

LAWTON ARTS REVIEW

The official newsletter of the Arts & Humanities Division



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Our Mission

To encourage and promote artistic expression and diversity in the City of Lawton.

Our Vision

To create an enduring artistic and cultural community.

Who we are

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Michell Rosario | Community Events & Outreach Coordinator

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Nick Sasseen | Theatrical Technical Coordinator

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Recital Month at McMahon Memorial Auditorium



SHERRI'S DANCE CENTER

The stage was set, the lights were dimmed, and the air was filled with anticipation as the McMahon Memorial Auditorium hosted a spectacular dance recital month.

Dancers of all ages showcased their talent and passion, captivating the audience with their graceful movements and stunning performances showcasing the city's vibrant arts scene. From graceful ballet to energetic hip-hop, the stage came alive with the talent and passion of dancers of all ages.

With the dance season coming to a close the McMahon Memorial Auditorium was full tulle feathers and glitter! For the last three weekends in May McMahon Auditorium hosted recitals with Southstar Dance Academy, Sherri's Dance Center, and Lawton Ballet Theatre.



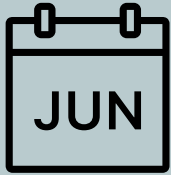
SOUTHSTAR DANCE ACADEMY



LAWTON BALLET THEATRE

Dance can transcend boundaries and unite us through its universal language. The recital weekends at McMahon Memorial Auditorium showcased the immense talent and vibrant arts culture that thrives in our city.

June **EVENTS**



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Native Naturals
presented by Fierce Fitness
@ 10 a.m. McMahon Memorial Auditorium



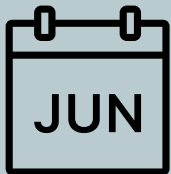
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Lawton Ballet Theatre
Shakespeare in the Park Camp



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Organizational Training Workshop: Assembly Permits
@ 5 p.m. Owens Recreation Center



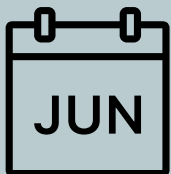
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Let's Talk About It: Lonesome Dove
@ 6 p.m. Cameron University Library



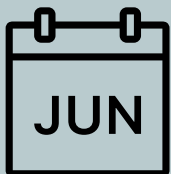
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Lawton Ballet Theatre
Shakespeare in the Park Performance



22,23,24,25

Roald Dahl's Matilda
presented by Lawton Community Theater
Thursday June 22 @ 7:30, Friday June 23 @ 7:30,
Saturday June 24 @ 2:00 & 7:00, Sunday June 25 @ 2:00



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LAWTON FORT-SILL FREEDOM FESTIVAL!



For more information on these events please visit SWOKarts.com

MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM'S FIRST EVER SEASON

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the first-ever season at McMahon Auditorium, bringing you an extraordinary lineup of performances that will dazzle and delight audiences of all ages. Get ready to be swept away by the magic of the arts as we showcase various talents and genres.

Country Music Showcase: Benefit Concert for an All-Inclusive Playground. Saturday, July 29th, 2023, Join us for an unforgettable evening of country music as we present a special benefit concert featuring the incredible Kyle Dillingham and Jae L. Stillwell. Not only will you enjoy a unique musical experience, but your participation will also support the installation costs of an all-inclusive playground in our park expansion!



Artrageous Experience: Where Art and Music Collide! Friday, September 8th Prepare to be amazed by the Artrageous Experience, a one-of-a-kind show that combines captivating live painting, intricate choreography, and high-energy music. Witness the creation of stunning masterpieces before your eyes and immerse yourself in a truly unique and interactive artistic journey.



Forever Motown: A Tribute to Legendary Sounds Wednesday, October 18th, experience the timeless sounds of Motown as we bring you Forever Motown, a star-studded performance featuring nine extraordinary artists, including Theo Peoples, Former Lead Singer of the Temptations, and Traci Robinson, Former Lead Singer of The Marvelettes. Let the soulful melodies and iconic hits transport you to the golden era of Motown.



Youth Theatre Showcase presented by McMahon Auditorium Authority, City of Lawton, and Lawton Community Theatre March 7th Celebrates the power of youth theater as we shine the spotlight on our talented young performers. Be captivated by their passion and creativity as they showcase their acting, singing, and dancing skills in an unforgettable production that will leave you inspired.

Mark your calendars and join us for this momentous season at McMahon Auditorium. We can't wait to share these incredible experiences with you and create lasting memories together. Stay tuned for ticket details and more exciting updates in our upcoming newsletters!

NEW STAFF



NICHOLAS SASSEEN

Theatrical Technical Coordinator

Nicholas Sasseen was born and raised in Lawton, Oklahoma. Sasseen graduated from MacArthur High School in 2022. He holds an Eagle Scout rank in the Scouts BSA and has worked as a stagehand for the last five years with McMahan Auditorium. "I could not be happier to be part of the magnificent team here," said Sasseen. He is excited to take on a more significant role with the auditorium and is up for the challenge.

FREEDOM FESTIVAL

The Arts & Humanities Division is excited to bring two new additions to this year's Fort Sill Freedom Festival, making it an even more memorable Fourth of July celebration for the entire community! Get ready for heart-pumping action and delicious fun with the new Soapbox Derby and the Bar S Hot Dog Eating Contest. These exciting attractions are sure to bring extra excitement and laughter to an already incredible event. Prepare for a day packed with exhilarating races and mouthwatering competition. Don't miss out on the chance to be a part of this unforgettable Fourth of July experience! To register for the either event visit the Lawton Fort-Sill Freedom Festival Facebook page!

