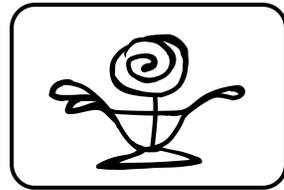


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Winchester Arts & Music Festival

Shenandoah Arts Council

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present a juried visual arts exhibition



**Insights:
The Healing Power of Art**

*Friday and Saturday
September 20th – 21st, 2019*

10am – 5pm

*Handley Regional Library
Benham Gallery and the Lower Lobby
100 W Piccadilly St, Winchester VA*

Shenandoah Arts Council was officially founded on September 11, 1978, by a group of arts patrons and visual artists. At the time, the organization covered the geographic region of Winchester, and Frederick, Clarke, Warren and Shenandoah Counties. Early activities included bus trips to cultural events, such as art exhibitions in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia and performances in New York. The organization was located in the Kurtz building in downtown Winchester for many years, and while there started "Art in the Stairwell" for small exhibitions. In the 1990s, the Arts Council started "First Fridays," a celebration of the arts on the first Friday of each month (except January and May) in Old Town Winchester. For many years, the Arts Council also housed the Marion Park Lewis Foundation, dedicated to arts education in our region. In 2018, the Shenandoah Arts Council announced an affinity partnership with the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley to promote the work of regional artists. As part of this collaboration, ShenArts relocated to the historic Hexagon House on Amherst Street.



ArtScope — since 2009, ShenArts has partnered with the Old Town Advancement Commission (OTAC) to create an outdoor gallery in the historic district of downtown Winchester. Artists of all ages are invited to participate in this juried art competition. Selected works are reproduced on banners that hang on light posts throughout the downtown area.

Mission of the Shenandoah Arts Council - (ShenArts) supports the arts through programming, instruction, and exhibition, and expands arts awareness to the community of the Northern Shenandoah Valley.

Arts & Hearts Association (AHA) is a newly incorporated nonprofit based in Winchester, VA. AHA focuses on healing, educational and inspirational dimensions of arts and their role in the quality of life and especially health and wellness of individuals and communities. AHA's mission is also to promote Winchester and the Shenandoah Valley as a wellness, education and arts hub and to promote the rich culture and traditions of Virginia. AHA is the main organizer of the Winchester Arts & Music Festival. During the Festival the educational platform of AHA, the Qwarts school, will be open (Q for quality of life, W for wellbeing and ARTS). Apart from the visual art exhibition the festival will include variety of music concerts, seminars, workshops, dance and movement event and more, visit www.arts-and-hearts.org for more information. AHA is a continuation of the Art, Music, Literature and Film for Healing Initiative that put together the first edition of Winchester Arts & Music Festival in 2018.



Christy Broy holds the position of Artist Liaison & Program Manager for the Shenandoah Arts Council and works as a Lead Educator at the MSV. Virginia native who has made Winchester her home for 15 years. Ms. Broy earned her degree in Fine Art and Art History from The University of Virginia and studied film for several years while living in NYC. She has enjoyed developing and teaching children's art camps

and writing critical essays on film and art for several online publications. Working primarily with paint and found objects, she can be found creating something almost daily in her home studio. Ms. Broy will be a guest speaker during the opening of the visual art exhibition and co-chair of the jury, together with Margot Gotzmann, PhD, President, AHA Board of Directors.

Friday, September 20th

10.30am-11.00am — opening of the visual arts exhibition and introduction to artistic dialogue - Benham Gallery (Library)

Saturday, September 21st

11.00am-12.00pm — second opening of the visual arts exhibition with artistic dialogue continued - Benham Gallery (Library)

Sunday, September 22nd

4.00pm-4.45pm — Artistic Response Awards and Public Choice Awards will be handed at Fellowship of the Sip

Exhibition as an Event of Artistic Dialogue

ShenArts and AHA invite everybody who would like to give an artistic response to the visual arts exhibition — *Insights: The Healing Power of Art*. All arts forms accepted - visual art, music, literature. All responders should bring their works to AHA's office between September 20th - 22nd, from 11am - 10pm on Friday and Saturday and between 11am - 2pm on Sunday.

Artistic Response Award — jury composed of ShenArts and AHA representatives will select the best artistic responses and hand awards on Sunday, September 22nd.

Public Choice Award — ShenArt and AHA invite all visiting the exhibition to select their favourite works who's authors will be awarded in the form of Public Choice Award.

The awards are sponsored by local businesses (see separate brochure about sponsors).