



St. Charles Arts Council St. Charles, Illinois

Mission

To create an organization that serves and promotes the arts and cultural activities in St. Charles, to the mutual benefit of the arts and the community.

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St. Charles Arts Council Accomplishments

January 2011 – November 2012

The initial 24 months of the St. Charles Arts Council (SCAC) has been filled with various programs that support our mission to serve and promote the arts and cultural activities in St. Charles, and has included the following:

- Established as an Illinois Not for Profit Corporation

- Gained 501C3 status

- Created St. Charles Arts Council Logo through a Call to Artists opportunity

- Developed and launched the SCAC website – www.stcharlesartscouncil.org

- Hosted Three (3) “Art at Home” Programs

“Art at Home” is a fundraising/artist support program held in an individual home, where music and visual art come together to provide “tangible support to artists” – an important platform of the SCAC’s Strategic Plan. Average attendance has been 40 – 50 people. Musical groups are featured at each AAH, and over 20 visual artists have displayed and nearly \$5,000 of their work.

- Presented Six (6) “POP-UP” Galleries

 - neXt gallery at Shelby (Partner - Batavia Enterprises)

 - neXt gallery at Cedar (Partner - Batavia Enterprises)

 - neXt gallery at Fine Line Creative Arts Center (by invitation of Fine Line)

 - neXt gallery at Route 25 (courtesy of Katie Podl Fish and the building owner)

 - neXt gallery at North 2nd Street (Partner - Anderson Properties)

 - neXt gallery at Charlie’s Center for the Arts (Partner - Charlestowne Mall Properties, LLC)

These 6 galleries have enabled over 200 artists to exhibit their work, resulting in over \$35,000 in sales. Over 2000 people have attended these 5 galleries, averaging over 200 at most opening receptions.

- Hosted 5 Week ‘POP-UP’ Arts Event, “*Charlie’s Center for the Arts*”, in partnership with the St. Charles Park District, the St. Charles Public Library and Community Unit School District 303. *Charlie’s Center for the Arts* showcased professional, student and emerging artists in various disciplines - theater, dance, literature, film, music; featuring 22 bands and/or musical performers, performances by students of Fox Valley Rep, Vero Voce, MyStage and Fox Ballet. Five (5) visual art galleries were open, including the Park District Photography Gallery, the School District Student Gallery (featuring the work of students from each school in D303), the ARZ & Friends Gallery, the Peter Locascio Gallery and the SCAC neXt gallery. Well over 500 people visited these galleries during the 22 open days.

- The SCAC continues to expand an extensive artist database (visual and musical) for the purpose of providing information about art related opportunities, as well as an artist advocate/support database with which to communicate art programs and events.

- The SCAC website offers a calendar of arts related events and is currently in the process of broadening that calendar to provide even more information to the community in 2013.

- About 80 dedicated volunteers have enabled the SCAC to complete all of the above, and as we plan 2013, we will continue to develop our committees and volunteers, utilize our website as a community wide arts calendar, work with our Civic Partners, and develop even more arts partnerships. We will continue to serve and promote the arts and cultural activities in St. Charles and provide tangible support to artists in all ways that we can.

Join in & support the Arts in St. Charles!

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