

NAC board members attend LHAT annual conference in Cleveland.

"We were blown away" – that's how NAC President Dina Lukasko summed up the experience when she and fellow board members Kathleen Sigsworth, Vanessa Cook, Tiina Ruffing and MaryLisa Boose attended the League of Historic American Theater's annual conference recently in Cleveland.

The women split up to attend as many sessions as possible to both improve NAC's current programming and plan for the restoration of the theater. They networked with other arts groups from across the country and came back to Norwalk with a renewed passion for their mission – creating art, building community.



Several facts stood out about historic theaters and art programs – they strengthen a community's economy, they promote social cohesion, they improve mental health and they spark creativity and innovation. Hearing stories of other historic theaters and their programs invigorated the NAC members, and they are excited about putting some of their new ideas into action.

"We're not restoring the historic Norwalk Theater just to have a cool building," said Cook. "We're creating a home for the creativity and inspiration that flows from a vibrant arts center. We're building something that will benefit our entire community in so many ways. We will have a fantastic theater, but the magic that takes place there will spread well beyond the walls of the building."

NAC sets sights on National Register of Historic Places

The Norwalk Theater may soon be listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The NAC Board received word the State Historic Preservation Office, SHPO, accepted NAC's application to be considered by the State to be listed on the National Register. SHPO presented the Norwalk Theater to the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board to be nominated for the next round of considerations. Perspectus, the architect on the restoration project of the Norwalk Theater, is assisting NAC with the final submission to NRHP.



Theater Restoration Updates

Progress continues on the Norwalk Arts Center's future home at the Norwalk Theater. Behind the scenes, several contractors are working to ensure the longevity and efficiency of the marquee. Using advancements in technology and fabrication, the newly-restored marquee will last for decades to come. The restoration committee is dedicated to honor the aesthetic charm of the original 1941 design. The Norwalk Theater's marquee is the largest of its kind in the State of Ohio. In addition to the marquee, fresh paint on the face of the building and refinished front doors will be sure to catch the eye of each passerby when the work is completed. To help support the efforts of restoration, tax-deductible donations can be made by mailing a check to PO Box 656, Norwalk, Ohio 44857 or through NAC's website. Consider giving today at NorwalkArtsCenter.org



Double Feature: The Last Dance of Dr. Disco & Lights, Camera, Auction!

The Norwalk Arts Center is excited for all of you to join us August 12 and 13 for a two-for-one special: murder mystery dinner theater and a raffle/auction! All proceeds go toward creating art and building community locally through programming and the refurbishing of the historic theater on Main Street.

Come and Do the Hustle with the NACtors!

Join the disco dancing at Studio 57 (Milestone Event Center), where Dr. Disco has hatched a nefarious plot to take over the world by putting subliminal messages into disco music. His nurse, Ilsa Hump, is in on the scheme, but his whiny daughter Margie and the disco king, Tony Menudo, are clueless. It will take a British Secret Agent to foil this evil plot. The show is an audience-participation mystery where attendees get to meet the characters before the action begins, take part in a clue hunt and work to solve the crime at the end of the show.

Tickets are available online at NorwalkArtsCenter.org or for walk-ins (while supplies last). Dress up in your best disco outfit for a great prize and also take a chance at winning a \$100 bottle of wine!



Lights, Camera, Auction:

During the disco there will be over 25 groovy raffle baskets to entice you to take a chance on winning. The auction has been generously sponsored by First American Title Insurance Company and The Law Office of Paul D Dolce. Can't make it on August 12 or 13? Purchase chances to win online before the show! If your number gets drawn, we will contact you for pick-up coordination. Don't miss your opportunity to win some amazing prizes, including one-of-a-kind repurposed Norwalk Theater items! You can see all the items on the web at NorwalkArtsCenter.org/auction.





Hey! I know a kid who would love this...

