



ANNUAL REPORT



ArtsPartners
of Central Illinois Inc.

2014-2015

01 | About Us

OUR MISSION

Founded in 1999, ArtsPartners of Central Illinois, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to build awareness and strengthen the arts as an economic catalyst for the Peoria area.

ArtsPartners accomplishes this mission by:

- **Facilitating collaborations** among arts organizations and other groups.
- **Developing and implementing** community-wide arts marketing activities.
- **Creating and nurturing partnerships** with the business community, the media, local agencies and educational institutions.
- **Acting as a liaison and coordinator** of arts information and resources.
- **Expanding audiences and educational opportunities** for the arts community and beyond.
- **Encouraging public participation** and keeping the arts on the community agenda.

WHO WE ARE

STAFF

Jenn Gordon, *Executive Director*
Kenney Delaney, *PT Administrative Assistant*
Christine Pearce, *PT Bookkeeper*

SPECIAL THANKS TO EXITING STAFF:

Suzzette Boulais, Marcia Beltran, Carolyn Kenny, Debbie Lewellyn

2014-2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Barbara Waldorf, *President*
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02 | With Appreciation

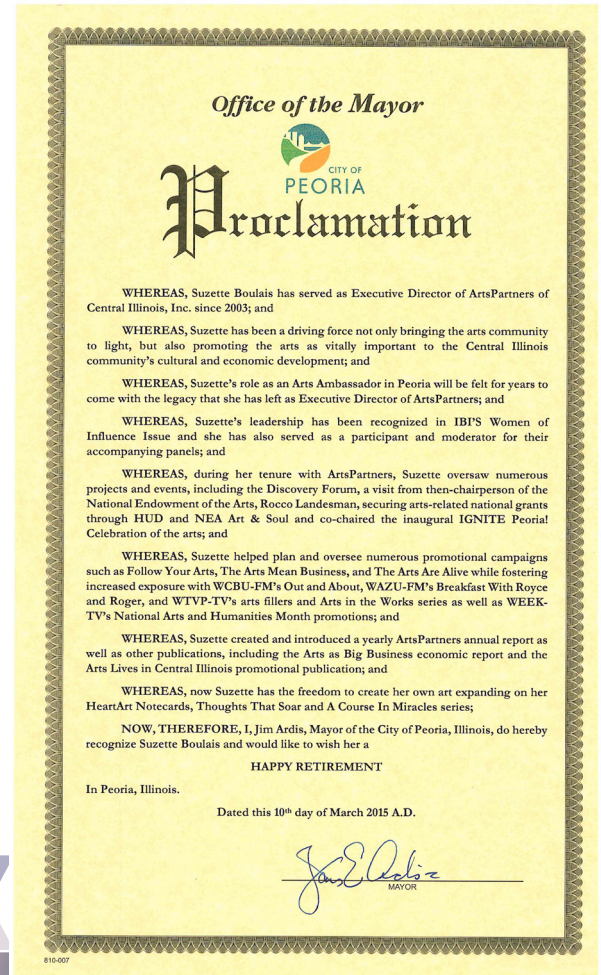
Thank You, Suzette!

Former ArtsPartners Executive Director, Suzette Boulais, retired after 12 years of service. The City of Peoria acknowledged Suzette's years of leadership and dedicated service to the arts with a proclamation wishing her a Happy Retirement.

"What an extraordinary honor it has been to work cooperatively with the City of Peoria to serve, strengthen and support Peoria area arts . . . My best wishes to the next executive director who will lead this fine organization ever onward, ever 'artward.'" -Suzette Boulais



Photo: Eileen Leunig



03 | ARTPOP PEORIA



Connie Andrews

ArtsPartners.net/ArtPop-Peoria



James Burnham

ArtsPartners.net/ArtPop-Peoria



Greg DePauw

ArtsPartners.net/ArtPop-Peoria



Lawrence Keach

ArtsPartners.net/ArtPop-Peoria



Chris Kukla

ArtsPartners.net/ArtPop-Peoria



With Doug and Eileen Leunig and the ArtsPartners Board of Directors enthusiastically driving this initiative, ArtsPartners partnered with Adams Outdoor Advertising and ArtPop to successfully launch ArtPop Peoria.

This program provides local artists with the opportunity to submit photographs of their artwork into a juried competition.

