



Tacoma Arts Commission 2010 YEAR IN REVIEW

The **Tacoma Arts Commission** acts as a catalyst to support the ecosystem of the arts in Tacoma through funding, public art, community programming, technical assistance, stewardship and advocacy.

FUNDING

Arts Anchor Fund

Supports Tacoma's larger arts institutions who 'anchor' the cultural community through exhibited stability and excellence.

- \$265,000 in funding distributed to 12 organizations for the 2009-10 biennium
- 506,421 people served in 2010
- 114,131 free tickets provided in 2010
- 190,893 Tacoma patrons and 315,528 Non-Tacoma patrons served in 2010
- Over \$12 million in collateral spending by all patrons in 2010
- Serving audiences from Council Districts 1 - 5
- Organizations based in Council Districts 1 - 3



Tacoma Symphony Orchestra's Simply Symphonic educational concert for 5th graders (photo by Dane Meyer)

Arts Projects

Annual funding program that supports a diversity of grassroots projects throughout the City.

- 2010 Arts Projects
 - \$45,000 in funding distributed to 19 organizations
 - \$133,640 in total funding requests from 33 applicants
 - 221,450 people served, covering Council Districts 1 – 5
- 2011 Arts Projects
 - \$50,000 in funding distributed to 21 organizations
 - \$117,315 in total funding requests from 30 applicants



Steamroller printing at Wayzgoose event (photo by Dane Meyer)

Tacoma Artists Initiative Program

Supports the creation of high quality new work by Tacoma artists working in all disciplines. Each artist shares their talents with the community through a public component.

- \$45,000 in funding distributed to 17 individual artists for the 2009-10 biennium
- \$161,477 in total funding requests from 40 applicants
- Serving artists from Council Districts 1 - 4



Robin Jaecklein choreographs dancers for Furniture Series performance (photo by Dane Meyer)

MUNICIPAL ART PROGRAM

- 1% for Public Art projects
 - Welcome Figure – installation and dedication ceremony. Artist: Shaun Peterson
 - Pacific Plaza - installation and reception; public/private partnership with Pacific Plaza Development. Artist: Jill Anholt
 - Center for Urban Waters - installation and reception; public/private partnership with Lorig. Artist: Robert Horner
 - Human Rights Legacy – launched call to artists; selected Paul Rucker
 - Cheney Stadium – launched call to artists for 2 projects; selected Beliz Brother & David Franklin



Welcome Figure (photo by Steven Miller), Projecting Drop for Pacific Plaza

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Spaceworks Tacoma

- Launched in June 2010
- 16 participating sites in Downtown Tacoma in 2010
- 37 projects in 2010: 7 creative enterprises, 6 artist residencies, 18 art installations (Artscapes), 6 site specific installations/performances for Tollefson Plaza
- Collaboration between the City of Tacoma, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, and Shunpike



Artscapes installation by Celeste Cooning (photo by Antony De Gennaro), James Sinding's "Letters" project in Tollefson Plaza

Safe, Clean & Attractive Initiative

- Worked with Graffiti Reduction Through Community Based Art team as part of City of Tacoma's Safe, Clean & Attractive initiative
- Launched Community Based Mural and Mural Art Training pilot programs
 - Seven murals created in collaboration with community in Community Based Services areas.
 - Murals in Council Districts 3 - 5
 - Trained 19 regional artists in community-based mural process



S. 23rd & MLK mural, lead artist: Jeremy Gregory, participating artists: Marlin Peterson, Larine Chung & Kate Cendejas (photo by Jeremy Gregory)

Fern Hill mural, lead artist: Kelda Martensen, participating artists: Dionne Bonner & Brad Pugh (photo by Kelda Martensen)

St. Vincent de Paul mural, lead artists: Kenji Stoll & Chris Jordan (photo by Kenji Stoll)

S. 38th & Portland Avenue mural, lead artist: Chris Sharp, participating artists: Shanna Duncan & Patricia Vazquez Gomez

Art at Work Month

- Opening Party
 - Collaborations with Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, Tacoma Opera, and Tacoma Musical Playhouse
 - 300 people in attendance
 - AMOCAT awards
 - Community Outreach by an Artist: Oliver Doriss
 - Community Outreach by an Organization: Fab-5
 - Arts Patron: Urban Grace Church
- Studio Tour
 - 71 artists and collaborative studios at 44 studio locations covering Council Districts 1 - 5
 - An average of 53 visitors to each studio (approximately 68% were unknown visitors)
 - Estimated \$26,000 in earnings from sale of work
- Arts Symposium
 - 11 free sessions, one low-cost arts business clinic, and one low-cost arts legal clinic over 2 days
 - Sessions presented by Shunpike, Washington Lawyers for the Arts, Washington State Arts Commission, Pierce County Arts Commission, Tacoma Arts Commission, 4Culture, Artist Trust, The Godwin Group PLLC, Works Consulting, and 6 other professionals
 - Attendees from around the region including Seattle and Olympia
- Art Slam
 - Free public event brought in an audience of over 300 people
 - 63 submissions of visual art and film; 12 spoken word artists, dancers, and musicians performed live

- **Materials**
 - Partnered with Pacific Lutheran University to re-branded Art at Work print materials
 - Expanded capabilities of www.ArtAtWorkTacoma.com



Studio Tour attendees at Betty Sapp Ragan's studio. Xxtral performing at Art Slam. (photos by Jason Ganwich)

Tacoma Poet Laureate

- Began talks with Urban Grace Church to take over administration of Tacoma Poet Laureate program in 2011

TacomaArt & Culture on Click! ON Demand

- Maintained an On Demand channel to air film, digital art, visual art, literary art and music content created by the public, funded organizations/artists, and the Arts Commission

Professional Development Workshops

- Washington Lawyers for the Arts – free and low cost Brown Bag and legal workshops
- Shunpike
 - Hosted four workshops and individually consulted with 37 arts groups through it's Business Clinics
 - Provided fiscal sponsorship and back-office services to local organizations
 - Formed Arts Leadership Lab Tacoma to foster development of emerging cultural leaders
- Arts Symposium – 456 total registered seats
- Washington State Arts Alliance – hosted monthly meetings to discuss arts advocacy on national, state, county and city levels

AWARDS

National Endowment for the Arts

- \$25,000 grant to develop a public art plan for the Prairie Line Trail
- \$10,000 grant for professional development as part of Art at Work month

Washington State Arts Commission

- Awarded Tacoma Arts Commission \$8,000 for 2010

TACOMA ARTS COMMISSION

- 15 volunteer Commissioners from Council Districts 1- 5; ranging in age from 20's to mid-70's; expertise as practicing artists, arts professionals, educators, and arts supporters/patrons
- 1066 hours of volunteer time in 2010
- Maintains www.TacomaCulture.org, www.ArtAtWorkTacoma.com, www.SpaceworksTacoma.com, two Facebook groups with over 1400 fans, and two email listservs with over 1200 members