

How to Join

MACA Membership has many benefits.... in addition to being part of a nationally recognized arts and culture organization, as a member of MACA you will receive regular newsletters, have access to special member discounts at local arts venues, Invitation to special Members-only events, email notification and updates on arts and culture offerings, invitations to event receptions and Meet the Artist events and countless networking opportunities. (click on [member benefits](#))

Joining is easy, fill out our [membership application](#), which you can email, fax or mail to us. We will send you a membership card and you will be part of a special group of artists, musicians, historians, art lovers, merchants, arts professionals and many others who believe in the power of arts and culture to positively affect business, tourism, and the local economy.

How to Make a Donation

MACA welcomes all donations and support for our public programs and special events. Annual gifts provide flexibility to develop programs and collaborate with other organizations to enrich our lives and enhance our communities.

Contributions supplement our membership fees and allow us to continue to offer free or low cost programs for everyone. While we receive modest support from both the public and private sectors, the majority of our contributions each year comes from individuals, such as you. Your contribution to the Madison Arts & Culture Alliance will enable us to continue fostering exciting collaborations such as Holiday Arts Festival, Arts Matters, Madison Artist Studio Tour, Black Maria Film Festival, music and entertainment for Bottle Hill Day, and to support our efforts to help build and sustain a healthy arts and culture ecosystem.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of a contribution to the Madison Arts & Culture Alliance. To make a donation, please complete our [Donation Form](#) which can be emailed, faxed or mailed.

The Madison Arts & Culture Alliance is 501 (c)(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

About MACA

From its inception, MACA 's guiding purpose was to foster collaboration with and among creative people, arts and culture organizations, educators, civic and community groups, and citizens at large. This gave rise to a Vision ***to engage, inspire, and transform the people of greater Madison, New Jersey, by***

integrating arts, culture, and creativity into everyday life. And ultimately we crafted a mission that guides us in all we do.

The mission of The Madison Arts & Culture Alliance shapes and builds a community that enjoys and supports the work of creative people, and shares the idea that creativity, innovation, and imagination are vital to personal fulfillment, civic life, and education.

MACA was founded in 2004 around a table in the local diner, when a concerned citizen sat down with the Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts of the Madison School district to discuss ways in which the rich culture of Madison could be harnessed for citizens and students alike. Unlike many cultural alliances, for which education is sometimes an afterthought, MACA had an educator at its genesis and has continued to keep education at the core of its efforts.

The organization has grown from this simple beginning to gain 501(c)(3) status in October 2006 and a membership of over 75 organizations, businesses and individuals. Members include representatives from all three colleges and universities, leaders of historical and artistic organizations, business leaders, local government, individual artists and concerned individuals. The board of MACA maintains this diversity and unique mix of stakeholders outlined in the mission. True to its origins, the MACA Roundtable continues to meet weekly at the Nautilus diner and all are welcome.

One of our early accomplishments was helping the New Jersey Jazz Society bring the legendary Preservation Hall Jazz Band to Madison for a free concert, and we were catalysts for bringing the Lincoln Center Chamber Society to Drew's new Concert Hall for a public performance and a special concert for Madison students. Through the efforts of MACA members, The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's acclaimed touring companies had their first performances in the Madison schools and at the Madison Public Library, and the Black Maria Film Festival was brought to town. Over the years, we have continued to collaborate with local schools, businesses, the Downtown Development Commission and other local arts organizations to expand the presence in our community of an arts and culture ecosystem based on the interaction of creative people and the interrelationships with arts, culture, civic, community, educational, and other organizations and the people they serve.

Today, the Madison Arts & Culture Alliance continues to collaborate, innovate and create and through these endeavors, continues to make things happen.

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