CCC Events & Programming

Second Sundays
This new free event takes place on the Plaza every Second Sunday from 1pm-4pm through Nov. Join us for art, food, music, and fun!

New Cultural Season Begins
With over 200 events on our website calendar there is something for everyone at Chapman Cultural Center.

Holiday Craft Market
Mark your calendar for Sat, Dec 15th from 10am-4pm for our annual Holiday Craft market! Come get those last minute gifts.

Spartanburg Downtown Cultural District

One of the goals of Chapman Cultural Center is to invest in and retain our local creative talent. Our Downtown Programming plays an important role in this by allowing local musicians a place to perform in public and grow as an artist. One such musician is TJ Jeter.

A native of the upstate, TJ comes from a musical family that immersed him in the arts while growing up. Originally a drummer, after joining our music registry TJ's main focus is singing and playing guitar. While he still plays a supporting role as a drummer in several bands across the upstate, he is now transitioning to becoming a full-fledged solo artist.

"Chapman Cultural Center definitely has helped," TJ said when asked how Downtown Programming helped his transition from playing in a group to performing solo. "It forces me to build my repertoire, to learn new styles and have something for everyone instead of catering to a specific group."

Currently, TJ is working on his first solo project with plans to start playing regionally and booking outside of SC. TJ, now writing his own music, is able to participate in Chapman Cultural Center’s Sundays Unplugged, which features performances by local singer-songwriters.

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New Artist Studios Opening on the Westside!

Spartanburg is thriving culturally. We have had overwhelming success and are a model city. With the daily arrival of new people to our region seeking a vibrant quality of life, there is a rapidly growing demand for a variety of creative studio spaces. Unfortunately, Spartanburg has not met the demand. We field calls weekly from creatives looking for studio space who want to actively engage in developing their own body of work and to work in a collaborative way with other artists while increasing their economic viability as professional artists.

Winning Track Record
For the last twenty years, as your local arts agency serving Spartanburg County, The Arts Partnership and now Chapman Cultural Center has been focused on developing performance and exhibit facilities and classroom studios for arts and cultural organizations. The results have been overwhelmingly positive as Chapman Cultural Center celebrated its 10th Anniversary in 2017, and our partners are successfully fulfilling their missions every year and expanding to new audiences.

In 2012, Spartanburg County Council and Administration recommended that Chapman Cultural Center be a partner in a public/private development in repurposing the Mayfair Mill #1 on the Westside in the mill village of Arcadia. In 2014 our Board of Trustees elected to pursue this project after studies based on need and community input. In 2015 Spartanburg County Council voted in favor of investing $225,000 of Community Development Block Grant resources towards the development of artist studios by CCC for this specific neighborhood and for this specific use.

New Public and Private Studios
Over the last three years in partnership with Spartanburg County, CCC has been planning and working alongside many community partners to successfully implement this project. In January 2019 we anticipate the opening of what we have formally named, Mayfair Art Studios. They include:

- Ceramic studio
- Warm Glass and Metalsmithing studios
- 9 music rehearsal studios with a production studio
- 2 dance studios
- 9 private artist working studios for creative professionals.

This space will serve over 200 local artists of all ages, and provide access to working studios and Co-Create Studios six days a
advised the design and program space of the center to meet the current and future needs of local teaching artists and allow for anchor cultural organizations to expand their offerings to the Westside.

Early funders of the project include Spartanburg County, JM Smith Foundation, The Longleaf Fund, Spartanburg County Foundation, Metromont and other private donors.

Fostering a Cultural Destination

This new cultural destination creates a unique space for creative exchange and entrepreneurialism. It will engage both amateur and professional artists within a neighborhood setting. Chapman Cultural Center continues to advance our strategic goals adopted in our Strategic Plan in 2015 and at the same time will also advance our larger community vision of OneSpartanburg.

Once open in January 2019, Mayfair Art Studios will:

- Strengthen our cultural sector and foster a more vibrant community
- Inspire and engage our community as patrons, artists, and donors
- Provide access to STEAM education and outreach opportunities to participate in creative experiences in neighborhoods
- Develop, retain and attract creative talent for our Community
- Grow and Diversify our local economy through supporting the strengths of our creative enterprises
- Cultivate a dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem in the creative sector
- Enhance Quality of Place throughout our Community
- Enable newly successful artists in our community to become champions of Spartanburg and tell a positive story of how our community encouraged and supported their creative talents.

Nurturing a Neighborhood

But there is even more to Mayfair Art Studios. It will have an even deeper impact than just creating a place for artists to thrive. Seeing Spartanburg in a New Light, our winning Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge Project, gave us first-hand experience and evidence that neighborhood-based art programs can focus on entire communities faced with poverty and provide multiple services and opportunities in terms of gainful employment, a platform of expression for the voiceless, create beauty and hope amidst poverty and blight.

Mayfair Art Studios will directly impact over 3,800 residents who live within walking distance, and 56% of these households have children under the age of 18. Arcadia is a majority minority neighborhood with very limited resources including public transportation to other cultural amenities at Chapman Cultural Center. Arcadia Elementary School is within walking distance and school officials are eager to engage their students in programs offered by local teaching artists.

Mayfair Art Studios will transform an abandoned, derelict mill into a vibrant community hub that will serve as a celebration of the value of the arts in public/private partnerships. It will help to engage and connect an isolated neighborhood more directly to other Spartanburg cultural resources in our city which have been undergoing rapid development and growth over the last 10 years. We will be able to respond to the growing demand for studio space so that we can retain creative talent in our community.

Community Collaboration

Since 2014, we have been partnering with Hispanic Alliance of Spartanburg and Palmetto Luna to help create bridges to develop trusted relationships and successful programs with Latino residents and artists. Local arts professionals of Spartanburg Art Museum, Spartanburg Philharmonic and Ballet Spartanburg have also

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HUB BUB AiR Program Strengthened

Opening this fall, we welcome you to join us weekly in our new Creative Placemaking Studio at Chapman Cultural Center. The Creative Placemaking Studio will be a new creative incubator where artists and creative professionals will have time and space to dedicate their skills to making Spartanburg a more vibrant community. The Creative Placemaking Studio is a laboratory in which you will be challenged, encouraged, and inspired to participate in the many cultural opportunities that contribute to the growth of our city. Featuring studio space for the HUB-BUB Artists-in-Residence Program, our two artists-in-residence will host open studio hours for 15 hours every week during which you will have the opportunity to meet with them, observe their process, and discuss the impact of their work. This year, thanks to your support, we were able to recruit two recent graduates from some of the most prestigious arts institutions in the country. We look forward to spending time with you, and our artists-in-residence, in our Creative Placemaking Studio this fall. For more info visit: www.HUB-BUB.com

Why Develop Creativity Training For Early Childhood Educators?

Building on the twenty-five years of success of our Muse Machine Summer STEAM Institute for Teachers, and with the support of the Mary Black Foundation, we are developing a series of trainings for early childhood teachers. We are being advised by our community of experts from Spartanburg Academic Movement, First Steps Quality Counts, USC Upstate and other stakeholders. The first training was held in June for 25 teachers from throughout Spartanburg County’s First Steps Quality Counts centers, and focused on visual arts and creative play. It was a rousing success, and will be repeated in February for additional teachers!

A second training featuring creative movement and music is being planned for Spring 2019. These trainings are approved for credit for the teachers through the Department of Social Services. This program is being evaluated by the USC Upstate Metropolitan Studies Institute.

Our goal for this new program is to positively affect kindergarten readiness as well as teacher satisfaction and retention in Spartanburg County. Watch for more news to come!