



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 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. 38<sup>th</sup> & 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](http://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](http://www.TacomaCulture.org), [www.ArtAtWorkTacoma.com](http://www.ArtAtWorkTacoma.com), [www.SpaceworksTacoma.com](http://www.SpaceworksTacoma.com), two Facebook groups with over 1400 fans, and two email listservs with over 1200 members