



Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin 2019 Autumn Neugent and Creative Power award winner Quinn Hallum

## VSA Programming

### Wisconsin Communities



## Overview of Achievements

Between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, VSA Wisconsin programming directly served over 1,000 individuals across the age spectrum and across all disability categories including physical, emotional, learning, behavioral, and intellectual. An additional 100,000 individuals were engaged through special events, art exhibitions and concerts throughout the state of Wisconsin.

Especially notable VSA programming from the last year includes our annual Call for Art, Vets' Arts Studios in Madison and Wausau, and our final VSA Day in November 2018.

We are also proud to report that programming was not disrupted in a year of significant transition that included a leadership change and staff transitions. The organization stayed on mission and continued to serve hundreds of people across the state as we always have.

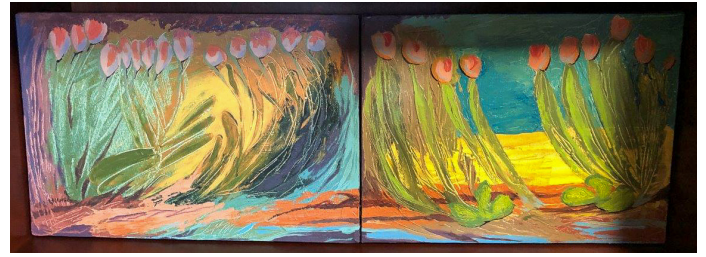
# Wausau Vets' Arts Studio

**// I have to appreciate what the Vets are doing for one reason and one reason only: they walked through the door. //**

– Wausau Vets' Arts Studio Teaching Artist Jessica Kopecky

Jessica Kopecky has been facilitating the Vets' Arts Studio since December 2018. The class participants represent a variety of branches and eras, from Vietnam to recently discharged. Some are fighting physical barriers such as arthritis, which pose obvious blockades to creating artwork, but of course those don't hold them back. In addition to the physical, there are also the mental barriers. The intimidating blank canvas, overcoming learning curves like color mixing, and considering composition. However, the biggest hurdle is walking through the front door.

Not everyone asks for help. That was made painfully clear to Kopecky when she visited the Wausau Vet Center several years ago asking what she could do for her brother-in-law. "If he walks through the door the Vet Center can help, but he has to be the one to walk



Two paintings created by a member of the Wausau Vets' Art Studio through the door," she was told. Kopecky's brother-in-law never walked through the door. He passed away due to complications of alcoholism in July of 2018. He had just turned 30.

According to Kopecky, Central and Northern Wisconsin doesn't have a lot to offer service members by way of community. "Troops go overseas and experience a true sense of brotherhood, then lose that connection at home," she says. "When they return that feeling of camaraderie is gone, and they are often left to operate with a heightened sense of awareness of what they've lost and desperately miss."

**The Wausau Vets' Art Studio was made possible by the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin with additional funding from National Guardian Life Insurance, the Gannett Foundation, and WPS.**

## Spotlight: Artist Residency

With our Early Childhood residencies surging over the last few years, we took an exciting step in Madison at the end of the 2019 fiscal year by engaging Goodman Community Center's summer programming with music residencies conducted by teaching artist Mike Scheibinger. "One week a lot of students and teachers were out sick, so the age groups got mixed," Mike told us. "This created a great vibe – they enjoyed the activities more, even though they were geared toward the younger students." A total of four separate classes were taught over a period of five weeks, reaching sixty children from low-income families.

**40** EARLY CHILDHOOD AND K-12 ARTIST RESIDENCIES

**3** ADULT ARTIST RESIDENCIES

**863** CHILDREN AND ADULTS

**13** COMMUNITIES IN WISCONSIN



**// There were bursts of genuine enthusiasm that were so intense that it startled me. //**

– Mike Scheibinger, Teaching Artist

Teaching Artist Mike Scheibinger leads a music residency at Goodman Community Center in Madison (above). The privacy of participating children is important to us. This photo is an example of how we protect privacy by obscuring facial features when it is required.

# Call for Art and Statewide Traveling Exhibition



2019 Call for Art award winner Kyshon Galloway with his artwork, *Maginicient Speech*

Each year, we invite submissions of artwork from Wisconsin residents with disabilities ages 5 and up. Hundreds of submissions are received in a wide variety of media of both two- and three-dimensional artwork—including our first digital video entry. All artists who submit work are displayed in *Visual Expressions: A Call for Art Exhibition* at the Art Center and Gallery in Madison during April. The exhibition culminates in a public reception in early May. Entries are juried by arts professionals who look for

creativity, originality, and craftsmanship and elect ten artworks that will be added to Creative Power. The visual art exhibition provides public recognition of hundreds of individuals with disabilities at the Call for Art Event.

**Call for Art & Creative Power: VSA Wisconsin's Traveling Exhibition was made possible by National Guardian Life, Endres Manufacturing Foundation, The Great Dane Pub & Brewery, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, The Capital Times Kids Fund, and the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the NEA**

244 ENTRIES

184 ARTISTS

400+ GALLERY ATTENDANCE

\$2,400 IN SALES

*Creative Power: VSA Wisconsin's Traveling Exhibition* once again toured the state in 2018-19, reaching communities that included Arpin, Waukesha, Prairie du Sac, and Madison

“All of the art was so professionally framed. It was easy to pack and unpack. And fun. I was proud to put it up. It was like opening Christmas presents!”

