

# Murray Arts Council: A Year in Review

**2020 has been a very challenging year for arts organizations....but we kept plugging along doing the events that were safe to do.**

MAC is at a crossroads. Where do we go from here? Do we continue in the same direction? Do we divest ourselves of our building and become a gypsy organization? What does the community want to see us do? Will YOU be a part of MAC...as a supporter, volunteer, board member or committee member? Ultimately, PEOPLE and FUNDING are what we really need at this juncture! And feedback from the community.



Here is a link to a survey we would like you to fill out!  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZZBFKC6>



## **WINTER 2019/2020**

- Nov. 4 – Dec. 12, 2019 – Yoga with Kelsey Dotson (Class sold out)
- Nov. 7 – Essential Oils Holiday Gifts Make and Take
- Dec. 2019 – Murray Arts Council Board Retreat to plan the year's events
- Feb. 28 & 29 and March 1 - Local Artist Show. 150 people in attendance. Featuring local artists and featured Murray Artist Michael Thompson. 70 original artworks by local artists on display.

## **SPRING 2020:**

- April 24-26 - MAC's 3rd Annual Student Art Show (CANCELLED – in lockdown at that point. Will revisit in 2021 even if it has to be virtual!)
- May 1 – Facebook Concert by five local performers to benefit Murray Tornado Victims. \$1500 raised to benefit the Salvation Army's Murray Tornado fund. All performers donated their time, and MAC merely served as a pass through for the funds.

## **SUMMER 2020:**

- MAC Website – redesigned website with online payment option.
- CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES – June concert was CANCELLED until we could get approval to do the concerts and establish what social distancing practices we had to follow.

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- July 18 – CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES: Nicholas Edward Williams and Craig Pratt. Folk, pop and original tunes. Attendance was estimated at 150 because we didn't advertise it a lot (to avoid an over-abundance of caution and possible cancellation of series) and people were social distancing in their cars. Big thanks to Chuck & Raymond Butler at the Dalton Distillery for providing all of our hand sanitizer for the series!
- July 2020 – 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRODUCTION – CANCELLED. Because we perform and rehearse at Pleasant Valley Innovative School, and we unable to pull it off this year. Next year!
- Aug. 15 – CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES: Wishing Well & Daisy Chain. Rock, pop and alternative. These guys were amazing. People stayed FOREVER because Wishing Well was rocking the park! We estimated 250 people in the park and 100 more in surrounding parking lots.
- Aug. 2020: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Photography exhibit/contest – CANCELLED due to social distancing concerns in our small gallery space! Next year!

### **FALL/WINTER 2020:**

- September 13 - Organized volunteers and worked race for annual Teardrop Half Marathon. MAC is the Teardrop's featured nonprofit, and the Teardrop donates a portion of their registration fees to MAC.
- September 19: Dixie Jubilee & Troy Underwood – Celtic, gospel, folk, pop. Oh my! Both of these performances were fantastic! Approx 300 in attendance....as best as we could count. People were social distancing at City Hall's parking lot, the section house parking lot and all around the park.
- September 2020 – Helped with movie night for Family Support Council's "Grandparents Night."
- October 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ukulele Festival (CANCELLED due to concerns for social distancing in park).
- October 3 – Final Concert in the Park featuring The Mailboxes and Sarah Forde! (We punted and just did another concert instead of the Uke Festival. Lot of punting this year!) Pop, folk, alternative. Approx 150 in attendance...again, hard to count as people were social distancing all around the park. (Last concert of 2020 series)
- October 9-10 & 16-17: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show (CANCELLED!) But we are currently working on a virtual version featuring our greatest "hits" of the past four years!! Stay tuned!
- November 2020: Historic Murray Photo Show (CANCELLED and moved to 2021). Featuring photos by well-known Murray photographer, Miles Anderson.
- November 2020 – Planning to decorate front of building for the Chatsworth Hometown Christmas program.
- December 2020: We have already purchased a tree for the Christmas in the Park event in Chatsworth. MAC has participated every year!

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