



"Enriching Our Communities Through Advancement of the Arts"

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THE SHOW MUST GO ON: FLOOD WATERS FORCE ARTS ORGANIZATIONS TO RELOCATE AND REBUILD

Call for financial and resource donations to support the six arts groups affected

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., June 30, 2010 – Following June's heavy rains and flash floods, many of Oklahoma City's premier arts organizations were left homeless as water rose higher than five feet in the Stage Center's basement and office area. Six arts organizations lost 75 to 90 percent of their property, from computer equipment to stage props to dance floors, leotards and shoes. Today, Allied Arts calls for emergency help to aid these organizations in their rebuilding efforts.

"At Allied Arts, we know that we can count on the generosity of Oklahomans, particularly when it is needed most," said Deborah McAuliffe Senner, Allied Arts president and CEO. "Please join us in helping rebuild those arts organizations affected by the flood so that they can continue providing their top tier cultural and educational programming to our community."

Allied Arts created an Arts Flood Emergency Fund to collect financial donations for the affected non-profits. To make a donation, please call (405) 278-8944 or mail to the Allied Arts office (1015 N. Broadway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK 73120). Individuals can donate online at www.alliedartsokc.com.

The organization is also collecting the below new or gently used items to re-stock the groups' performance supplies. Please drop off all donated items to 1015 N. Broadway, second floor.

- **Arts and Craft Supplies:** Paint and brushes, glue, glitter, oil pastels, construction paper, pottery clay and other children's art supplies for summer camps
- **Dance Apparel:** Ballet, jazz and tap shoes and tight and leotards (size 3 T to adult)
- **Costumes:** Children's costumes (size 5-16) in particular
- **Dry Cleaning:** Damaged costumes are in need of dry cleaning services
- **Office Supplies:** Scanners, office furniture (desks, chairs and file cabinets) and all other basic office tools
- **Facility Space:** One organization needs a theatre that holds 150-200 people where they can build sets, rehearse and perform beginning in August

Displaced arts organizations include: Artworks, Carpenter Square Theatre, Metropolitan School of Dance, Oklahoma Community Theatre Association and Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park. The Arts Council of Oklahoma City received substantial building and equipment damage due to the storm as well.

Steve Mason, owner of Mason Realty, relocated the affected arts organizations to his office building in Automobile Alley. They will temporarily office at 1015 N. Broadway until they determine next steps for their office locations. The status of the Stage Center is currently undetermined.

The Arts Council of Oklahoma City is temporarily in the YMCA building (500 N. Broadway) until the clean up and construction of their building is complete.

The Allied Arts Web site (www.alliedartsokc.com) will continue to provide updates on the status of these organizations.

About Allied Arts

As Oklahoma's only United Arts Fund, Allied Arts generates awareness of the importance of the arts, mobilizes support for arts and cultural organizations and funds arts education programs for Central Oklahoma school children. Founded in 1971, the organization has raised more than \$40 million to advance the arts in Oklahoma City and its surrounding communities.

Allied Arts' member agencies include:

- Ambassadors' Concert Choir
- Arts Council of Oklahoma City
- Canterbury Choral Society
- Carpenter Square Theatre
- Cimarron Opera
- City Arts Center
- Guy Fraser Harrison Academy
- Individual Artists of Oklahoma
- Lyric Theatre and Thelma Gaylord Academy
- Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art
- Metropolitan School of Dance
- OK City Chorus
- Oklahoma Children's Theatre
- Oklahoma City Ballet
- Oklahoma City Museum of Art
- Oklahoma City Philharmonic
- Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park
- Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition
- Prairie Dance Theatre
- Science Museum Oklahoma

For more information, contact Allied Arts at 405-278-8944 or visit www.alliedartsokc.com.

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****High resolution photos of the flood damage available upon request ****