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CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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2015 ANNUAL
REPORT

Friends:

Wichita Center for the Arts truly is a place of inspiration and for lifelong learning. We see it in our day and evening art classes, where students return session after session to enjoy camaraderie as well as skilled instruction. We also see it in our gallery, home to dynamic and innovative national exhibitions.

We have a long and rich history in Wichita – dating to our inception in 1920 as the Wichita Art Association – and with our new strategic vision are poised to ensure that future generations have even greater opportunities.

Thank you for your support as we create our new future, and we hope you enjoy this look back at 2015.



Karla Fazio

Karla Fazio
President, Board of Trustees



Katy Dorrah

Katy Dorrah
Executive Director

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STRATEGIC PLAN

In 2015, the Board of Trustees created a strategic plan for the Center and emerged with a bold new vision.

MISSION STATEMENT

To be a vibrant arts hub in the region by providing opportunities to appreciate, participate in and create art in an atmosphere of lifelong learning

VISION STATEMENT

Inspiring the artist in each of us

VALUES STATEMENT

To provide high-quality arts programs and education to the people in the region, while maximizing resources and attaining financial sustainability

Creativity flowed among Trustees as they gathered at their board retreat to work on strategic planning.

The Board of Trustees identified the following five goals for the new strategic plan for the Center.

Goal 1: Redefine the Center's mission, focusing on its core strength of education by integrating education throughout the two program areas: school and gallery.

Goal 2: Develop funding and business models for the sustainable operation of the Center.

Goal 3: Update the Center's building and grounds.

Goal 4: Raise awareness about the Center, to encourage individuals and families to value the arts and arts education and develop partnerships that will help to establish the Center as the place to create and learn about the arts in the region.

Goal 5: Review and revise the Center's Board structure and bylaws to better facilitate the Center's goals and to have an active and engaged Board of Trustees.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Board of Trustees' goal of updating the Center's building and grounds evolved into a capital campaign, launched in September, for a new 40,000-square-foot building.

The current facility has served the organization well, but spatial needs for studios have changed dramatically in the last 50 years.

The Center was fortunate to receive a lead in-kind gift of prime real estate from the Charles Koch Foundation. The property, at the southwest corner of 13th Street and Rock Road, represents the fifth-highest traffic count in the Wichita metro area. Additionally, the Fred and Mary Koch Foundation donated a lead gift of \$2 million and offered a challenge grant of \$4 million.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW FACILITY:

- State-of-the-art technology for teaching and exhibits
- Art and educational spaces optimized for creative media
- Premier gallery for national exhibits
- 375-seat great hall
- New culinary teaching kitchen
- Outdoor sculpture garden
- Green space for art fairs and special events

Guests at the press conference sign their names on a ceramic vessel created by instructor Troy Becker to commemorate the occasion.





As of January 1, 2016, the Center has received pledges for \$2.5 million toward the matching grant. The following individuals and organizations have contributed to the capital campaign:

Susan & Chris Addington
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SCHOOL

The Center's Mary R. Koch School of Visual Arts offered instruction to adults, teens and children with upwards of 200 classes, workshops and camps in 2015. Course areas included painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, pottery, sculpture, enameling, drama, metalsmithing and dance. This year, the printmakers were thrilled to move out of the Center's basement and into an upstairs studio.

STEAM

Looking ahead, the Center is in the process of implementing a new kind of arts education for youth – STEAM, which links science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. The Center believes pairing creativity with logic is essential for innovation, and a STEAM Team of local educators is hard at work developing this new curriculum.

OUTREACH

The education department assisted with two large-scale events this year. Instructors taught kids ink-dot pointillism, splat sponge painting and more at the Wichita River

Festival Full STEAM Ahead tent. At Autumn and Art, kids created their own mini-masterpieces at Artie's Studio, and young aspiring collectors could purchase artworks on a kid's budget at Artie's Art Studio.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Center has offered some need-based scholarships in past years but will be able to offer even more in the future thanks to several restricted gifts to the capital campaign.

