

# ARTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 2:00 PM  
Council Chambers

## MINUTES

### I. Call to Order: Dr. Wohl called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

Present: Brad Belt, Chair, David Wohl, Vice Chair, Bill Blizard, Kimberly Adele, Dylan Keith, Joan Collar, Becky Hilstad, Rob Cushman, Jodi Rush

### II. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Blizard MOVED, Approval of Arts & Cultural Events Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2024.  
Ms. Rush seconded. MOTION PASSED

### III. Old Business

#### A. 2024/2025 Arts and Cultural Events Season Calendar and Financial Review

- The Council reviewed the events produced since the last meeting. **The Gatsby Orchestra** was sold out (204 tickets sold, 164 attending, 19% no-show rate – higher than normal possibly because of the World Series) and was very successful.
- The **CSO concert** was also received very well. (317 tickets sold, 265 attending, 16% no-show rate). The audience was pleased with the “Pops” nature of the selections. We received a comment card commending the variety/diversity of performances this season. CSO was not agreeable to the lights provided; it’s very difficult to light the stage for an orchestra in that space. Another possibility would be to put the stage on the small wall so that only the two overhead lights could be shown (this couldn’t happen in the current setup because different rooms separate the room’s lights). Perhaps consider using overhead lights in that space and not hiring the lighting tech in the future. This is the second year in a row that we paid for his services but didn’t use him.

2024/2025 Arts and Cultural Events														AC Budget	CEF Budget
Member	Event	Date   Time   Location	Artist	Piano/ Tuning	Sound	Seating	Lighting	Venue	Accom.	Food/ Supplies	Misc.	Notes	AC Budget	CEF Budget	
Kristin	The B Justice Ravibara	Sunday, September 15, 2024 4:00 - 6:30 PM   The Alway-Island Municipal Center	\$1,500								\$2,595	Vic. - Bar service	\$1,552		
Juan	Piano Bar with Harde Teich	Wednesday, September 18, 2024 5:30 - 7:00 PM   The Sandcastle	\$350										\$350		
Juan	Piano Bar with The Joe Project	Wednesday, October 9, 2024 5:30 - 7:00 PM   The Sandcastle	\$500										\$500		
Bill / Dylan	The Gatsby Orchestra	Tuesday, October 29, 2024 7:30 PM   SeaStack	\$8,400		\$2,200		5' - 7:00'				\$10	700 dance shoes prior to event	\$10,610		
Becky	Charleston Sinfonietta Orchestra	Saturday, November 2, 2024 8:30 PM   West Beach	\$28,400				5' - 7:00'	\$4,244	\$2,000	\$450	\$10,160		\$43,804		
David	Tuba Skinny	Monday, November 11, 2024 7:30 PM   West Beach	\$13,000		\$2,200		5' - 7:00'	\$3,242	\$2,000	\$450		late barout	\$22,892		
Becky / Jodi	Arcy & Friends Chamber Trio Featuring Stefan Jasovic and Yusra Rah	Sunday, November 17, 2024 4:00 PM   Lily Spill	\$10,000	\$200									\$10,200		
Juan	Piano Bar with Ole in Brown	Wednesday, November 27, 2024 5:00 - 7:30 PM   The Sandcastle	\$300										\$300		
Dylan	CCRA ft. Kimberly Adele	Sunday, November 24, 2024 7:30 PM   West Beach	\$15,000	\$1,300				\$4,244		\$400	\$17,780	Misc - RED + Projected lights, bar service, etc	\$26,422		
Juan	Piano Bar with Mike Perez	Wednesday, December 4, 2024 5:00 - 7:30 PM   The Sandcastle	\$350										\$350		
Jodi	Young Artist Series - Coley Derick Floria	Sunday, January 6, 2025 4:30 PM   COOG	\$2,000	\$200							\$40		\$2,420		
Bill	Judy Cammichael	Tuesday, January 7, 2025 7:30 PM   SeaStack	\$8,200	\$1,800	\$2,200	\$800	0' - 7:00'		\$4,400	\$300			\$17,200		
Kristin	Liquid Pleasure	Friday, January 10, 2025 7:30 PM   West Beach	\$8,200					\$3,244			\$200		\$11,644		
Jodi	OPERA by Shakespeare	Friday, January 17, 2025 7:30 PM   West Beach	\$12,000	\$1,800			0' - 7:00'	\$3,244		\$100	\$500	Vic. - 10th	\$19,844		
Juan	Piano Bar with Gary Piccinelli	Wednesday, February 5, 2025 5:00 - 7:30 PM   The Sandcastle	\$350										\$350		
Kristin	Marcel Rhythmic Section	Friday, February 7, 2025 7:30 PM   West Beach	\$12,500		\$2,200	\$2,051	0' - 7:00'	\$4,244	\$2,000	\$400		note barout	\$24,395		

