

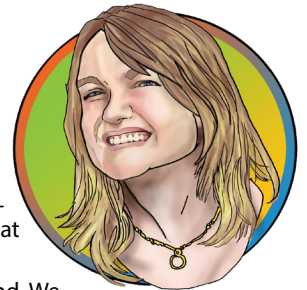
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The Mighty Mini Show

Ten years ago we held the first Mini Show in the ZACC's basement on the Northside. The idea of holding a gala event in our basement was pretty absurd, as the space was about as unglitzy as it gets. But ZACC staff have always prided themselves on their DIY skills and making art out of, well, everything ... so we rolled up our sleeves and set out to glitz up that old basement into a space worthy of an art gala.



We spent months transforming that previously dark and dreary storage room into a spectacularly illuminated dreamland. We painted the floor and the walls and the beams. We wrapped the room in plastic and Christmas lights and hung chandeliers. We borrowed tables and chairs and hauled them one by one down the steep basement stairs. We asked local chefs to donate miniature food items for dinner and dessert. We asked artists to donate tiny artworks. We asked Bravo Catering to come and park their mobile kitchen outside. We borrowed wine glasses and plates and silverware and linens ... and hundreds of hours and hundreds of asks later, we did it! The first Mini Show was a sold out event featuring nearly one hundred tiny artworks, and 150 ZACC supporters wore their finest threads to our basement where they dined and laughed and bid. We made \$12,000 to support the ZACC's operations that year, and we were elated and exhausted and ready to do it all over again next year.

After a few years and a few more elaborate art installations in that fateful basement, including a handmade forest, we grew out of the space and settled into our new home at The Wilma. The Wilma offered a much grander room, with room enough for both the Mini Show and the ZACC to grow and blossom.

Ten years later, some things have changed and some haven't. We still work with Bravo Catering, and they cook an amazing meal for our guests every year. We still have an incredible dessert auction with delicious and artful desserts, donated by Missoula's finest restaurants. We still pour our hearts into every aspect of the event and all of the creative details, and we still rely on the Mini Show to raise critical funds that support the ZACC's year-round operations. But everything about this event is really maximal now – other than the name. We now accept all sizes of artworks, not just miniature ones. Our guest count and our event revenue continue to grow (we raised \$80,000 last year!) ... Although we still call it the Mini Show (because we're just very attached to the name and all it has represented over the years), there really isn't anything mini about it anymore.

And we love the Wilma, but the Mighty Mini Show has now outgrown the Wilma's capacity, too. In order to make room for more guests, we are moving the event to the newly renovated Commercial Building at the Missoula County Fairgrounds this year. On April 2, 2022, the Mini Show will once again bring together Missoula's creative community to celebrate the arts and show their support for the ZACC. We've fully embraced our new location with the theme 'Vintage Carnival,' and we can't wait to see what our creative community does to dress in that theme.

Thank you for being part of our journey from Mini to Mighty. We could not have done it without all of our community's support. Please join us this April to celebrate 10 amazing years and raise your paddle for the ZACC. Please also join us for the gallery opening at the ZACC on Friday, March 18. The auction will also be accessible online for those who can't make it to the main event.

With love, Kia

HAPPENING THIS MONTH



10th Annual Mini Show
Saturday, April 2 at the Missoula County Fairgrounds



Mini Show Auction Exhibition Gallery Opening
Friday, March 18, 5-8 PM at the ZACC

The Show Room

Apple, High on You, s_nya

Wednesday, March 2 // Doors at 8 PM // Show at 8:30 PM // \$10

MAMA Open Mic

Thursday, March 3 // Doors at 7 PM // Open Mic begins at 7:30 PM // Free & Open to All

Dead Hipster + The ZACC Present EMO NIGHT

Friday, March 4 // Doors at 7 PM // EMO starts at 7:30 PM // \$10

Revival Comedy Presents Late Night Missoula

Saturday, March 5 // Doors at 7 PM // 7:30 PM // \$10

Infinite Ammo + but i'm a cheerleader + Panic Boner

Thursday, March 10 // Doors at 7 PM // 7:30 PM // \$10

Gay Terror >> SPACE COWBOY Queer Dance Party

Friday, March 11 // Doors at 8 PM // Dance Party starts at 8:30 PM // \$10
Suggested Donation

The Montana Repertory Theatre Presents

THE CASTLE WITH A THOUSAND LIGHTS

By Sam Myers

Saturday, March 12 at 2 PM & 7:30 PM, and Sunday, March 13 at 2 PM // Pick What You Pay

For tickets at more information visit: <https://montanarep.com/>

Weep Wave + Bombshell Nightlight + Cosmic Sans

Sunday, March 13 // Doors at 7 PM // Show at 7:30 PM // \$10

Everything is Terrible! Kidz Klub Tour

Produced in partnership with The Roxy Theater

– Missoula's Community Cinema!