1. A summer camper enjoys a little free time between projects.
2. A lump of clay becomes a vessel with some practice on the potter's wheel.
3. Options for kids include workshops and camps when school is out as well as weekly classes.
4. The Center offers weekday, evening and weekend classes to fit any schedule.





SPOTLIGHT:

BRIAN HINKLE

Professional painter Brian Hinkle's tenure at the Wichita Center for the Arts began in 1996. He started out teaching children and also spent 12 years working in the gallery. Today, he teaches enameling and painting and appreciates the artistic fellowship he has found at the Center. "It's just so near and dear to my heart," he says. "You get a bunch of wonderful people together doing art, and it's an amazing thing."



GALLERY

The gallery serves as an inspiration for students in the school and beyond. The gallery's resources include a collection of artworks of regional and national importance, and the Center's national juried exhibition program presents the latest work of contemporary artists in a variety of media. In 2016, the Center will debut a new juried national exhibition, the Abstract National Exhibition. Additionally, a partnership with Frank Lloyd Wright's Allen House will allow for a LEGO® Exhibition coordinated with youth summer camps.

2015 EXHIBITIONS

Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition
National Fiber Directions Exhibition
Student and Faculty Exhibition
National Printmaking Exhibition
New in 2015
Wichita National All-Media Craft Exhibition
Kansas Watercolor Society
National Exhibition

Each year, we at TCK look forward to the Kansas Watercolor Society National Exhibition because of the outstanding quality of paintings from throughout the United States. Each year, I personally purchase a painting because of the quality shown. I thank the Wichita Center for the Arts for all the hard work of receiving the paintings and having them juried to decide which paintings qualify for display in the exhibit. TCK was proud to invite our finest clients to experience the exhibit opening and looks forward to continuing the relationship annually. Of course, supporting the arts is within TCK's DNA, as our clients so appreciate the various mediums shown throughout the year.

Stephen English,
TCK — The Trust Company of
Kansas

Doug and Caroline Pringle admire the pieces selected for the Eastern Kansas Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition.





SPOTLIGHT:

THE RICHARD SCHMID COLLECTION IN THE GLADYS AND KARL T. WIEDEMANN GALLERY

American painter Richard Schmid is known as a master of realism. Wichita Center for the Arts is fortunate to display 22 of his works on long-term loan from the K. T. Wiedemann Foundation.



SPOTLIGHT:

EASTERN KANSAS SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS EXHIBITION

The Center, along with Elizabeth B. Koch and the K. T. Wiedemann Foundation, hosts the Eastern Kansas Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition annually. The exhibition showcases select artwork created by middle school and high school students from 70 Kansas counties. In 2015, educational institutions awarded \$2.3 million in scholarships and cash prizes to exhibiting students. The Scholastic Art Awards are the largest and longest-running recognition program for young artists in the United States, identifying and rewarding students who demonstrate superior talent and achievement.

RODEO DRIVE

During 2015, the Center launched Rodeo Drive, an event that linked fashion to art. Guests shopped for fabulous clothing and accessories donated by local women.

Friends, food, fashion and fun helped the Center raise \$42,000 in 2015.

Part of the fun was getting a great deal on designer goods.

It was a designer collection like you've never seen.

Bonnie Bing Honeyman,
Fashion journalist and philanthropist

Shoppers made someone's old favorite their new look.





DESIGNING WOMEN

Since 1990, the Designing Women group has worked to promote and advance the welfare of the Wichita Center for the Arts by providing financial support and volunteer services. Membership swelled in 2015 to more than 100 members. Designing Women's signature event is Holiday Tables, a popular exhibition of festive tablescapes that draws crowds to Wichita Center for the Arts annually. Designing Women also has a Preview Party, Girls' Night Out, luncheon, bake shop and boutique in conjunction with the event.

PREVIEW PARTY HOSTS

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"La Fiesta" was one of the Holiday Tables themes.

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Members of the Wickham family created "Breakfast With Santa: A Family Tradition."

