



# ARTS CENTER TASK FORCE



## AUGUST 2024

Welcome to Arts Center Task Force's newsletter, where you can find the latest news about the Mid-Columbia Performing Arts Center (MCPAC)!

Our mission remains unwavering: to build and operate the MCPAC, a vibrant, state-of-the-art facility for artistic expression and innovation. Thanks to our donors, volunteers, and the dedication of our incredible team, we've made substantial progress toward beginning construction of the MCPAC.

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## ED Talks - Thoughts from the Executive Director



## Getting with the program—architectural, that is!

Today's column on the MCPAC's architectural program is the first in several on the forthcoming design and construction phases and one of the most important, in my view. "What is an architectural program?" you might say. One definition says "It is part of the pre-design phase of a building project. It's the research and decision-making process bringing together your wants and needs, ultimately identifying the scope of work to be designed." In simpler terms, it's a chance to dream about what might be possible and see if you can squeeze it all into your dream facility and budget. Seriously, a solid architectural program identifies what is most important, so the spaces needed and their relationship to one another align in the most efficient and usable way. This then drives decision after decision as the design process proceeds.

We recently spent some time with our designers, LMN Architects, reviewing our current program details. The goal was to re-confirm that this program, created some years back, was still relevant to the needs of our community and our vision for the Center.

We started by reviewing our vision and goals, which include enhancing quality of life and advancing our region's identity as a great place to live, ensuring that resident performing companies have a well-equipped home base, providing economic partnership opportunities for business, and offering educational opportunities for all ages in an outstanding venue.

We then discussed some of the needs of our partner organizations as well as the other types of events we want to host in the new facility. I'm pleased to say that the preliminary work is still solid, and the core vision for the Center remains very relevant. This is not to say that some parts of the program don't need a bit more focus to align properly, but that's what we will continue to work on, refining and enhancing things until we get it just right.

We concluded by discussing a long-awaited topic of the delivery method, which is construction-speak for how the next design phases and the hands-on portion of building the Center will be managed and when it will allow us to open. Another exciting outcome of our program review work over the next few weeks

will be a new set of renderings that will more accurately reflect how the building might sit on the Columbia Park West site, and for the first time, what the inside spaces might look like. I can hardly wait!

Blake

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## SAVE THE DATE!

Arts Center Task Force is bringing the Holiday Fundraising Breakfast back for its 4th year! Join us at the Holiday Inn Richland on the River for a delicious complimentary breakfast on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, 2024. Registration opens in September 2024.

Interested in becoming a table captain and spreading our mission to your networks?

Contact Development and Outreach Coordinator, Riley Osborn at [riley@artscentertaskforce.com](mailto:riley@artscentertaskforce.com) for more information on signing up as a table captain.

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## What the Staff Are Up to

### August 6, 2024 - National Night Out West Richland

The whole ACTF Staff, along with the help of volunteer Andrea McMakin, hosted a booth at West Richland's National Night. The event was well attended and our booth received lots of foot traffic.



### August 8, 2024 - Visit Tri-Cities, Business After Hours

Development and Outreach Coordinator Riley Osborn and Operations Director Amber Maiden attended the August Tri-Cities Regional Chamber Business After Hours networking event hosted by Visit Tri-Cities.

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**Kudos!**



July 25-28, 2024 - Gamma Man

A huge congratulations is in store for ACTF's [Podcast](#) Host, Greg Martin! Greg and his team ([2047 Productions](#)) attended the San Diego Comic Con Film Festival where their short film, "Gamma Man" was screened. Gamma Man also won an award at the Las Vegas Independent Film Festival in 2022.  
Terrific job, 2047 Productions!



## August 1-4, 2024 - The Sunny Hours

Congratulations to the production and cast of The Sunny Hours Musical World Premiere! Our very own Fundraising Chair Julie Wiley starred as Ella while Board Member Justin Raffa served as the Music Director. Bravo and Congratulations on a wonderful show, Julie and Justin!

## August 10, 2024 - Mid-Columbia Mastersingers Summer Pop Concert

The Mid-Columbia Mastersingers hosted the 2024 Summer Pop Concert at Col Solare Winery. The music, atmosphere, and refreshments paired together to create a beautiful evening. Thank you to all who made this experience possible!



## Become a Recurring Donor



## Consider Becoming a Recurring Donor!

Recurring donations provide critical, sustaining support for ACTF and put us in an excellent position to meet significant milestones toward building the Mid-Columbia Performing Arts Center.

Recurring monthly donations are incredibly valuable to our organization as they provide a stable and reliable source of funding, allowing us to focus on our mission and plan for next steps with confidence. For questions about becoming a monthly recurring donor, contact ACTF Development and Outreach Coordinator, Riley Osborn.

Click the link below to set up your recurring donation with a credit card or checking account, and let the funds be automatically deducted each month—no need to remember or send in payments; your valuable support happens seamlessly.

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## Public Presentations



# The Studio on Symons Street



Need event, rehearsal, small performance, podcast and meeting space? Check out ACTF's [Studio on Symons Street](#) at 704 Symons in Richland. We have a wide range of video and audio equipment available for recordings, including a green screen and a wide variety of lighting equipment.

Contact Amber Maiden for details and tours.

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Thank you for being an integral part of the Arts Center Task Force family. Stay engaged, stay inspired, and let's keep the arts alive in Mid-Columbia!

P.S. Follow us on social media and visit our website for the latest news and behind-the-scenes glimpses of our progress!





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