

Commission for the Arts Annual Report

January 31, 2020

The Honorable Mayor Fournier and
Members of the City Commission:

Each year, the Royal Oak Commission for the Arts (CFA) is required to report on the progress of its prior year's goals and submit an updated plan for encouraging and supporting arts and culture in the City of Royal Oak.

The 2019 annual report (Attachment 1) demonstrates the CFA's commitment to increasing access and opportunities to participate in the arts for those who live in, work in and visit Royal Oak. Pages four and five of the report also shows the greater community's support and commitment to fostering a creative environment in the city.

This year saw growth in attendance at the Royal Oak Summer Concert Series as well as the selection of the first Royal Oak Artist Laureates. With each passing year, the impact of the CFA grows.

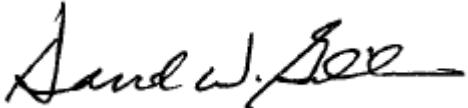
The CFA continues to work on the goals and objectives that were identified by the group during a series of work sessions in early 2016. This long-term strategic arts and culture plan is intended to foster awareness, collaboration and diversity.

The following resolution is recommended for approval:

Be it resolved, the city commission hereby accepts the Royal Oak Commission for the Arts' 2019 Annual Report and adopts its strategic goals and objectives for the year 2020 to support arts and culture in the City of Royal Oak.

Respectfully submitted,
James Krizan
Assistant to the City Manager

Approved,



David W. Gillam
Interim City Manager and City Attorney

1 Attachment



Royal Oak COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS

Annual Report 2019



Attachment 1

Royal Oak Commission for the Arts Annual Report 2019

The mission of the Commission for the Arts is to encourage and support arts and culture in the City of Royal Oak.