Bill	Sinatra: The Man and His Music by Moranz Entertainment	Friday, February 28, 2025 7:30 PM   West Beach	\$16,500				\$3,542		\$150		\$20,192	
Joan	Piano Bar with Glenn Brown	Wednesday, March 5, 2025 5:00 - 7:00 PM   The Sandcastle	\$350								\$350	
Joan	Art Film: Woodstock 2	Wednesday, March 12, 2025 3:00 PM   The Sandcastle										
David	Tusk	Tuesday, March 18, 2025 7:30 PM   West Beach	\$15,000	\$2,200	\$1,700	\$3,542	\$1,500	\$450	Hotel buyout		\$24,392	
Joan	Art Film: The DaVinci Code	Wednesday, March 26, 2025 3:00 PM   The Sandcastle										
Joan	Piano Bar with Bob Williams	Wednesday, April 9 2025 5:00 - 7:00 PM   The Sandcastle	\$350								\$350	
Bill	19th Annual Blues by the Sea	Sunday, April 13, 2025 3:00 - 7:00 PM   Freshfields	\$22,000								\$22,000	
Joan	Art Film: Casablanca	Wednesday, April 23 2025 3:00 PM   The Sandcastle										
Jodi	Piccolo Spoleto Preview	Sunday, May 4, 2025 4:00 PM   Holy Spirit	\$7,000	\$200							\$7,200	
<b>Total</b>											<b>\$154,098</b>	<b>\$183,838</b>
<b>Arts Council Budget Breakdown</b>			<b>Trackable</b>				<b>Cultural Events Budget Breakdown</b>				<b>Trackable</b>	
spendable	\$144,000		Spensible	\$144,000		spendable	\$179,000		Spensible	\$179,000		
contingency	\$5,000		Events Total	\$154,098		contingency	\$3,000		Events Total	\$183,838		
admin	\$7,000		Balance	\$10,098		total	\$182,000		Balance	\$4,838		
total	\$156,000											

\* \$106,000 + \$50,000 previous ticket revenue = \$156,000

A few participants were confused that the Tour of Homes cost didn't include the concert. CSO advertised the concert tickets on their site, but it could be clearer in the future. There was a brief discussion about selling tickets at the door and it was generally agreed that for future events that still had tickets available, a visible poster with a QR code that linked to Ticket Tailor could be on display so that patrons could easily purchase tickets via their cell phones.

Mr. Belt noted that the concert overlapped a bit with the KICA Oyster Roast at the Sandcastle. That event was scheduled after the CSO Tour/Concert was scheduled. In the future, perhaps some coordination between the Council and KICA could help mitigate these types of conflicts.

