



Who We Are!

Allied Arts of Yakima Valley (est. 1962) is a nonprofit organization that has been promoting and coordinating arts events in the Valley for almost 50 years. **It is a catalyst and an arts hub that is vital to the creativity, imagination, vitality, and unity of the communities of the Yakima Valley.** We focus on developing artistic and academic skills in youth, cultural community enhancement for all, and economic development throughout the Valley.

What We Do!

Did you know that Allied Arts:

- Created a nationally recognized arts education program: ArtsVan, which **integrates the arts into everyday events** by going to neighborhoods, parks and schools
- Introduces families to **affordable live theatre experiences** with its Family Theatre Series (since 1980), including eight Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) residencies starring hundreds of local children ages 5 to 18
- Acts as a **catalyst**—members spearheaded the rebuilding of the Capitol Theatre after its fire in 1975, & assisted in the initiation of the Town Hall Lecture Series.
- Is an arts **information hub**, informing the Valley about Allied Arts and its 35 community arts affiliate organizations. ArtScope, the quarterly newsletter, has been distributed since 1962.
- Gives **voice to local poets** through monthly open mic nights and an annual juried contest (est. 1994)
- Lead the creation of the Millennium Arts Plaza as the only National Endowment for the arts millennium project site in the State. It is now the community's gathering spot and the **first of more planned public art**
- Developed a Mariachi Initiative, **bringing traditional Mexican music into the curriculum** in Public Schools.
- Provides space & coordinates over **100 classes** offered throughout the year, for adults and children, including drama programs like Shakespeare for Kids and summer music camps
- Creates **access to the arts through community programs** like *musical presentations, thought-provoking lectures, community mural development, Foreign Film Series*, outdoors movies in the park, the *Laughing Ladies and Merry Men's Luncheon, Fresh Hop Ale Festival* celebrating local hop heritage, *Art Night* downtown art walks.
- Produces **8 exhibits** each year in the Peggy Lewis Gallery--a respected venue for local artists' gallery sales, and a place for first opportunities for young, emerging, and seldom recognized local artists
- Maintains the **Allied Arts Center**-- 20,000 sq ft of renovated apple warehouse that is home to a community Art Gallery, Arts Classrooms, Allied Arts, Junior League of Yakima and the Warehouse Theatre Company

Why We Do It!

To create memorable arts experiences for Yakima Valley youth and community.

To serve as a source of revitalization for the region

To make art, creativity and imagination part of our everyday lives, improving our quality of life

For more details on these and many other Allied Arts Programs, check out: www.alliedartsyakima.org, call (509) 966-0930, or visit 5000 W. Lincoln Ave., Yakima, WA 98908