Royal Oak Commission for the Arts 2019

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Vice Chair

Patricia Paruch
City Commission Representative

Laura Bonnell
Secretary

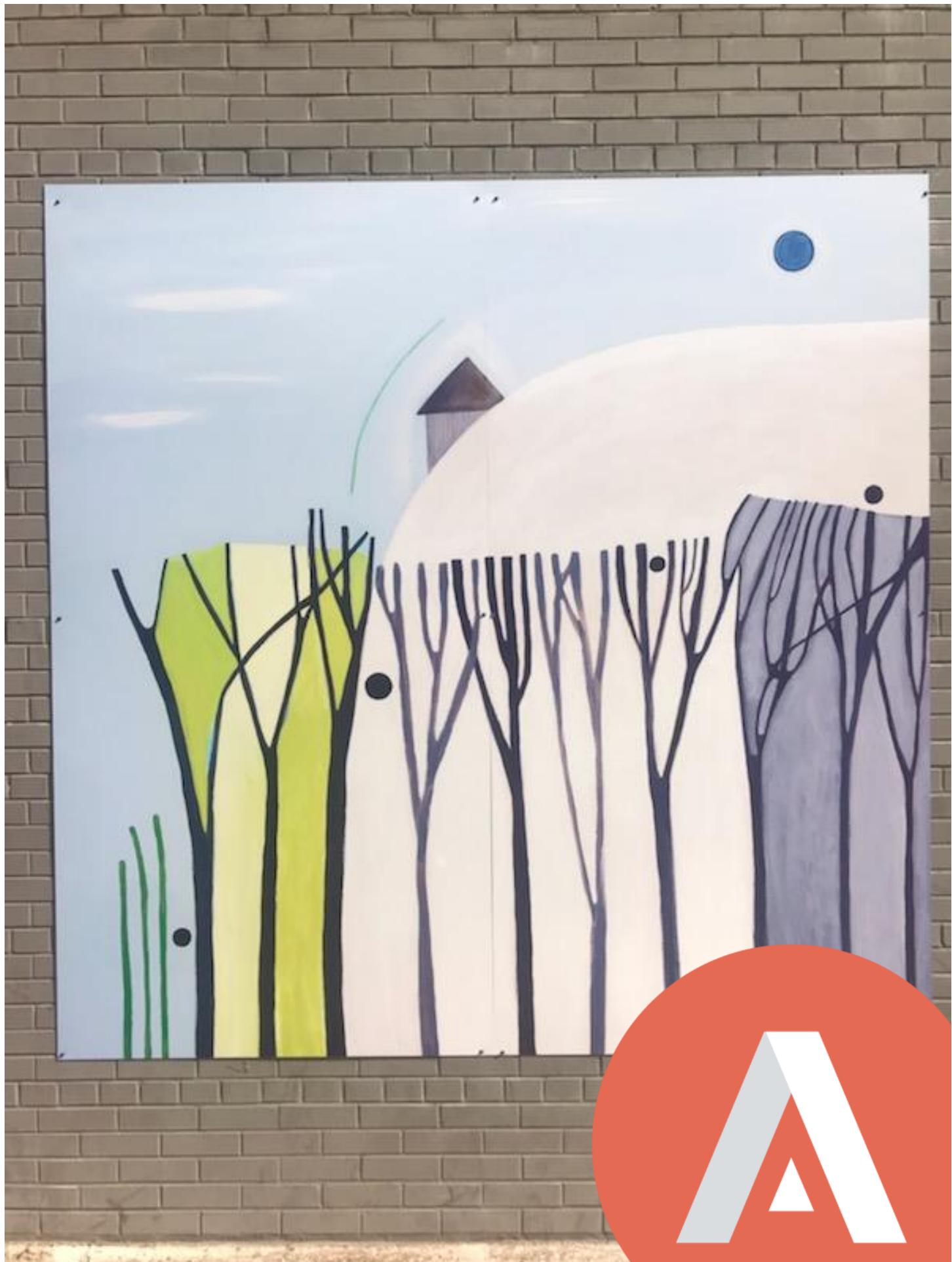
Melissa Behring Tobais

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The Commission for the Arts would like to recognize the following people who have contributed their time and efforts to helping us fulfill our mission.

PIANO PROJECT:

Professional Movers
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The Live The Music Foundation
The Detroit School of Rock and Pop Music
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Dave Hamilton Band
The Jill Jack Band
The Orbitsons
Mark Randisi
Theo "Gridiron" Spight and Friends
Killer Flamingos
Nick Kuhl and the Gang
Kris Kurzawa and Barbara Payton

ART EXPLORED:

Special Thanks to:
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SMART
Royal Oak Public Library
Carol Card

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Onzie Norman
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Elexys Rood
Hannah Maisner
Elayna Latkowski
Noah White
Bella VanHemm
Ella Beck

Piano Locations:

Holiday Market
Write Impressions
515 Media Mojo and More
Granite Networks
The Detroit School of Rock and Pop Music
Royal Oak Farmers Market
Eagle Plaza
Royal Oak Schools

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:

Partners:
Royal Oak DDA
Royal Oak Restaurant Association
Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce
Oakland County Parks
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PERFORMERS:

The Detroit School of Rock and Pop Music
Miss Paula and the Candy Bandits

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Royal Oak Arts Council
Royal Oak Commission for the Arts
Royal Oak Public Schools
Detroit School of Pop and Rock
Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra
Royal Oak Concert Band
South Oakland Art Association
McCourts Music
Dream Town Media
Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce
Royal Oak Senior Center Painting Class
Promotions Guys
Royal Oak Children's Choir
Art to You
Royal Oak Optimist Club
Royal Oak Public Schools Custodial Staff
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Laura Bonnell

ARTIST LAUREATE PROGRAM

Marcia Hovland
Laurie Eisenhardt

Special Thanks to the Royal Oak City Commission

The Royal Oak Commission for the Arts is pleased to present its 2019 Annual Report.

The outcomes of highlighted goals in this report demonstrate our continued focus to increase access and participation in arts and culture in Royal Oak.



Goal: Increase the Value of Arts and Culture

The Commission for the Arts (CFA) had another successful year of growing programs that increase the value of arts and culture within the community.

The Summer Concert Series returned to the Center Street Pop-Up Park for 2019. For six weeks visitors were able to enjoy free live music from a variety of acts. While extremely difficult to quantify, it was clear that attendance was up this year. Each night, Center Street was filled to capacity with music lovers, families and interested nighttime visitors.

This year's public piano project was again a complete success. The project saw the placement of seven pianos throughout downtown. Residents and visitors delighted in the sounds of people playing wonderful music during the project.

The CFA awarded the annual community arts award to Michael Byrne for her continued dedication and support for art in Royal Oak.

New for this year, the Commission for the Arts named the first ever Artist Laureates. Laurie Eisenhardt and Marcia Hovland were named the 2019-2020 Artist Laureates.



Goal: Increase the Collaboration Amongst Various Local and Regional Organizations

In 2019, the CFA expanded and grew collaborations with a variety of regional organizations to help promote art and culture in Royal Oak and beyond.

During this year, the CFA grew collaborations with the Greater Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce by expanded their presence at various local events such as the Art of Fire (formerly known as Clay, Glass and Metal) through the Artist Laureates.



During this year, the CFA began working with the DIA to start a regional discussion of best practices in the field of public art. The hope is that a regional group can help to grow public art across Metro Detroit.

Goal: Generate Awareness of the Arts and Culture in the City of Royal Oak

In 2019, the CFA was prominently featured in local news media highlighting projects and accomplishments. This year, the CFA also established a process to accept nominations for the annual Community Art Award.

News outlets including the Royal Oak Tribune and the Royal Oak Patch wrote multiple stories on CFA projects through the year.

Through a partnership with the DDA, the CFA was able to utilize some on-air time with WDIV-Detroit to promote the summer concert series, including a live performance from the Dave Hamilton Band.

Arts & Entertainment

7 New Public Art Installations You Can Find In Royal Oak

Here's your guide to the new public art around downtown Royal Oak.

By Jessica Strachan, Patch Staff

Aug 20, 2019 12:03 pm ET | Updated Aug 20, 2019 12:46 pm ET

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Ben Jamin by Steve Miller is located on the Center Street Parking Deck at 300 South Center Street in Royal Oak. (Steve Miller)

ROYAL OAK, MI — Downtown Royal Oak has been a canvas for local artists for several years now and for the upcoming year, seven new art installations have been put up.

