With the addition of openers at Music in the Park, we supported the success of the local artists by featuring ten island musical groups. Mackinac's Got Talent gave performance opportunities to amateur musicians, magicians, and dancers, and attracted the largest audiences we have ever seen in Marquette Park. We also hired dozens of world-class artists from Nashville rock bands and touring opera companies to award-winning artists and authors for our performance, education, and exhibit programs.

We continue to work to ensure quality art and music education at Mackinac Island Public School; in 2019 we provided funding and programming in visual arts, poetry, drama, and music for local students.

In this report you will see that arts and culture on Mackinac Island are funded primarily through memberships, donations, and grants. This is how we are able to make our programs free or cost-subsidized and thus available to all income levels across the many demographics that encompass Mackinac. None of this would be possible without your continued support, and we humbly thank you for helping to make the island a truly magical place for all. Together we can continue the exciting mission of transforming Mackinac Island into a center for arts and culture.

With gratitude,

MARK WARE
Board President
PROGRAMS

In 2019 Mackinac Arts Council provided a wide range of unique programs to the Mackinac Island community, spanning all twelve months of the year. From Winter activities focused on building creative camaraderie and high-quality entertainment to a variety of Summer workshops and concerts aimed at enriching and elevating the experience for summer residents, visitors, and employees, 2019 was the most successful year for programs in the history of Mackinac Arts Council both in quality and quantity of events.

OVER 150 events

8 core programs

MUSIC IN THE PARK · 10 WEEKS OF MUSIC
PERFORMING ARTS · 12 WEEKS OF CONCERTS
MACKINAC’S GOT TALENT · 3 ROUNDS OF COMPETITION
WORKSHOPS AT THE MUSEUM · TWICE WEEKLY ALL SUMMER
EXHIBITS IN THE GALLERY · FIVE EXHIBITS ALL SUMMER
COMMUNITY THEATER · TWO FULL-SCALE PRODUCTIONS
MUSIC MONDAYS · WEEKLY ALL WINTER
MOVIES ON MACKINAC · TWICE WEEKLY ALL SUMMER

OVER 200 artists engaged

Island locals Carolyn May (left) and Lisa Barnwell (right) took home the grand prize in the second annual Mackinac’s Got Talent.
A special exhibit by local artist, author, and scholar Melissa Croghan, PhD told the stories of twelve important women in Mackinac Island history from 1800 to 1950. Pictured above is Harriet Martineau (painted by Richard Evans), a noted sociologist who published research about Mackinac in 1847. The exhibit, Unsung Stories: Great Women of Early Mackinac, was on display at the Center for the arts in June 2019.

Visitors, assisted by Robin Kissinger of St. Ignace and Edwin Rodrigo Valle of Ecuador, work on a large format collaborative painting in Marquette Park as part of the Intercontinental Biennial of Indigenous Art in August 2019.
Grants received in 2019 included funding from Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and Mackinac Island Community Foundation.

Public support includes memberships, cash gifts, and corporate sponsorships from donors like you!

Cash paid to artists includes concert performers, prizes at competitions, and fees for workshop teachers.

Capital projects in 2019 included new equipment and updates to light and sound in the theater.

Direct public support also came from two fundraisers in 2019—a cruise on the Isle Royale Queen III sponsored by Sip 'N' Sail Cruises and Veuve Clicquot to raise money for the general fund, and Paint & Putt, a costumed golf scramble sponsored by Mission Point Resort to raise funds for Mackinac Island Public School art and music programs.
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Students at Mackinac Island Public School under the direction of art & music teacher Heather May performed on new brass hand bells provided by Mackinac Arts Council at their annual Christmas concert in December.

Music Mondays ran all Winter in 2019, giving residents a venue for live music every week. Pictured from left to right, Nate Smith, Philip Rice, Danielle VanWinkle, and Norah Bailey.
THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT ARTS AND CULTURE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

MEMBERSHIP
Annual membership supports core arts and culture programs. All members receive benefits from discounts on workshops and concerts to invitations to special private events.

DONATION
Individual cash donations can be designated for specific causes or can support the general fund. Your donation is eligible for a charitable tax deduction that may result in savings on your year’s tax return.

SPONSORSHIP
Businesses and individuals can sponsor a specific event or program. Sponsors receive advertising benefits at events and in public media online and in print.

LEGACY GIVING
Future gifts or contributions through estate planning are a simple way to ensure the future success of arts and culture on Mackinac Island. Simply list Mackinac Arts Council the beneficiary on an IRA or life insurance policy; or remember Mackinac Arts Council in a charitable bequest in your will.

IN YOUR HONOR
Honor a loved one with the gift of art—choose from several beautiful designs by local artists and send a special card to a friend or family member when you make a donation in their honor.

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