The ArtPop 2015 jury, which included distinguished arts, business, and community leaders; scored the artwork according to artistic and technical merits as well as visual appeal. The jury selected four of the five winning artists as well as a pool of six artists featured in a people's choice contest. The winning works are displayed on rotating Adams Outdoor Billboards throughout the community for a full calendar year –giving great exposure to the artist, and providing an eye-POPPing canvas for artwork to be enjoyed by all.

ArtPop is a national program with locations in Charlotte, NC; Lehigh Valley, PA; Tampa, FL; and now Peoria, IL.

77 Artist Participants

189 Art Submissions

1,417 Voted in People's
Choice Award

586 Votes for Greg
DePauw's "Cool Wave Jazz"

Special thanks to our partners:



04 | IGNITE PEORIA



ArtsPartners is proud to work with participating artists and support the Peoria Civic Center and the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau in their commitment to bring this incredible day of creativity to life each year.



Photos: Lynne Marsho



Special thanks to Kaci Osborne, Megan Pedigo, Kathy Chitwood, and the hundreds of extraordinary artists, exhibitors, performers and volunteers who participated in this year's event!

"It's the arts that make a city special. As Peoria works to attract and retain talented individuals and innovative businesses, the importance of a vibrant arts community is critical. That's what was on display at IGNITE Peoria thanks to a strong collaborative effort among ArtsPartners, the Peoria Civic Center, the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and the City of Peoria."

-Ryan Spain, Peoria City Councilman



05 | SCULPTURE WALK PEORIA



"Poise" by Luke Achterberg
Photo: Dennis Slape



"Moment" by Austin Glendenning
Photo: Jeanette Kosier



"Solstice, Galactic Spiral" by Mark Richey
Photo: Mary Bristol



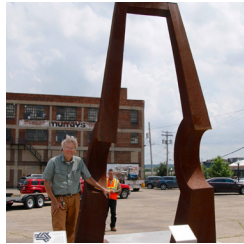
"Eternal Flame" by Matt Matheney
Photo: Mary Bristol



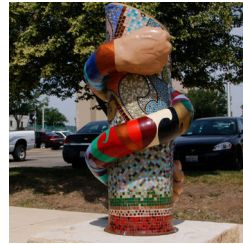
"Hard Right Turn: Sparrow" by Robert Porreca
Photo: Mary Bristol



"Spanish Dancer" by Jaci Willis
Photo: Jeanette Kosier



"Prairie Walker" by James Johnson
Photo: Jeanette Kosier



"Foxglove & Fists" by Nicole Beck
Photo: Jeanette Kosier



"Daughter of the Moon" by Robert Pulley
Photo: Mary Bristol



"Fragmentary Composition" by Kristin Garnant
Photo: Mary Bristol



"Concetricity" by Fedrico Aguirre
Photo: John Amdall



"Phenomenon" by Fisher Stolz
Photo: Mary Bristol



"Living Sculpture" by Jason Verbeek
Photo: Mary Bristol



"Swans on Marsh" by V. Skip Willits
Photo: Mary Bristol



"Don't Forget Us" by Nathan Pierce
Photo: Mary Bristol

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Sharon and John Amdall
Joe and Michele Richey



06 | SCULPTURE WALK PEORIA

Sculpture Walk Peoria tells the story of the successful transformation of the Warehouse District. In the words of visionary and Sculpture Walk Peoria Chair, Joe Richey, "It is about creative economy. It's about transforming the Warehouse District into a place for bicycles, walking, running, music and art."

On June 6th, fifteen artists from seven states stood proudly beside their recently installed sculptures on Washington Street, engaging hundreds of attendees with their own stories of creating and designing their artwork. The sculptures remain on display for a full calendar year, at which time a new set of sculptures, selected via juried process, will be installed.

How it Began:

In 2007 Joe Richey began discussions with Craig Hullinger, then Director of Economic Development for the City of Peoria. The city worked to clear the challenges and the rest of this ArtsPartners initiative has been entirely volunteer-driven through the outstanding efforts of the Sculpture Walk Peoria 2015 Committee: Joe Richey – Chair, John Amdall, Sharon Amdall, Kim Armstrong, Dr. Maegan Gilliland, Pam Johnson, Kip Strasma, Barb Waldorf, Chuck Weaver.