Friday, March 18 // Doors at 8 PM // Show at 8:30 PM // \$10 (Advance Tickets Recommended)

Sasha Bell Band / Trans Future / Brute Finesse

Saturday, March 19 // Doors at 7 PM // Show at 7:30 PM // \$10

UM's Zootown Cabaret Presents

A Female Songwriters Showcase

MATINEE ONLY // Sunday, March 20 // Doors at 1:30 PM // 2 PM // \$15

Bed Bits (Los Angeles) & Petite Garçon (Denver) + Tulip Ensemble

Wednesday, March 23 // Doors at 7:30 PM // Show at 8 PM // \$10

Dante Elephante w/opener Cosmic Sans

Friday, March 25 // Doors 7 PM // Show 8 PM // \$10 Advance // \$13 DOS

HIGHWAY TO HELENA

Junior + Worst Feelings

+ Cory Fay & the Good Goddamn

+ Ro Myra + DJ Paintbrush

Saturday, March 26 // Doors at 6:30 PM // Show at 7 PM // \$10

Magic Sword / Dance with the Dead

+ Das Mortal

Sunday, March 27 // Doors 6 PM // Show 7 PM // \$20 Adv // \$23 DOS

Summer Like the Season

+ No + Cry Baby

Tuesday, March 29 // Doors at 7:30 PM // Show at 8 PM // \$10

Galleries

Main Gallery

10th Annual Mini Show Auction Exhibition

Opens Friday, March 18, from 5-8 PM

Bid on the auction at: <https://givergy.us/2022ZACCMiniShow/>

Works by Sarah Anderson, Meredith Baird, Crackle Bingham, Courtney Blazon, Jane Butler, Jeannie Yovetich Burham, Uschi Carpenter, Christa Carleton, Susan R. Carlson, Amy Coseo, Linda Cox, Anne Cruikshank, Dana Childs, Olive Daniel, Salome Daniel, Sharon Davidson, Dan DeGrandpre, GiGi Don Diego, Liz Dye, Haley Eakin, Theo Ellsworth, C. Olivia Erickson, Rebecca Fiske, Kim Foiles, Aron Flanagan, Stephanie J. Frostad, Margo Geddes, Jessica Glenn, Tennessee Glenn, Bev Beck Glueckert, Hannah Harvey, Linda Holding, Patricia Huff, David Miles Lusk, Erika Peterman, Romy McGahan, Lauren Norby, Mitchell McCabe, Sheila Miles, Kathryn Kress, Shannon Thomasson, Jace Laakso, Hilly McGahan, Stella Nall, Monica Gilles-Brings Yellow, Barb Schwarz Karst, Matt Simms, Evani Spencer, Karen Slobod, Richard Smith, Tim Thornton, Elloie Jeter, Crystal McCallie, Ivette Kjelsrud, Jessie Smith, Wesley Saint John, Walter Hook, Luke Orsborne, Iadypajama, Janet Sullivan, Jason Poole, Sheri Nagy, M Scott Miller, Maggy Rozycki Hiltner, Katie S Machain, Melissa Madsen, Madeline Mikolon, Laura Blue Palmer, Claudia Roulier, Bonnie Tarses, Bracha Tenenbaum, Monica Thompson, John E Thompson, Patricia Thornton, Naomi Thornton, Rick Phillips, Ann Karp, Lillian Nelson, Bruce Kitts, Shalene Valenzuela, Teresa Garland Warner, and R David Wilson.

Adult Classes

Introduction to Acting

Tuesdays, April 12 through May 24, 5:30-8:30 PM

Beginner's Glass Fusing Class

Wednesday, April 27, 6-8 PM

Youth Camps

2021-2022 After School Camps are LIVE!

Register your child today at zootownarts.org

Free Events

Montana Area Music Association presents

MAMA Open Mic Night

Thursday, March 3 / Doors at 7 / 7:30 PM / FREE

The ZACC and the Montana Area Music Association have teamed up to create a space for music, community, collaboration, and artistic expression. Learn about MAMA's mission, what we're working on, and how to get involved. Meet fellow musicians, test out new songs, and build new connections! February's kick-off event was a blast, and we would love to see you again on March 3 for MAMA Open Mic, happening monthly in 2022.

Drink & Draw with the Hellgate Roller Derby

Western Cider / 501 N California St / Wednesday

March 9 / 5:30-7:30 PM / FREE

The ZACC, the Hellgate Roller Derby, and Western Cider are jamming to bring you Drink & Draw Derby! Several skaters from the Hellgate Roller Derby – a skater-run, nonprofit organization designed for the purpose of promoting the sport of flat track roller derby and roller skating in general in Missoula and our surrounding communities – will be modeling for lucky attendees. Wanna join the league, learn more about the sport, or just learn about roller skating in general? They'll be able to help you out with that, too! These skaters are getting their derby-legs back after a long COVID-hiatus, and are so excited to share their love for the derby with the Missoula community again. The ZACC will be there to supply all that you need to create (drawing materials, paper, erasers), and we receive a portion of the profit from cider sales during the event. Please feel free to donate to the ZACC and/or HRD if you're feeling the tough love.

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