

# Multnomah Arts Center Gallery receives \$118,000 makeover by local businesses

A major gallery renovation at Portland Parks & Recreation's Multnomah Arts Center (7688 SW Capitol Hwy) was completed in mid-September thanks to significant donated work and in-kind support from area businesses and partners.

After three decades of heavy traffic in the gallery, the Multnomah Arts Center Association (MACA), an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that supports the mission of MAC, made it a priority to renovate the popular gallery space into a beautiful state-of-the-art venue that is flexible, professional, and displays a wide variety of art in different forms.

SERA Architects, Mortenson

Construction, and Cascade Acoustics each committed generous contributions of funds and labor to make the gallery restoration possible.

"SERA is committed to helping nonprofit organizations that positively impact Portland in the fields of arts, culture and education," said Gauri Rajbaidya, who led this project at



The newly refurbished Multnomah Arts Center Gallery. (Photo courtesy of Portland Parks and Recreation)

SERA Architects.

"The gallery renovation for Multnomah Arts Center was a perfect opportunity for us to make a contribution to our community. The Arts Center didn't have the capital for the project, so we were happy to bring together design and construction professionals to provide the pro bono work needed to make the vision a reality," said Rajbaidya.

Additional support has been provided from Rosendin Electric, Fine Painting, Performance Abatement Services, Temp Control Mechanical, Viking Automatic Sprinklers, KPFF Structural and Civil Engineering, PAE Consulting Engineering, Solus Lighting, and Northern Illumination Company.

There will be a reception at the Gallery for the MAC Instructor Show on Friday, Nov. 1, from from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. This will include the dedication of a permanent gallery plaque recognizing the generous supporters of the renovation.

During the past 30 years, the Park Bureau's MAC Gallery has showcased the artwork of more than 300 regional artists, arts collectives, and group shows. In that time, more than 100,000 visitors have enjoyed the creativity of emerging and established professional artists from the region.

"Collaborations such as this between Portland Parks & Recreation and our valued area partners make it possible to enhance Portlanders' quality of life in a time of limited public resources," said Parks and Recreation Commissioner Amanda Fritz.

"We are proud of the steadfast support these community businesses have provided. This initiative has resulted in a beautiful gallery that generations of Portlanders will enjoy," said Fritz.

MAC serves over 1,500 students of all ages and abilities in the visual, performing, and literary arts each term. "A program of the Park Bureau, its mission is to provide accessible, high-quality instruction & participation in the arts to all interested persons at an affordable cost. Programs run year-round, and scholarships are available.

For more information, call MAC Director Michael Walsh at 503-823-2284 or email Michael.Walsh@PortlandOregon.gov.



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