

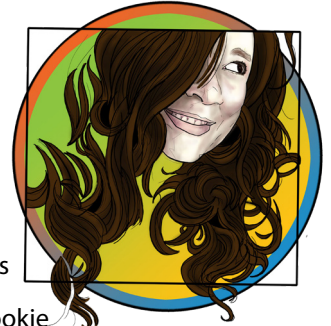
Cultivating community through accessible arts experiences for all.

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We Know Santa!

Did you know there are three types of elves? The first type makes shoes in the night. The second makes the delicious cookies we all know and love. The third? They work up north on The Big Show. Elves are fantastic helpers who are small in stature, like me! Growing up in Missoula I was always pegged as a cookie-making elf, even lovingly earning the nickname 'Keebs' in high school due to my short stature and advanced baking skills. But it never felt quite right, because I've always been a giant fan of the holidays. For me, the holiday season in Missoula has always been a time of pure joy, and I have many fond holiday memories based in the arts. I smile warmly to think of Tuba Christmas, the local production of the Nutcracker, school holiday concerts, making homemade ornaments, and driving in the South Hills to see everyone's creative energy lit up in their yard. Now that I'm celebrating my fourth holiday season at the ZACC, I think it has become abundantly clear that I am, in fact, a Holiday elf.

One of my favorite things about working at the ZACC is giving people both young and old new art-based holiday memories. As a Holiday elf I'm especially at home here, because each year the ZACC works directly with Santa himself! That's right, WE KNOW HIM! And we do our best to keep Santa jolly. We always host his favorite gallery show, the Friends & Family Show, celebrating our beautiful and diverse Missoula arts community. Santa can't wait to see the show this year, as we have over 60 artists participating — more than ever before! He also can't wait for us to open our doors for the annual ZACC Holiday Open House this Friday, December 4. Santa's excited for folks to see the gallery show, take some photos with a few life-size cutouts he gave us (Mrs. Claus is great at taking trip photos, and Santa is a pretty funny model!), and make some holiday magic at home with free take-home ornament painting kits. Santa is a big fan of DIY arts and eating cookies, and there's a reason our Paint-a-Cookie-Plate for Santa event combines those two exact things. He's so excited about our pandemic-safe Paint-a-Plate event this year that he's going to be giving free home delivery to every family who places an online order for pottery plate packages from December 4 through December 11! He'll be test driving the new ZACC van on Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13, bringing cookie plates and his own special brand of joy to every participating Missoula family.

We know this year's holiday season will be different for so many reasons. But we also know that Santa is super clever, and will find a way to be there for Missoulians who are counting on him. He and his Holiday elves have been working hard to make sure that he can safely spend extra time with the ZACC spreading love and joy, making his list and checking it twice, all while still keeping the pandemic in check. We hope to see you at the ZACC wearing your favorite mask this December, because there's room for every Missoulian on the nice list.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season,

Heather Stockton
ZACC Director of Operations

2020 HOLIDAYS AT THE ZACC

Friends & Family

2020 Holiday Show
artwork by folks
who love the

ZACC



Dec 4 — 30 in the Main Gallery

Paint-a-Plate for Santa

Order any take-home PYOP Santa Plate Package, and get **FREE Home Delivery** from **SANTA** himself!



Order Dec 4 — 11, Delivery Dec 12 & 13

COMING UP at the ZACC

Social Distance Sessions

Performances streamed live from the ZACC Show Room Saturday evenings, in partnership with Missoula's Community Media Resource (MCAT)



ESP: Backyard Album Release Show
Saturday, December 5, 2020 / 7:30 PM / Streaming live on ZACC Facebook and YouTube and MCAT Local Live / Free / donate at <https://givebutter.com/g98kJK>

Erin Szalda-Petree has been an integral part of the ZACC music-making family for years, starting in 2016 as a Rock Camp counselor and playing numerous shows in the old Northside basement with her bands No One's Listening and Carpool. This year, under the nom de rock ESP, Erin created her first studio album "Backyard" utilizing our brand new recording facilities and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate her album release with a Social Distance Session. In addition to performing the album in its entirety, Erin and her band will perform covers of songs written by ZACC Rock Camp bands past and present.

