2017 ANNUAL REPORT
Welcome to the ZACC!

Hello-

Thank you for your support of the Zootown Arts Community Center in 2017.

It was another exciting year at the ZACC, serving the community we love. I strongly believe in the power of the arts to create the human connections, innovations, and healing that we need right now to make significant positive change in our world and our community, and the ZACC’s programs serving youth, veterans, families, and seniors are on the forefront of that change.

In the last year, we provided over 8700 hours of arts education to over 500 Missoula youth. In addition, we planned and hosted over 20 family-friendly, free art workshops and brought creative activities to multiple community events, including, River City Roots, Out to Lunch, Downtown Tonight, Sunday Streets, the International Wildlife Film Festival, the Parade of Lights, and many others.

Our pottery, glass fusing, and community print shop served more than 2050 adults and youth who used our facility, supplies, and technical assistance to create their own works of art. In total, the ZACC continues to offer more than 100 workshops for adults, families, and seniors each year.

Last year, our AMP program offered year round music camps for youth, adults, and veterans, creating dynamic learning opportunities through musical exploration.

Thanks to our supporters, the ZACC has been able to help thousands of people find their voice, grow their self-esteem and respect of others, and improve their ability to communicate and connect through ZACC programs designed help each person unlock their own creative power. Thank you. We could not do it without you.

In 2017 we planted the seeds for some big growth. In the coming year we will be working to build a new facility that will double its footprint and increase staff and resources needed to greatly increase the depth of participation and the ZACC’s reach to those who need transformative arts opportunities the most. We look forward to talking with each of you in person about the details of this next adventure.

With love and gratitude,

Kia Liszak, Executive Director

Inspire*Connect*Create

OUR MISSION
As a nonprofit arts community center providing facilities and expertise, the Zootown Arts Community Center delivers all ages arts education, fosters sustainable community development, and promotes accessible, life-enriching art experiences for Missoula residents and visitors.

OUR VISION
The ZACC envisions a community in which art plays a central role in enriching lives, community engagement, and education.

OUR VALUES
The arts foster civic engagement, stimulate economic activity and increase cultural empathy, while playing a crucial role in sustaining thriving communities.

Everyone deserves access to a variety of arts and cultural experiences.

Arts education is central to the development of all children and to ongoing creative engagement for people of all ages.

Artists and arts organizations require a social environment that values and supports their contributions and encourages innovation.

The breadth, depth, and diversity of artistic and cultural life are critical measures of the vitality in Missoula.

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**50** groups gathered at ZACC to celebrate birthdays, baby showers, graduations, and more

**35** field trips based in ceramics, glass, and printmaking provided to local area public and home school kids

**17** free art workshops provided by the ZACC at Missoula events like River City Roots Fest, Out To Lunch, and more

**54** all-ages music shows and performances by local and traveling musicians held in the ZACC’s basement venue

ZACC MEMBERS

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# Arts Education

Arts education is central to the development of all children and to ongoing creative engagement for people of all ages.

## Youth Ed

- **200** kids ages 6-16 attended our Young Artist Afterschool Program (YAAP) and Alternative Music Program (AMP)

## Adult Ed

- **40** classes offered including Glass Fusing, Sculpture, Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Painting, and Ceramics

## Key Figures

- **281** kids ages 6-16 participated in **10 weeks** of dynamic summer camps based in music, drama, visual and public arts

- **8** artists who took or taught a class at the ZACC and were featured in other Missoula art spaces and galleries in 2017

- **6** adult women channeled their inner rock stars in Women’s Rock Camp

- **104** hours of music therapy for Hero Sound Project for Combat Veterans
Artists and arts organizations require a social environment that values and supports their contributions and encourages innovation.

Every year the ZACC hosts 12 innovative monthly gallery exhibitions that enhance our community conversations and connections.

January
Rebecca Sobin
Desert to Mountain

February
Sentinel High School Students
Group Show

March
5th Annual Mini Benefit Show
Theme: Under the Sea

April
8th Annual Last Best Print Fest
Theme: Authenticity

May
Tim Nielson
Icons for the Churches of the Post-Revolution

June
Young Artist After-School Program
Youth Showcase

July
Group Show
Inside Out: Neo-Outsider Art

August
Michael Greytak
Digital Organics

September
3rd Annual Missoula Monster Project

October
25th Annual Festival of the Dead
Theme: Inheritance

November
Laura Blue Palmer
Overlook

December
ZACC Friends and Family Group Show

Our printshop is an essential resource for Missoula print artists and those learning the art of printmaking. In 2017 more than 25 print projects by various Missoula artists were created using the ZACC printshop, including projects for the International Wildlife Film Festival, and the Missoula Psych Festival.

111 individual users, 18 Community Organizations, and 7 local area schools utilized our printshop as a resource

Over 550 people of all ages attended our 12 free community printshop nights

70 people attended a printmaking class

Paint Your Own Pottery
Over 800 individuals of all ages utilized our Paint Your Own Pottery Studio to create art projects

Glass Fusing
Over 60 individuals of all ages created utilized our glass fusing studio to create glass fused projects

6 artists enjoyed the benefits of renting our low-cost studio spaces to work on their artwork throughout the year. ZACC studio holders range from art therapists, to digital media and VR designers, to visual artists.
ZACC events bring our community together to inspire, connect and create. The arts foster civic engagement, stimulate economic activity and increase cultural empathy, while playing a crucial role in sustaining thriving communities. In 2017 we held events nearly every month for the hundreds of Missoula youth, adults, families, and seniors who access our services.

April 14, 2017: **7th Annual Last Best Print Fest**  
*Theme: Authenticity*

- 60 Montana printmakers and students participated in the portfolio exchange
- 780 total prints were created for the exchange

July 15, 2017: **6th Annual Northside/Westside Block Party**

- We’re thankful for the support of our community sponsors:
  - Clay Studio • Kettlehouse • MASC Studio • Burns St. Bistro • Big Sky Breakout • Cutbank Literary Journal • KBGA • Missoula Community Radio • NMCDC • Sip and Spin • Missoula Broadcasting • Hi-Tech Audio and Lighting • GCLA

- 1000 neighbors and friends gathered for this all-day celebration of culture and services offered in this neighborhood
- 30 amazing volunteers
- 6 musical performances by bands & solo artists
- 3 food trucks
- 6 Northside/Westside businesses
- 11 all-ages activity booths

October 1 - November 2, 2017: **Missoula Festival of the Dead**  
*Theme: Inheritance: Gifts from the Dead*

- 16 free community workshops and events
- 30 Montana artists showed pieces in the Festival of the Dead group art show
- 100 people walked in and viewed the procession held in downtown Missoula
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TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS - $340,700
TOTAL EXPENSES - $33,594

TOTAL REVENUE: $291,780

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