



The Abilene Arts Alliance works in partnership with the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council to support our cultural community in two important ways: by serving as the 501©3 arm for donations for the many programs

of the Cultural Affairs Council, and utilizing the earnings from the Abilene Arts Alliance Endowment to support marketing initiatives and special programs which benefit our arts community.



Best of Broadway

The Abilene Cultural Affairs Council partners with Celebrity Attractions each year to bring Broadway shows to the Abilene Civic Center. We are seeing a steady growth in audience size as more people take advantage of a great opportunity to see national Broadway tours of award-winning productions.

HeARTS for the ARTS

Many arts organizations in Abilene are the recipients of grants provided by the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council through the HeARTS for the ARTS. The grants are given to arts programs for children and special populations, and made possible by our generous members. You can join HeARTS for as little as \$5 a month.

Children's Performing Arts Series

Since 1985, CPAS has offered families and children the opportunity to see live, professional theater programs. Each season, CPAS brings in three shows offered by some of the best professional children's theater companies in the United States. The performances are presented Sundays at the beautifully restored historic Paramount Theatre in downtown Abilene.



Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition

The Abilene Cultural Affairs Council has brought new art to town every other year for more than 30 years in the form of creative outdoor sculptures. Temporary sculptures are located along North and South 1st Streets. Many memorable pieces have been purchased and remain a permanent part of our cultural landscape, including a flamingo holding sunglasses, a giant cow skull and a larger-than-life buffalo. See a map of the sculpture locations on our website.

Organizations receiving funds in 2013-14 are:

- Abilene Ballet Theatre
- Abilene Education Foundation
- Abilene Opera Association
- Abilene Performing Arts Co.
- Abilene Philharmonic Association
- Abilene Preservation League
- Abilene Star Chorus
- Abilene Zoological Society
- Celebration Singers
- Center for Contemporary Arts
- The Grace Museum
- Junior League of Abilene
- Memory Men Chorus of Abilene
- Mesquite Storytellers of Abilene
- St. Vincent Pallotti Church
- Young Audiences of Abilene
- 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum



Getting the word out...

Keep up with the latest Abilene arts news through Abilene Scene Magazine, Artfully Abilene e-newsletter and our social media platforms.

We partner with Zachry Publications, LP to produce Abilene Scene magazine. The magazine is put together by Abilenians for Abilenians. We strive to bring relevant content about local people and cover our arts events. Artfully Abilene is an e-newsletter distributed monthly. To sign up for the free newsletter, go to www.abilenecac.org.



Storybook Sculpture Project

One of the largest storybook collections in America

The first sculpture was installed in Everman Park in downtown Abilene in 1996. "Childhood's Great Adventure" was inspired by the William Joyce book "Santa Calls," which was based in Abilene. From that connection to Joyce, the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature in Abilene was born and other storybook sculptures have followed. In 2001, Dino Bob was added based on another Joyce character. In April 2013, six Dr. Seuss bronze statues were added to Everman Park in conjunction with the Children's Art & Literacy Festival. In October 2013, the ninth sculpture was added—a bronze Seymour. Sculptures inspired by Joyce's "The Guardians of Childhood" will be added in 2014.



Young Audiences of Abilene

For 20 years, Young Audiences of Abilene has introduced the arts to children by bringing professional performers into schools. Young Audiences brings artists and teachers together through an artist-in-residence program. In the summers, Young Audiences puts on shows for children at the Abilene Public Library. All of the shows inspire kids to make good choices. The Abilene group is a chapter of the national Young Audiences program. Regular participation in the arts is shown to improve academic performance and lead to success outside of the classroom.

Children's Art & Literacy Festival

The CALF was created in 2012 to provide a family friendly event emphasizing reading and art. Each June, the festival highlights the illustrator on exhibit at the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature. Downtown Abilene is transformed into a children's haven for four days with a parade, readings, street performers, train rides and movies.



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