VERSUS: A LIVE ART BATTLE

The Center unveiled another innovative art-focused event in 2015 that not only increased the Center's visibility in the community but also provided financial support – more than \$70,000 – to help further the Center's mission.

Versus: A Live Art Battle featured regional artists competing on stage, creating original paintings to demonstrate the artistic process. Guests participated by voting and

selected Elizabeth Daniel as the ultimate champion. **Versus** was a rousing success, and the 2016 event will include a new youth competition division.

Winner Elizabeth Daniel sported her Bob Ross wig, which helped make her a fan favorite.



SAVE THE DATE:
Versus 2016 will take place September 23.

SPONSORS

In addition to numerous in-kind and silent auction donors, the following individuals and organizations contributed to **Versus**:

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DONORS AND GIVING

The generosity of multiple grantmakers and donor organizations helped underwrite the Center's school and gallery programming.

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Victor Murdock Fund at Wichita Community Foundation

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K. T. Wiedemann Foundation

ARTDOG

ArtDOG – that is, Wichita Community Foundation's Art Day of Giving – was fruitful for the Center and also helped raise the profile of the many arts & cultural nonprofit organizations in Wichita. By taking your gift to the Center during ArtDOG, scheduled for April 29 in 2016, you can stretch your dollar. In 2015, the Center took in \$42,773 in ArtDOG contributions and was able to earn additional bonus pool and Wichita Community Foundation champion dollars in the amount of \$4,378.

PRINTING PRESS

The Center's Tallgrass Prairie Printmaking Studio was the beneficiary of a generous donation from Warren Jones in memory of his wife, Susan. The printmakers very much appreciate working with the fine etching press, hotplate, felts and brayers.

SPOTLIGHT:

ROTARY CLUB OF EAST WICHITA GRANT

A grant from Rotary Club of East Wichita allowed for a partnership between the Center and Wichita Children's Home. On two occasions, the Center's instructors worked with a total of 28 budding artists who live at the Wichita Children's Home to create original paintings. These art pieces were made to be displayed at the new Wichita Children's Home campus.





VAULT MEMBERS

More than 700 member families support Wichita Center for the Arts annually. These contributions allow the Center to keep the gallery free for everyone and support our school. Vault members give at higher levels and are invited to special learning opportunities from time to time.

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Steven Overstreet

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TRIBUTES

The Center received donations in 2015 in memory of the following individuals:

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Thornton Anderson
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Sally Hudnall
Donald Landeck
Maribel Leiter

Dr. George Mastio

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Betsy & Michael Sweeney
Laurie & Curtis Ungs



TRIBUTE

Honorary Trustee Betty Murfin, who passed away in February 2015, was a passionate supporter of and student at Wichita Center for the Arts.



Betty Murfin

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2015 UNAUDITED FINANCIALS

SUPPORTING SERVICES

■ **\$421,321**

PROGRAMS

■ **\$741,892**

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$1,163,213



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Thank you to all of our 2015 volunteers for helping to inspire the artist in each of us.





2016 CALENDAR

SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS EXHIBITION

January 29 – March 6

RODEO DRIVE BAUBLES BOUTIQUE

February 11

PASTEL NATIONAL EXHIBITION

April 1 – May 8

ART DAY OF GIVING

April 29

STUDENT EXHIBITION

May 20 – June 26

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT STUDY CENTER LEGO® EXHIBITION

May 20 – June 26

ABSTRACT NATIONAL EXHIBITION

July 8 – August 7

SMALL OIL NATIONAL EXHIBITION

August 26 – September 25

VERSUS: A LIVE ART BATTLE

September 23

FACULTY EXHIBITION

October 4 – 23

HOLIDAY TABLES

November 2 – 5

KANSAS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY NATIONAL EXHIBITION

November 18 – December 30

PRIVATE PARTIES AND RENTALS

The Center continues to be a desirable location for rentals. Private painting parties are popular among groups of friends, for youth birthdays and as corporate events.



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