



Churchill Arts Council
2023-24 Season Brochure

38TH ANNUAL ARTS EVENT SEASON

The Churchill Arts Council is a private, non-profit arts organization bringing high quality arts events to Fallon, Churchill County, and Northern Nevada. For over three decades, we have enriched the cultural and social life of our region by offering educational and experiential opportunities in the arts on many levels, including: an annual performing arts series; visual art exhibitions; literary readings and conversations with artists in all disciplines; screenings of classic and foreign films; an art school offering classes and workshops; scholarships to pursue studies in the arts; publication of print and online visual arts catalogs, as well as a print newsletter. We are committed to excellence in multi-disciplinary programming, as you will see by this overview of our 2023-24 Season.

PHYSICAL ADDRESS

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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P. O. Box 2204

Fallon, Nev. 89407

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PERFORMANCE TICKETS, DATES & TIMES

All seats are reserved. Please email tickets@churchillarts.org or call 775-423-1440 to order tickets for individual performances. Tickets are \$17 for Churchill Arts Council members, \$20 for non-members, and \$10 for youth & students. E-Tickets are also available through the CAC Website and Eventbrite.

In general, the Art Center's Box Office, Art Bar and Galleries open at 6 pm and performances start at 7 pm. Visual & literary arts events are held from 5 - 7 pm. Doors open for films at 6 pm and begin at 7 pm. Please email or call us to set up an appointment if you wish to visit outside of these days and times.

Information on events is current as of press time. However, performances and other dates may be subject to change. If you are traveling long distances, please contact the Churchill Arts Council to confirm dates and times. Additional performances and events may be added throughout the season as funding and scheduling permits. If you would like to be apprised of these, please visit our website at churchillarts.org or email us at info@churchillarts.org.

2023-24 SEASON EVENTS CALENDAR

PERFORMING ARTS:

Blair Crimmins and the Hookers – August 19, 2023

» Free In-the-Park Concert

Taylor Rae – October 14, 2023

Pixie and the Partygrass Boys – November 18, 2023

Robin Spielberg – February 17, 2024

The Life and Times of A. Einstein – March 9, 2024

DeVotchKa – March 30, 2024

William Elliott Whitmore- June 15, 2024

» Free In-the-Park Concert

VISUAL ARTS:

Gig Depio - August 17-November 4, 2023

» Artist Talk & Reception - November 4, 2023

Home Means Nevada & Geographical Divides

August 17 - October 16, 2023

» Curator Talk, Workshop & Reception: September 30, 2023

11th Lahontan Valley Fine Arts Invitational

December 2, 2023 - February 24, 2024

» Reception: December 2, 2023

Peter Goin – March 8 - June 22, 2024

» Artists' Talk & Reception: May 11th, 2024

LITERARY ARTS:

Lindsay Wilson – October 13, 2023

Vogue Robinson – April 26 & 27, 2024

FILM ARTS:

Fall Film Series - Noir Classics

» The Thin Man, November 3, 2023

» Chinatown, November 10, 2023

» The Maltese Falcon, November 17, 2023

Spring Film Series - 3 from the Coen Brothers

» The Big Lebowski, April 5, 2024

» The Hudsucker Proxy, April 12, 2024

» O Brother, Where Art Thou? April 19, 2024

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Green Goddess Autumn Harvest - October 1, 2023

Ales for Arts - October 21, 2023

Holiday Art Bar - December 2, 2023

An Evening with the Arts - February 3, 2024

Green Goddess Seedling Sale - May 5, 2024



Blair Crimmins & the Hookers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

»Free In the Park Concert«

Blair Crimmins began his current music career in Atlanta, Georgia, with a drive to bring Ragtime and 1920's style Dixieland Jazz to new audiences. While playing small rock clubs around the Southeast he developed a sound that is at once modern while being deeply rooted in the past. He has toured the U.S and Italy playing festivals and has opened for acts such as Preservation Hall Jazz Band and Old Crow Medicine show. A multi-instrumentalist on guitar, banjo and piano, Crimmins writes songs and arrangements for a classic New Orleans style horn section consisting of trumpet, clarinet and trombone. His debut release "The Musical Stylings Of" became a college radio sensation on WRAS Atlanta making him the most requested band on the air. In

2012 Crimmins showed his musical diversity by writing and recording the full score for the independent short film "Old Man Cabbage." The following year, Crimmins was the critics pick for Best Song Writer of 2013 in Creative Loafing's Best of ATL issue. His next album entitled Sing-a-longs! earned him a nomination at The Georgia Music Awards for Best Jazz Artist. After years of relentless touring the country and abroad Blair Crimmins released his 4th album of original ragtime music You Gotta Sell Something (2017), as well as a children's album All Aboard (2019) and a 5th full length record featuring swinging covers of his favorite artists ranging from Louis Armstrong to David Bowie entitled "Okay Boom!" in 2021.



