



Syracuse City Arts Council August 5th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Present: LeAnna Hamblin, Bradley Hamblin, Taylor Sachs, Heather Syrett, Christopher Weaver, Kresta Robinson, Dave Maughan

Absent: Libby Fawcett, Daphne Lynch, Jason Anderson

Meeting called to order @ 8:05 pm

August 5th agenda adopted as written

July 1st minutes approved as written

Budget expenditures since July 1st approved

Public Comment

- Nadia Stehmeier presented a proposal to form a youth choir. More details below.
- Rebecka Herrick, Brandee Burke, and Sheila Worley were also in attendance.

Discussion of Upcoming Events

Orchestra: Christopher has sent dates out to the high school and district to approve rental dates at Syracuse High School. Proposed dates for concerts are October 26th, 2026; December 7th, 2026; February 22nd, 2027; May 10th, 2027; June 21st, 2027.

Jazz Band: TBA

Jr. Theatre: *Willy Wonka Jr.* in November 2026

Theatre: TBA

Fundraisers: TBA

Wizard of Oz Debrief

- We did not break even on *The Wizard of Oz*. Our ticket sales have been declining over the past years. We need to review our publicity and find new ways to reach out to the community. Heather suggested we bring back yard signs and many agreed. Other suggestions were to ensure tickets are available to buy as soon as possible, to plaster our booth at Heritage days with posters., to start publicizing the show for auditions and keep publicizing all the way until the show opens. LeAnna also suggested that the production team for the junior show should be set in stone prior to the auditions of the summer show.

Youth Choir Proposal

- Nadia Stehmeier proposed the council form a youth choir that she would head as the choir director. It would be for children ages 11-17 and meet once a week for 1.5 hours. It would be lined up with the Davis school district's timeline between September and May. There would be 2 concerts per season, once in the winter and once in the spring. Low to no cost for participants supported by fundraisers throughout the season, between 2-4 per season. Nadia also proposed a stipend for the choir conductor and accompanist. The council opted not to move forward with the proposal at this time, allowing time for Nadia to revise her proposal if she wishes, and Kresta Robinson suggested there may be an opportunity for Nadia to form the choir as a part of parks and recreation.

New Board Member

- Since Kenzie Buckway's departure from the council, we are in need of an additional board member. Brandee Burke has submitted a letter of interest. The council recommends Brandee Burke to join the council.

Orchestra Guest Artist and Collaboration

- Tim is looking at working with Alex Sharpe, she has worked with Jason Tonioli and was once a part of the group celtic women. Skyward Symphony would also be interested in being our guest artist.

Finalize Summer Show for 2027

- The council has decided to move forward with getting the rights to *Mamma Mia!* For our 2027 summer show.

Future Agenda Items

- Vote on Budget
- Vote on Board Assignments
- Vote on Guest Artist if Applicable
- Sheila's Presentation on Inventory and Possibly Selling Costumes/Set Pieces

Meeting adjourned @ 9:39 pm