Cory Fay & the Good Goddamn
Saturday, December 12, 2020 / 7:30 PM / Streaming live on ZACC Facebook and YouTube and MCAT Local Live / Free / donate at <https://givebutter.com/hcA36l>

Cory Fay and the Good Goddamn, originally an inside joke turned folksy super group, are struggling through these unprecedented times just like everyone else: trying to spread what joy and levity they can while also asking for lots of attention. Fresh off the heels from coming out of retirement in 2020 to release their acclaimed new concept record, Greetings From the Apocalypse Club, the band is taking the single most important step of their musical lives and performing a holiday live stream show. It's a Very Manic Depressive Tragicomic Holiday Show, Cory Fay! What does that mean?! How can anyone know what anything means anymore! Join us!

John Brownell
Saturday, December 19, 2020 / 7:30 PM / Streaming live on ZACC Facebook and YouTube and MCAT Local Live / Free / donate at <https://givebutter.com/ZxqBZF>

John Brownell is a long-time member of the local music scene. Starting in the early nineties, he was the primary songwriter in Oblivion Joes, a band that lasted nearly 15 years. As a home recording enthusiast, John recorded numerous other local bands under the DIY label Pink House Records. After joining Secret Powers in 2010, the band recorded two albums, one of which won "Best Album" in the Missoula Independent's 2012 Best of Missoula issue. His current band, Protest Kids, released their first full-length, We Have The Technology, in 2018. More recently, John has been recording and performing as a solo artist. In 2019, he wrote and recorded a song every week for the entire year. Earlier this year, he culled from those 52 songs his first solo album, Repeat and Fade. You can hear these songs and more at <https://www.repeatandfade.net/>.

To learn more about Social Distance Sessions or find show links, register for Art Academy or a Youth Camp, sign-up for an adult class, or donate to our end of year campaign, visit:

zootownarts.org

ZACC Art Academy

Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 3 PM, for kids aged 6-12
\$20 per day with full scholarships available
Parents may choose to sign up students for 1 day a week, or multiple days depending on their needs.

To register visit:

<https://www.zootownarts.org/programs/youth-education/art-academy/>

Our new Art Academy is an open, inclusive, safe space for local youth to receive guided daytime art-based instruction using a wide variety of art materials, techniques, and forms of artistic expression. This program has been designed and created to provide art-based educational support to Missoula area families who may be experiencing scholastic and scheduling difficulties due to and during the COVID pandemic. The program will remain flexible in order to meet ongoing community needs.

Youth Gallery Show

Cats? Works by Morgan Smith
Opens Friday, December 4, 3-8 PM, during the Very Special, Very Safe, Very Santa Holiday Open House

Morgan, age 11, has enjoyed drawing for many years and has recently started exploring acrylic and watercolor painting. Drawing and painting is important to Morgan as it helps her relax and clear her mind. She's drawn to mythical creatures as a way to express her imaginative side - dragons are her favorite! Morgan makes art nearly every day, whether just casually sketching in a sketchbook, or intentionally working on a project for display or sharing with others.

Adult Classes

FREE Holiday Zoom Classes taught by ZACC Staff
Registration Required / Registrants will be emailed Zoom link
Register Online at zootownarts.org

Pet Portrait Painting

Friday // November 27 // 1-3 PM // Taught by Heather Stockton

Put a Print on It (offered three times)

Wednesdays // December 2 from 10 AM-12 PM // December 9 from 6-8 PM // December 16 from 2-4 PM // Taught by Patricia Thornton

Clay Luminaries

Monday // December 7 // 6-8 PM // Taught by Dana Childs

Holiday Wreath Making

Wednesday // December 9 // 6-8 PM // Taught by Mikyla Veis

Bound Mini-Books

Monday // December 14 // 6-8 PM // Taught by Joe Kirk

Calligraphy for Beginners

Wednesday // December 16 // 6-8 PM // Taught by Mikyla Veis

Holiday Paper Crafts

Saturday // December 19 // 10 AM-12 PM // Taught by Heather Stockton

Safe Family Fun

Family Style Clay Hand Building

An in-person, socially-distanced class in the ZACC Show Room
Saturday // December 12 // 10 AM to noon // Parties register by table // Four people per table maximum // This class is great for caregivers and their children // All attendees are required to wear masks at all times // Taught by Dana Childs

Looking for a fun way to learn a new artistic skill with your children? Then this is the class for you! This beginner's level class will have you and your child making cups with each other. Starting with a basic cup form, students will work towards creating personalized cups using additive and subtractive sculpture techniques. We will host this class in-person in the ZACC's Show Room, with tables reserved for family pods to be socially-distanced from other families. Each registration is for one whole table, and each table holds 4 people maximum. All tools and materials are included with the cost of the class. Please allow 7-10 business days after the class for the ZACC to glaze and fire your creations.