

STATE OF THE ARTS

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to our inaugural VFAA Newsletter! I hope that you find this an enjoyable and informative read. Our goal with this is to prepare a periodic newsletter to keep you informed of the activities we have done, and our dreams for the future.

As we wind down our 75th year, I am humbled and inspired by the incredible experience it has been to serve as president of this amazing organization during this momentous year. I reflect on the incredible growth that we have seen due to an outstanding board of directors, loyal supporters, and a wonderful community.

As I write this, we are planning our 1940s themed Jazz Brunch on November 13th, our final event of 2022 and our 75th anniversary. We are excited to wrap up a tremendous year with a celebratory event! From painting the crosswalks, to JAMfest, to the Music Walk, and dancing the night away at a silent disco, or enjoying our 75th anniversary concert, this year has seen our board grow, our community engagement skyrocket, and financial growth as a result. However, even as one year nears its end, we are making plans to continue bringing excellent art to Victoria in the next one.



We hope that you will continue to support us in the future as you make your year-end giving plans. It is with reverence for the past and excitement for the future that we look forward to having another outstanding year in 2023, with new opportunities to learn, grow and collaborate. I hope to see you at our upcoming Jazz Brunch to give you a first sneak peak at what those plans are!



L to R: Lauren Hawes, Angela Weaver, David Edge, David Faskas, Mark Kimmey, Tony Vasquez, George Matthews, Shannon Longoria, Marc Hinojosa



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GRAMMY WINNING ROOTS

Welcoming a band like Brownout to the stage requires months of work and a dedicated team to make it happen. From contract negotiations, researching sound, fulfilling riders, to getting rain and liability insurance. Thankfully it all culminated into one outstanding evening as we listened to the precise horn section, captivating guitar solos, and intricate rhythms.



Our 75th Anniversary Concert on October 1st couldn't have happened without the support of our sponsors (Thank you CivilCorp!), a dedicated board, and volunteers. It was apparent from the moment Brownout took the stage, these musicians were masters of their craft. It's not often you see three musicians playing percussion, and to have it executed flawlessly with complex syncopated rhythms and harmonies left us inspired. It's no wonder they boast Grammy winning roots. We are proud to bring such a caliber of performer to the community, and look forward to doing it more frequently!

Cari Hutson & Good Company stole the show and our hearts as she belted out boisterous vocals to fill downtown Victoria. The band featured harmonies that were as captivating as they were unique, as she engaged and interacted with the crowd, leaving us longing for more as she left the stage.

We welcomed arts of all kinds, including the vibrant Folklorico dancers of the Victoria East High School Ballet Folklorico, and Grupo Folklorico de Victoria. This not only gave students the opportunity to perform publicly, but gave us a perfect segue between our musicians!





More than just a concert, this was a full blown event that welcomed families with children to explore, learn and create. We were thrilled to see people enjoying the Victoria Symphony's musical petting zoo, the animals from the Texas Zoo, and many other free activities from our valued partners!

The Victoria Fine Arts Association also took this opportunity to continue our proud legacy of providing scholarships to students at Victoria College. Students are the future, and we will always be proud to nurture and support the next generation of artists and art enthusiasts!



CARI HUTSON & GOOD COMPANY



A FLOURISH OF COLOR



A FAMILY AFFAIR



A LEGACY OF SUPPORT



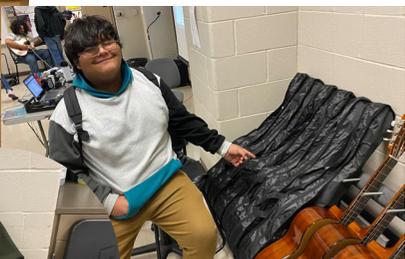
Families enjoying activities and the wonderful weather at our 75th Anniversary Concert



Dancers and DJs grooved the night away at our Silent Disco

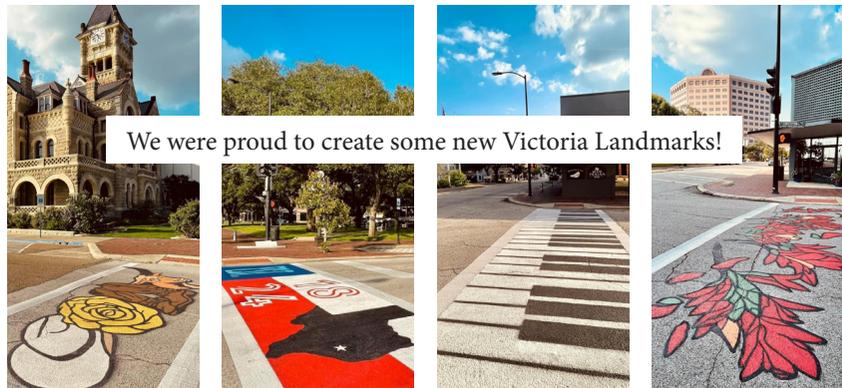



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Students playing the guitars VFAA donated to VISD

2022 IN PHOTOS



We were proud to create some new Victoria Landmarks!

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Rockin' Jason D. Williams lit up the stage at JAMFest



The Music Walk drew thousands to downtown Victoria!



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