

community engagement

We are committed to connecting art to the community by engaging artists and the broader community to take part in arts and cultural activities. We create regional partnerships with cultural organizations, schools, and service clubs to promote artistic, cultural and special events the area.

COMMUNITY GALLERY

The lower level of the Arts Center has space dedicated for hosting art exhibits for non-profit organizations, school and educational institutions, and community associations free of charge. These exhibits are free and open to the public to attend.

SATELLITE GALLERIES

Curating in nontraditional, unexpected spaces off-site provides new opportunities for people to engage with artwork outside of the context of our gallery, opening this creative engagement to a broader audience.

PARTNERSHIPS

The DCA partners with others in the community to provide opportunities for artists like developing large scale mural art, contests, and installation art in public spaces.



JAMES R. DESANA CENTER FOR ARTS & CULTURE

1001 CHESTNUT

81 CHESTNUT

notable events

DOWNRIVER INDIE ART FAIR

This 2-day event in March has independent artists, crafters and makers showcasing their wares on three floors throughout our beautiful historic building.

CHESTNUT ART AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Held annually in July, we provide access to a non-traditional festival on Chestnut Street which includes an emerging and established eclectic mix of makers, street musicians, performers, and artists.

connect with us

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about the facility

The DCA operates out of the James R. DeSana Center for Arts and Culture, a three-story, almost 20,000 SF historic building located in downtown Wyandotte. The facility, over 100 years old, became the home of the DCA in 2010. The Center serves the community in these ways: creates opportunities and space for local artists to showcase their skills, serves as a cultural resource for the community, and is intended to serve as an educational facility. We are happy to call this place our home as a regional arts and cultural center to the downriver community.

RESIDENT ARTISTS

Throughout the building, we have leased studios that provide professional artists with an affordable space in which to practice their artistic disciplines, while at the same time allowing them to be part of a cultural and lively creative community. These artists range in discipline from painting, printmaking, film, drawing, jewelry, music, time-based media, and culinary arts. As interest in being part of this dynamic endeavor continues to grow, the DCA seeks innovative ways to envision how existing spaces may be renovated to accommodate additional artists.

GIFT SHOP

Open year round, we provide artists and guests a unique retail space to buy and sell one-of-a-kind, handmade items.

overview

downriver
council
for the
Arts

where *Creativity*
meets *Opportunity*
in your *Community*

who we are

Founded in 1978, the Downriver Council for the Arts (DCA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) arts and cultural organization that strives to enrich the quality of life in the Downriver communities by advocating and promoting the arts and providing opportunities for involvement and participation in arts and cultural activities. We actively support local artists and performers through artistic outreach programs and special promotional opportunities. Each program and event at the DCA seeks to increase knowledge and understanding of art and ourselves, improve skills by participants, change one's attitude or values, give enjoyment, inspiration, and creativity. We welcome all people including youth of all ages, disabled people, underserved/minority populations, and social conscious groups.

COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

Allen Park, Belleville, Brownstown, Ecorse, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, River Rouge, Riverview, Rockwood, Romulus, Southgate, Sumpter Twp, Taylor, Trenton, Van Buren, Woodhaven and Wyandotte



special features

MAIN GALLERY

Our first floor Main Gallery hosts solo, groups, retrospectives, and themed exhibits where the artwork is for sale. All exhibits and receptions are free and open to the public. Our goal is to create complete artist and patron experiences with a visual art exhibit, artist demonstrations, panel discussions and workshops.

AUDITORIUM

Our auditorium is ideal for music and theater performances, dances, concerts, and lectures.



youth programming

The DCA has long been a leader in producing quality programming that increases knowledge, provides enjoyment, and is accessible to everyone, including our youth. Cognitive skills in children are developed through the arts. By providing students with consistent enrichment activities such as music, art and other alternative ways of learning, after school art programs improve students' social skills, gives them more confidence, creates higher educational and career aspirations, and motivates them to consistently attend school.

ART CLASSES

As a way to provide students an in depth art education, we offer lessons in traditional fine arts and lifestyle skills for 5-15 year olds at the Arts Center all year long.

YOUTH CREATIVE SUMMER CAMPS

Our summer camp program from July-August is designed to explore the exciting world of creativity through a wide range of multi-media activities. Campers work with certified instructors and professional artists to develop their imagination and creativity.

YOUTH ARTS COUNCIL

A group of teen creatives dedicated to promoting and participating in the arts, having a mission to grow and nurture local budding artists, while giving young people a safe and beneficial environment to express themselves in. We hope that by providing them the resources they need to thrive, they in turn will continue to be active participants and contributors to the arts and culture of Downriver. To see what they are up to, check out Instagram @dc4youth.



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You can also call the DCA office if you'd like to place your charge over the phone.

Questions: If necessary, please call the DCA office at 734-720-0671 for additional information.
Return completed forms to: Downriver Council for the Arts, 81 Chestnut Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192.

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