– Nancy Baumgardner, Fitchburg

## Transitions and New Staff

2018-19 was a time of transition at VSA Wisconsin. The retirement of longtime President Kathie Wagner in early 2018 ultimately resolved itself a year later with the hiring of Christina Martin-Wright to be the new Executive Director in January 2019. With Christina came a new Director of Development & External Relations, Mike Lawler, in March and a restructuring of staff roles.

Much of 2019 was also devoted to a name change. It was the organization's first foray without the words “very” or “special” associated with the brand identity. We are now ARTS for ALL Wisconsin, but because this report is on our fiscal year, it retains the name and branding of VSA.

“We have changed our name a few times over the years,” Board President Jason Stephens said at our Reveal Party, “but never our

fundamental mission.” Our mission remains to expand the capabilities, confidence, and quality of life for children and adults with disabilities by providing programs in dance, drama, creative writing, music, and visual arts.



Mike Lawler and Christina Martin-Wright

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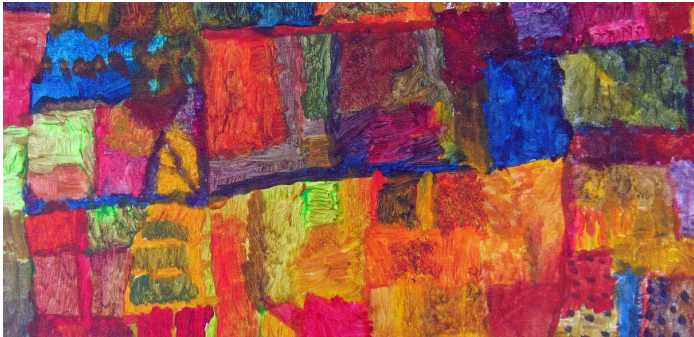
– Jason Stephens, Board President

# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

“ Giving in honor or memory of a friend or loved one is a meaningful way to reflect the ways in which VSA Wisconsin has impacted lives. ”

Memorial and Tribute Gifts are a way to remember those we have lost as well as a way to celebrate milestones and achievements, such as birthdays, anniversaries, and weddings.

We were saddened to learn of Dan Stace’s passing in August 2018. Dan created vibrant, colorful works for many years. His paintings were sold in our booth during the Art Fair on the Square, and even adorned VSA umbrellas. We received several memorial gifts in his name, and he will be missed.



“Sunflowers” by Dan Stace

## Beans & Belting

In June, as our fiscal year was nearing its end, Nina Johnston, a VSA supporter in White Fish Bay, hosted a Royal Sing-Along with an art activity led by VSA Teaching Artist Jolie Collins. Johnston holds a biannual fundraiser for VSA Wisconsin called Beans & Belting, and as a way for showing our appreciation we sent Collins to help children and other guests at the Royal Sing-Along make a fun, wearable craft to bring home.



Teaching Artist Jolie Collins (second from left) at Royal Sing-Along event in White Fish Bay



Royal Sing-Along event in White Fish Bay

### Tribute Gifts

- A Christmas gift to my beautiful, generous wife Karen Hammerling
- Taylor Hammerling
- In honor of Kathie Wagner
- Jim and Margaret Meyer
- In honor of Kathy Paul
- M. Anne Lambert
- In honor of Sharon Kessel's 50th Birthday
- Pam and Howard Erlanger
- Renata Laxova
- Anita Laxova
- Paul Wilson
- Bobbie and Bill Malone
- In honor of Steve Stricker being back to golf
- Betty Olson
- In honor of Susie Samuels' 70th birthday
- Deborah Davidson
- In honor of the House of Pautz
- John and Penni Pautz
- In honor of Tiffany Vollrath
- Glenda and Mark Luebke

### Memorial Gifts

- In memory of Esther Larson
- LaVonne Burlingame
- In memory of Olive Nordby
- Eugene J. Nordby
- In memory of Carrie Samuels
- Deborah Davidson
- John and Mary Padgett
- Gregory and Susan Samuels
- In memory of Lou Sievwright
- Mary Kirsch
- In memory of Dan Stace
- Rosemary Miller
- Denise Stace Naughton
- Rosie and Derick Stace-Naughton
- Doris and Alvie Nelson
- Kathy Waul



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHARON!

ART FOR SALE



12

SALES EVENTS

47

ARTISTS WORK SOLD

228

ARTWORKS SOLD

\$11,125

SALES PAID DIRECTLY TO ARTISTS

# 2019 VSA Report on Giving

## \$75,000+

State of Wisconsin  
Department of Public Instruction

## \$50,000-\$10,000

University of Wisconsin-Madison\*  
Kennedy Center for the Arts  
Thompson Investment Management  
American Girl Fund for Children  
National Guardian Life

## \$5,000-\$9,999

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Madison College  
Peter Michaelis

## CHOIRS

**6** CHOIRS

(Madison, Stoughton, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Rapids, Oshkosh, and Appleton)

**85+**  
MEMBERS



## ART GALLERY

**8** EXHIBITIONS

*Vibrant Views | Visual Expressions | Creative  
Forces | 2019 Call for Art Award Winners  
A Look Back  
Birds & Blooms | CONVERGENCE  
Vision Forward*

**2,200** VIEWERS



Middleton Community Church  
 Doris and Alvie Nelson  
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