- Dr. Wohl noted that 228 tickets to **Tuba Skinny** (Nov. 11) have been sold. Sound and lights will begin at 1:30; Ms. Pomrenke will bring green room supplies and Dr. Wohl will bring food buyout items; Julie will help with ticket scanning.
  - **Andrew Armstrong** chamber music event: 59 tickets have been sold. piano tuner will be scheduled for Nov. 11; programs will be printed once Ms. Hilstad reviews; Mr. Armstrong has not indicated that he needs a rehearsal; Ms. Pomrenke will bring needed items and sound system for the event (will plan to be there right when mass concludes to begin setup). Extra help with ticket scanning will be necessary. Mr. Keith noted that he will be out of town that Sunday and will be unable to do photography.
  - Ms. Collar reported that the **Glenn Brown piano bar** is all set.
  - Ms. Adele noted that the schedule for the **Zora event** on 11/24 has been coordinated with PDA. West Beach will set the stage before 9 a.m. on Saturday and piano is being delivered from 9-10 a.m. that day. Ms. Adele and Mr. Keith will be on site for that drop-off. The piano tuner is still reviewing his schedule, but he will likely be there on Sunday to tune before 11 a.m. 57 tickets have been sold so far.
  - Ms. Collar will be printing out song sheets for the **December piano bar event** so that it will include a Christmas "sing-along." She is also exploring the idea of asking patrons to bring gifts to donate to "Toys for Tots."
  - Upcoming ticket releases: Young Artists (Nov. 8), Judy Carmichael (Nov. 12), Liquid Pleasure (Nov. 14)
- B. Dr. Wohl reviewed the status of the Town's Arts Manager position. The job description was posted last week to Indeed, LinkedIn, social media, and the Town e-newsletter. He has sent the posting to his contacts at C of C and Winthrop. The job has also been posted to the North Carolina Presenters Consortium posted to their job listing page and on socials; placed on the Association of Performing Arts Professionals website; boosted post on Indeed for a few days The job description is on the Town's

website: [www.kiawahisland.org/careers](http://www.kiawahisland.org/careers) If Arts Council has anyone in mind, please tell them to apply. We have received 35 applications so far; several do not have the experience needed. The application deadline is November 11. Mr. Cushman volunteered to be a third person on the interview panel. Ms. Pomrenke, Dr. Wohl, and Mr. Cushman will arrange a time next week to review/narrow down applications and Ms. Pomrenke will begin to schedule interviews. Mr. Belt mentioned that the job description has been expanded to include cultural events and activities although the primary focus of the position will still be on coordination of the arts activities that the Town sponsors.

- C. Mr. Belt discussed the reappointment process of all Town boards, councils, and committees. The Town will also advertise all appointed boards and councils within the next month or so and will accept resumes/applicants from property owners interested in applying. He hopes to open up the process a bit more to promote greater participation from the community and to make sure prospective volunteers understand the work involved in serving on Town committees. As far as the Arts Council is concerned, current AC members should send Ms. Pomrenke their names if they would like to continue on Arts Council next year.

#### IV. New Business

- A. Dr. Wohl announced the resignation of Arts Council member Ron McCray. Mr. McCray’s business has just made a major acquisition which has placed increased demands on his time. He still intends to support the work of the Council and attend events.
- B. Mr. Belt discussed the potential “re-imagining” of the Municipal Building property – especially in light of the large tree out front being struck by lightning. There are many possibilities that he will be exploring – including the idea of a municipal “campus” that could include an arts/community center, nature trails, and outdoor performance space. Dr. Wohl reported that the Lowcountry Arts Center Board has also been discussing this idea with architect Marc Camens and invited Mr. Belt to continue this conversation when Mr. Camens returns from his travels after December 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### V. Correspondence

Dr. Wohl reported the positive content of two of the comment cards received at the CSO concert. One of the comments praised the diversity of the Arts Council’s 2024-25 season.

VI. Chairman’s Comments: None

VII. Public Comments: None

VIII. Adjournment: Mr. Blizard **MOVED** that the meeting be adjourned; Ms. Hilstad seconded. **MEETING ADJOURNED** at 2:50 PM.

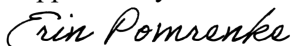
Submitted by,

David Wohl, Vice Chair



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Approved by



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