

Frequently Asked Questions

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You can also follow our progress at arkansasartscenter.org/building.

Where will the Arkansas Arts Center be located while the MacArthur Park building is undergoing renovations?

The Arkansas Arts Center will temporarily relocate to 2510 Cantrell Road in the Riverdale Shopping Center, only three miles from MacArthur Park.

When will the MacArthur Park building close?

The Arts Center's MacArthur Park facility will ramp down onsite programming starting this summer and close officially in August. The temporary Riverdale location will open to the public in September.

How long will the building be closed for renovations?

The MacArthur Park facility will be closed for about 2 ½ years.

Where will the Museum School be located while the building is under construction?

The Museum School will temporarily relocate to 2510 Cantrell Road in the Riverdale Shopping Center, about a nine-minute drive from MacArthur Park.

What Museum School classes will be available at the temporary location?

Like every quarter, there will be slightly different course offerings based on instructor availability and course popularity, but our regular schedule of core classes in ceramics, drawing, painting, printmaking, woodworking, jewelry, metals and glass, along with a variety of exciting new workshops, will be available.

Will Museum School youth programs be held this summer?

Yes! Spring Break Camp, Junior Arts Academy and Summer Theatre Academy will be held as usual in MacArthur Park.

Will Children's Theatre productions continue?

Yes! Our Main Stage season continues in MacArthur Park through May 12, 2019. Come see us for *This Little Piggy Went to Market*, *Charlotte's Web* and *The Hobbit™*. A number of different venues are being explored for next season.

Will Children's Theatre youth classes continue?

Yes! A number of different venues are being explored to host youth theatre classes.

Where will the Museum Shop be located?

The Museum Shop will continue to provide a unique selection of local crafts, one-of-a-kind artworks, and custom-made gifts for groups and individuals in 1,500 square feet of retail space at the temporary Riverdale location. You can also visit us online at arkansasartscenter.org/shop.

Will works from the Arkansas Arts Center collection be on view during the renovation?

Works from the Arkansas Arts Center Collection will travel to other institutions across the country and across Arkansas while the MacArthur Park building is under construction. Select objects from the contemporary craft collection will also be on view at 15 Central Arkansas Library System locations over the next few years. Learn more about our partnership with CALS at blog.arkansasartscenter.org/arkansas-arts-center-partnerships.

Can I still make a donation of art to the Arkansas Arts Center Collection?

Yes! Our curatorial team would be happy to speak with you regarding donations of art to the Arkansas Arts Center collection. For more information, contact curators@arkansasartscenter.org.

Will you still be hosting the Annual Delta Exhibition and the Young Arkansas Artists Exhibition?

Yes! You'll find the ever-popular *Annual Delta* and *Young Arkansas Artists* exhibitions as pop-up exhibition at locations around Central Arkansas. Be on the lookout for more information about these exhibitions in the coming months.

Will the Library still be accessible for research use during the construction process?

To schedule an appointment in the Library, please contact library@arkansasartscenter.org.

What does all of this mean for my membership?

Your membership will continue as usual, with many opportunities to engage with programs you know and love (and some new ones!) at a variety of offsite locations. Plus, you can be among a special group of people who maintain their memberships throughout our renovation time period. This dedicated group will receive exclusive access and benefits now through 2022. Stay tuned for more details!

Why should I become a member or renew my membership?

It's an excellent time to become a member of the Arkansas Arts Center! You'll be among the first to know about our renovation progress, member discounts will still apply across the organization, reciprocal museum benefits (NARM) are in full effect (at the Friend level and above), and you can be proud that your continued support is helping us accomplish our goals. We're entering an exciting new phase and working across the community to improve access to the arts – even as we're out of our MacArthur Park space. Be a part and join us!

Will you still need docents and volunteers?

Yes! We'll continue to host programs, events, and key exhibitions in a variety of locations around Arkansas. If you're interested in volunteering or becoming a docent, learn more at arkansasartscenter.org/volunteers.

What is the status of the renovation/expansion project for the MacArthur Park building?

Review the project process at arkansasartscenter.org/project-timeline.

What will the new building look like?

Architects from Studio Gang and SCAPE Studios presented a concept design in February 2018 that included a transformational design and a variety of improvements across the Arts Center's MacArthur Park facility. Learn more about the concept design at arkansasartscenter.org/concept.

Will there be changes to MacArthur Park?

Yes! The Arts Center's transformation will also extend to MacArthur Park, bringing new outdoor amenities to the park. The landscape design will draw inspiration from Little Rock's unique regional ecologies – including the banks of Fourche Creek, the bluffs of Emerald Park and the agrarian landscapes of the Mississippi Delta. You can learn more about the landscape design at arkansasartscenter.org/concept.

How is this project being funded?

The public/private partnership began in early 2016, as Little Rock residents voted in favor of a 2% hotel tax (primarily paid for by visitors and tourists to the city) to benefit the Arkansas Arts Center, the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History and Historic MacArthur Park. The leadership phase of a capital campaign to maximize the impact of those public dollars is currently underway.

This all sounds incredible. I want to help. Can I donate to the building project?

Absolutely yes! The public phase of our capital campaign will be launched later this year. Please stay tuned!