Royal Oak Summer Concert Schedule

Royal Oak's free summer concert series has been announced. Here's what's in store.

By Jessica Strachan, Patch Staff

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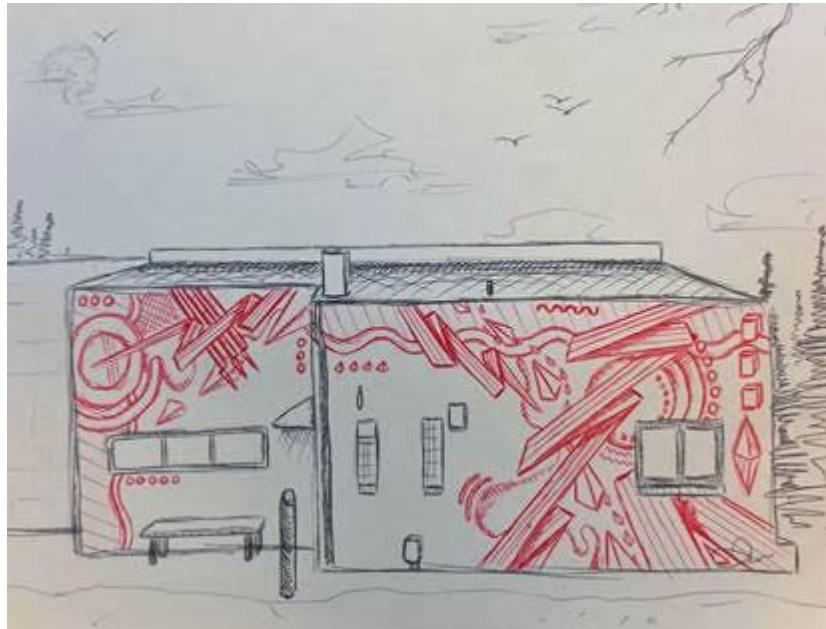


ROYAL OAK, MI — Things are heating up around Royal Oak and that means it's time for the Royal Oak Commission for the Arts' 2018 summer concert series lineup. The free musical shows kick off July 5 and feature everything from local rock to kids music, Irish medleys to soulful jams.

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Goal: Become Advocates and Leaders for Art and Culture

The CFA continued its role in 2019 as an advisory body for the Royal Oak City Commission. During the year, the CFA brought forth recommendations on a variety of different public art projects.



Top: Rendering of a public art project at 3212 N Main St.

Above: Rendering of a public mural for SwitchPost at 225 E Hudson

Goal: Become a Sustainable Commission



As shown at the beginning of this report, the CFA is extremely grateful to our sponsors, volunteers and supporters. Each year, it seems, this list continues to grow. The CFA continues its success only because of these great people!



Attachment 1

The CFA views 2019 as a banner year. Continued growth and participation in the programming as well as a higher profile media presence and deeper relationships with other organizations are things that the CFA has to be proud of this year.

The CFA is extremely excited to look forward to next year!





This year will see the completion of the artist laureate program's public art project. The project is expected to be a rather large mosaic depicting life in Royal Oak.

The CFA is extremely appreciative of the support from the city commission and looks forward to seeing everyone out and about enjoying the art!

Looking toward 2020, the CFA seeks to further grow the existing programing and expand the successes of the past few years.

Royal Oak Commission for the Arts 2019 Strategic Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Increase the value of arts and culture

- Develop and implement a Royal Oak Artist Laureate program.
- Continue to support and grow the Summer Concert Series
- Maintain and grow Art Explored program
- Support Celebration of the arts
- Support the Sharing the Warmth program
- Seek local data regarding the importance of art and culture in our community
- Regularly attend and participate at City of Royal Oak Commission meetings during Public Comments
- Present policies that nurture the Arts
- Annually attend the City of Royal Oak Strategic Planning Session and encourage the city to include the arts and culture in the city's annual goals and objectives

Goal 2: Increase the collaboration amongst various local and regional organizations

- Work with local and regional organizations to grow participation in the Royal Oak Celebration of the Arts Program and promote the Royal Oak Artist Laureate program
- Complete assessment of businesses and non-profits currently providing arts in our community
- Increase placement of public art within public buildings

Goal 3: Generate awareness of the arts and culture in the City of Royal Oak

- Increase promotion of live music in Royal Oak
- Heighten marketing and web presence
 - Video for the Arts
 - Arts calendar
 - Investigate other cities with great art programs
- Create Business Award for the Arts Champion of the month/year
- Establish musician only loading zone during performances

Goal 4: Increase diversity and culture

- Diversify Royal Oak Commission for the Arts
- Involve community Youths organization, Deaf and Blind community
- Create programming to celebrate broad disciplines of art -poetry, songwriting, theatre, etc.

Goal 5: Become a sustainable commission

- Implement annual strategic planning procedures
- Survey of community, community-at-large, diverse groups, stake holders and the never been reached before groups