About the Walk:

- Fifteen Large-Scale Sculptures installed every June for 1 year
- Located on Washington Street between Liberty and Oak Streets.
- Self-guided brochures available along the walk.
- Free Guided Tours – Saturdays through the end of October at 10 AM and NOON starting at the Peoria Riverfront Museum.
- Educational materials are now available at www.sculpturewalkpeoria.org

Special Thanks to:

Adams Outdoor Advertising, , Advanced Medical Transport, Commerce Bank & Trust, Community Foundation of Central Illinois, Heights Finance Corporation, Greg Paul Lynn, Kathy and Lindsey Ma, Murray Properties, Peoria Magazines, Peoria Brick Company, Dennis Slape Photography, Sue and Reed Stuedemann, Terra Engineering LTD, Chuck and Laurie Weaver, Duffy Armstrong Farrell, Pat Barton, Stephen R. and Janice M. Brown, Rick and Tracy Fox, Bill Hardin, Drew Gay, Friends of Dave Koehler, Roberta Parks, OSF Healthcare, South Side Bank, Jim Ardis, Paul Bartholomew Henry Blackwell, Mary Bristol, Dave Cox, Elizabeth Davis, Ron Davis, Jehan Gordon-Booth, Ray LaHood, Larry Keach, Jeanette Kosier, TJ Klockenga, Doug and Eileen Leunig, Brenda Mahoney, Sarah McMenemy, Ken Mettlemann, Jon Neidy, Sid Peterson, Lottie Philips, Matt Ryan, Elijah Sansom, Ann Schmitt, Chris Setti, George Shadid, Patrick Ulrich, Abel Monument, Biehl's Cleaners, Café 201, City of Peoria, Clark Management, Cracked Pepper, Hardin Signs, Ideal Troy, Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Peoria Art Guild, Peoria City Council, Peoria Park District, Peoria Riverfront Museum, Pii, Simantel, Sam's Club, Paige Barney, Joe Batteline, Jessica Chandler, Dave Cook, Jeanne Ditewig, Erynn Dykstra, Per Ellingson, Tom Gunter, Gabrielle Healy, Troy Johnson, Ray Keithley, Maris Mednis, Gail Raffel, Janet Roth, Sandy Stemler, Carol Straub, David Stotz, Katie Van Cleve, Mike Van Cleve, Nick Viera, Zak Ouart, Wayne Printing.

07 | STRENGTHENING THE ARTS

ArtsTix

ArtsTix provides a digital box office platform for local arts organizations. Central Illinois arts patrons purchased 592 tickets for local performances with sales totaling over **\$28,000** in the 2014-2015 year.

Available at: <https://artstix.artspartners.net>

ArtsChecks

ArtsPartners continues to offer ArtsChecks, a gift certificate redeemable at over 20 arts organizations and venues in Central Illinois. With over \$600 worth of ArtsChecks sold, this program encourages audience development among participating venues and organizations.

ArtsTix is used by the following organizations:

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**Peoria Area
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Bringing the World to Central Illinois

08 | SHOWCASING THE ARTS

Every year, ArtsPartners is afforded opportunities for artists throughout Central Illinois to showcase their work. These advantages are available thanks to the many partnerships and connections that recognize that art and cultural activities make communities more attractive places to live, educate residents and deepen learning, help bring a community to life, and contribute to economic growth. ArtsPartners gratefully acknowledges WTVP, WCBU, the 18th Congressional District, and the Live Theatre League.

WTVP-TV

Regional arts organizations are showcased through public service spots promoting upcoming arts events.

WCBU 89.9 FM

Out and About is a production of Peoria Public Radio and ArtsPartners of Central Illinois. Each week cohosts Nathan Irwin and Jenn Gordon interview local arts leaders and performers and discuss upcoming events playing in Central Illinois.

"What's Playing?"

Every week our e-newsletter highlights theatrical productions, musical concerts, art and museum exhibits, dance recitals, and regional festivals.

Events Calendar

The central hub of ArtsPartners, we strive to be the place where people come to find artist events.

ArtsPartners.net

Our website continues to serve as a key resource for comprehensive, up-to-date arts and cultural information about all of the arts playing in the Peoria area.

18th Congressional District Art Competition

ArtsPartners and the Peoria Public Library hosted the artshow and reception for the 34th annual Congressional Art Competition for the 18th District. The winning entry, "630 Ways to Show Boredom" by Kiran D'Souza from Dunlap High School, was selected by a panel of arts professionals from the community.

Live Theatre League of Greater Peoria

Affirming the significance of live theatre as a cultural, educational, and economical catalyst for the Central Illinois region, the Live Theatre League of the Greater Peoria Area serves to ensure the future of live theatre as a multi-faceted asset to our community through promotional collaborative and educational endeavours. ArtsPartners is proud to support and partner with the Live Theatre League.