Great! We are excited to open registration for Matilda, Jr. August 1 with classes beginning August 29. This is a great way for children to learn about theater, help build confidence, meet new friends and potentially develop a lifelong love of the arts. Check out our website today for registration! The performance is sponsored by NORWECO and Buckeye Excavating & Construction. Performances will be November 18-20, 2022.

ART Club takes #findartkeepart event to a new level

The teens involved with Norwalk Arts Center's ART (Arts Resources for Teens) Club are an enthusiastic and creative bunch. That's why they were the perfect group for the Arts Education Committee to approach with the idea of developing a community-wide, family-oriented art treasure hunt!

Members of the ART Club created miniature masterpieces using a poured paint technique taught by guest artist and Arts Education Committee member Leslie Kline. Their completed canvases and a variety of bracelet-making kits will be hidden in Norwalk area parks and the Huron County Fairgrounds the morning of August 14. NAC's social media will feature an appearance from "NAC Man," a brainchild of the ART Club, to help describe how the art hunt works.



Anyone lucky enough to find the art will be encouraged to snap a selfie, tag Norwalk Arts Center and use the hashtag #findartkeepart to connect with other lucky hunters. Additionally, they can scan a QR code that will allow them to enter into a random drawing for four tickets to the Norwalk Arts Center production of Matilda, Jr. in November.



Theater camps inspire area youth

Norwalk Arts Center hosted two separate, week-long theater camps in June. Director Vanessa Cook and guest teaching artists Ethan Cohen-Smith, Amy Ellis and Marina Bayless taught junior campers in grades 1-6 fundamental theater concepts such as character development, costume design, set and prop construction and musicality. The students rehearsed and produced *End of the Line*, a 10-minute musical about ants and their quest for the Golden Twinkie by Howard Ho, Kristen Rea and Chris Edgar.

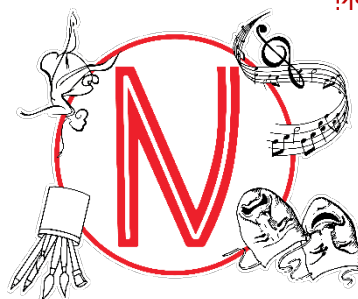
Teens in grades 7-12 learned about proper audition practices, makeup techniques and more advanced music, staging and costuming concepts in their productions of 10-minute musicals *HolyyyyyyHottttttCheetosssss!* written by Jose Casas and *Super Hots!* written by Joel Esher and Blair Bodine. The camps were generously sponsored by the Geotrac Foundation and the Ohio Arts Council.



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It is the mission of Norwalk Arts Center to celebrate and increase advocacy for the arts in North Central Ohio by providing education, experiences and environments for artistic growth.

Creating Art. Building Community.

Save the Dates:

Last Dance of Dr Disco: Murder Mystery Dinner Theater presented by the NActors Aug. 12-13, 2022

Light, Camera, Auction: Live auction and raffle presented at the disco Aug. 12-13, 2022

A.R.T. Club Meetings (Gr 9-12) Aug. 14, 2022,

#findartkeepart community art treasure hunt begins

Huron County Fair Booth: Aug. 16, 2022 from, 3-6 p.m.

Matilda Jr (Gr 2-8) Weekly classes begin Aug. 29 for 11 weeks, performances Nov 18-20

Arts Explorers (Gr 1-4) Oct. 1, Dec. 10, 2022: each session is from 10-2pm

AIM (Artist In the Making): Art pop-ups for grades 5-8 will be held Sept. 10 and Oct. 14, 2022 after school Sheri's Coffee House

Visit our webpage for more information about all our programs and to register! NorwalkArtsCenter.org



Come see us at the Huron County Fair! NAC is taking over the Huron County Chamber booth on Tuesday Aug 16, from 3-6 p.m.. Stop in and learn more about NAC and our programming, upcoming events and our progress on the Norwalk Theater, the future home of the Norwalk Arts Center.

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