Macomb Arts Center

April 2025 Newsletter

WIU students performing solo "Tiny Dances" in 2024.

Spring Events

April 15 - April 26: Young Artists II: Elementary School art exhibit. Free. Opening reception, **Saturday, April 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Wednesday, April 30, 7 p.m.: "Echoes of Dance, Voices Unbound" performed by WIU Theatre and Dance students. Free.

Saturday, May 3, 7 pm: Bill Maakestad performs "Nashville's Greatest Storyteller: The Music of Tom T. Hall." Suggested donation $10; proceeds benefit the MAC.

WIU Students Sing, Dance in Tiny Spaces

Since spring of 2021, student choreographers in the Department of Theatre and Dance, under the direction of Assistant Professor Donald Laney, have been presenting their end-of-semester solo dance works at the MAC.

Because of early Covid social distancing and the initial need for students to sometimes create in their dorm rooms or family living rooms, the primary requirement for these pieces has been their confinement to a 6-by-6-foot square.

This year, the performance will include some incredible singers from the WIU Musical Theatre program for an inventive evening to remember! "**Echoes of Dance, Voices Unbound": Wednesday, April 30, 7 pm. Free.**

Bill Maakestad Concert Honors Nashville Songwriter

Macomb musician and philanthropist Bill Maakestad has researched and created an evening-length show called "Nashville's Greatest Storyteller: The Music of Tom T. Hall" as a benefit concert for the MAC. We are so grateful for Bill's support and hope you will join us!

7 p.m. Saturday, May 3. Suggested donation $10.

Our youngest artists are back!

Please stop by sometime between **April 15 and April 26** to see the exhibit **Young Artists II: Elementary School.**

Join us for a **public reception on Saturday, April 19, 2025 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** to honor these young artists.

Gallery hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 11 am to 2 pm; Friday, 4pm to 7pm; and Saturday, 11am - 3pm.

Remembering Philip Weiss

The Macomb Arts Center lost one of its biggest supporters when Philip “Phil” Weiss died at age 80 on March 1. He gave a generous donation to the MAC that helped make possible the installation of a new floor earlier this year-just one of many ways that he made a difference in Macomb.

Become a Member and/or Volunteer

The Macomb Arts Center is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization. We are always looking for more volunteers! To become a volunteer and/or member, please visit our website, macombartscenter.org, or mail membership dues to Macomb Arts Center, PO Box 692, Macomb, IL. 61455. Memberships: Family $50; Individual $30; Student $8.

Call for Artists

Members and Friends/Macomb Artisans Guild Exhibit 2025

This show is open to every type of media (photography, ceramics, sculpture, painting, etc.). Artists, from beginners to professionals, may submit up to two pieces of original art. All 2-D works must be framed and ready to hang. The exhibit will run from **May 6 through May 31.** A public reception will be held **Tuesday, May 6, from 5 to 7 pm.**

The **deadline for entry is April 23.** A $10 hanging fee for non-members is due May 4 at 2 pm when the pieces (1 or 2) are dropped off. Members are free. Commissions to the MAC for works that sell are 30 percent for non-members and 20 percent for members.

You may apply by emailing MAC Interim Gallery Director Bill Howard at gallery@macombartscenter.org. Please be sure to include: your name as you want it to appear on the gallery card / the town of your mailing address / the title of the work / media type / cost (or not for sale). Also please include the approximate frame dimensions of 2-D work. Please email questions to Bill Howard at gallery@macombartscenter.org.