Follow your arts. www.artspartners.net



"630 Ways to Show Boredom"
By: Kiran D'Souza

09 | FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

ArtsPartners gratefully acknowledges our funders:

OUR FUNDERS

The City of Peoria and the Peoria Civic Center Authority have committed a portion of collected restaurant taxes to ArtsPartners as an economic investment, recognizing that a rich cultural environment is an economic benefit to the entire Peoria region.



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This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

INCOME: \$192,861

◆ Restaurant Tax Proceeds: \$100,000

◆ Grant Income: \$14,295*

Contributions:

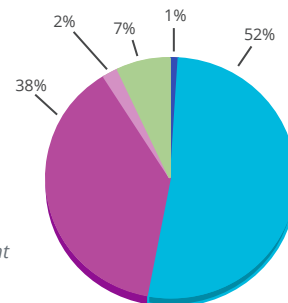
◆ General Operating: \$3,550

◆ SWP 2015: \$73,541**

◆ Interest and Other Income: \$1,475

*Does not include final 2013 Our Town grant reimbursement

**Does not include contributions for SWP 2016 and 2017



EXPENSES: \$158,823

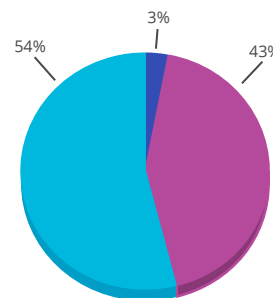
◆ General Operating: \$85,351

Direct Programs:

◆ SWP 2015: \$68,969

◆ Other: \$4,503

Pass-through services not included:
ArtsTix, ArtsChecks, Live Theatre League



This is a preliminary snapshot of ArtsPartners 2014-2015 financials. Auditors review, when complete, will be available at www.artspartners.net

We gratefully acknowledge the following individuals for their direct financial support to ArtsPartners: Catherine Barnett, John Amdall, Sharon Amdall

10 | 2015 ARTSPARTNERS OF THE YEAR

Joe and Michele Richey

ArtsPartner of the Year is an award that recognizes exemplary support and service to the local arts which has ultimately resulted in a stronger and more vital cultural arts environment in the Peoria area. ArtsPartners is pleased to recognize Joe and Michele Richey as this years' ArtsPartners of the Year for their outstanding effort to support the arts in Central Illinois. Bravo, Joe and Michele!

"Joe and Michele established the Prairie Center of the Arts, a 501c(3) Artist-in-Residence program providing artists with the resources and uninterrupted time to think and create.

With generosity and a bold commitment to artistic risk, the Prairie Center has brought active support to both emerging and established artists from Illinois and across the globe. The Center provides an accessible facility for art and creativity that embraces the local community and lifts up the work of today's artists. The Center has become a catalyst for community engagement, bringing vibrancy and activity to the Peoria area."

-Ra Joy, Executive Director, Arts Alliance Illinois

"Joe and Michele took their efforts to a whole new level with Sculpture Walk Peoria. The Sculpture Walk project has had a tremendous impact on the Warehouse District. It has drawn people to the area who might otherwise have ignored it and attracted the attention of both local and national developers. Sculpture Walk is such a perfect fit for the Warehouse District that we could not imagine Washington Street without it. While the effort certainly required the talents and treasures of a variety of people, none of it would have been possible without the vision and drive of Joe and Michele."

-Jim Ardis, Mayor of Peoria

-Chris Setti, Assistant to the City Manager

"The Richeys have given numerous artists the chance to hone their skills and have studio space with their artist in residence program. Artists from around the world have spent time in Peoria working in the studio space and living in the house the Richeys provided."

-Doug & Eileen Leunig, 2012 ArtsPartners of the Year Recipients



PREVIOUS ARTSPARTNERS OF THE YEAR

2001- Jim Maloof

2002- Jim Thrush

2003- Arts Alive! Magazine published by Central Illinois Business Publishers

2004- WTPV-47

2005- The Peoria Park District

2006- Sally Page of Lakeview Museum

2007- Nita Sunderland

2008- Dr. George and Norma Kottemann

2009- Illinois Central College Department of Arts & Communication and Kathy Chitwood of Eastlight Theatre

2010- Vic Burnett

2011- Jeffrey Huberman

2012- Doug and Eileen Leunig

2013- Bob and Joan Ericksen

2014- Channy Lyons



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