Taylor Rae

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

Singer/songwriter Taylor Rae walks through life projecting a calm self-awareness. And, while there is an aura of purposeful intent in every stride she takes, every note she sings and every chord she plays, there is also a sense of natural ease in every action. This is some still water – and it runs deep. It all began in California with Taylor Rae Vencill's birth in Santa Cruz. Raised in nearby Ben Lomond, her eclectic musical journey initially took her from the Central Coast to Los Angeles. Taylor played legendary venues Moe's Alley, Kuumbwa Jazz, the Catalyst and Hotel Cafe, and earned spots at popular area festivals, including DIO Fest (Boulder Creek) and Redwood Mountain Faire (Felton). In 2017, Taylor won Santa Cruz NEXTies Musician of the Year Award and the

next year she struck out for Texas, landing in the musical wonderland of Austin. Since then, she has shared the stage with a variety of artists including Brandy Clark, The Stone Foxes, Kristian Bush and Reggae musician Mike Love.

"Taylor Rae is a double threat on 'Fixer Upper': a singer-songwriter with a heartfelt story to tell AND a wonderful melody. Her vocals are like early Musgraves on a Brandy Clark song delivered with the delicacy of a 70's French chanteuse combined and a dollop of soulful Texas roots."

Duncan Warwick, CMP Magazine



Pixie & the Partygrass Boys

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

Hailed as “The hottest band in the Wasatch” by the Intermountain Acoustic Music Association, Pixie and the Party Grass Boys create a uniquely American sound that can turn the room into a ruckus, but offers a full variety of other dynamics as well- approaching bluegrass/folk with a classical and jazz background while incorporating elements of Broadway, Pop-Punk, and an unabashed love for having a damn good time.

The band has been touring while steadily gaining a fanbase nationwide and playing festivals including: High Sierra Music Festival, Delfest, Peachfest, Jamcruise, and Winter Wondergrass, in addition to sharing the stage with artist such as Lake Street Dive, Billy Strings, Grace Potter, Yonder Mountain String Band, the Infamous Stringdusters, and the Brothers Comatose.

“Pixie & the Partygrass Boys buoyed by charisma, onstage joy and effervescence and a bluegrass prowess, painted smiles on lots of faces during their three performances, including an off-the-hook collaborative set.”

Hangtown Music Festival Review

“If Bill Monroe and Emmylou Harris road tripped to Burning Man festival and then moved to the mountains to write music and ski you would have Pixie & the Partygrass Boys.”

Americana UK



PERFORMING ARTS

Robin Spielberg

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

A long time elite member of the prestigious Steinway Artist Roster, Robin Spielberg has 1/2 billion streams of her music across the globe. Robin’s newest album (her 24th studio recording) is “Downtown.” Recent releases, “Love Story” and “On the Edge of a Dream” charted on Billboard’s classical crossover and new age charts. With the experience and numerous accolades to prove it, Spielberg is hailed as one of America’s most popular contemporary female pianists/composers. Whether playing music that embraces the transitions of the seasons, celebrating the thrill of romance, or familiar holiday songs, Robin Spielberg’s concerts intertwine accomplished musical performance with humor and stories that inspire. As an artist with a multifaceted and successful career, Spielberg

has performed in such prestigious environments as: Carnegie Hall, the Seoul Arts Center, Mao Livehouse in Shanghai, on CBS Saturday Morning, PBS, LifeTime Live, and NPR. Her performances often include lively and humorous excerpts from her award-winning memoir, Naked on the Bench: My Adventures in Pianoland. As a Celebrity Artist Spokesperson for the national American Music Therapy Association, Robin Spielberg offers engaging talks, workshops and community outreach programs on the transformative power of music on healing as featured on her TEDx Talk. Spielberg’s impact extends beyond the stage as she continues to lead focused master classes, engaging workshops and multifaceted residencies in communities across the country.



The Life and Times of A. Einstein

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

This delightful comedy, originally performed at The Mark Taper Forum, presents a unique glimpse of a day in the life of the great scientist as seen through the eyes of his secretary, Ellen. The scene is Princeton, New Jersey, 1934. It is Einstein's birthday, and a group of journalists (played by you, the audience) has gathered in his living room to interview him at his home as he turns 55. As usual, Einstein is late and his devoted secretary, Ellen, stalls by fielding questions, placating and humoring the reporters, explaining his theories, all the while attempting to keep the chaotic household running smoothly.

KRES MERSKY is a Los Angeles based actor and playwright known for her highly acclaimed one-person shows. Mersky has performed ex-

tensively throughout California, the West Coast and Canada. Her full-length plays, one-acts, and monologues have played to audiences in New York and Los Angeles, as well as up and down the West Coast in theaters, universities, libraries and performing arts centers.

PAUL GERSTEN, director, has been a successful theater and commercial director in Los Angeles as well as an advertising photographer for the past 30 years. He has directed and toured with Mersky as she performed all of her shows. Presently, they are working together to present Nuts n Chews and Bip Three Times for theatrical presentation. Both are compilations of short one-acts and monologues written by Mersky.



DeVotchKa

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

A cross-pollination of numerous influences, including cabaret, spaghetti Westerns, norteño, punk, and the immigrant dance music of Eastern Europe, Colorado-based quartet DeVotchKa, formed in Denver by multi-instrumentalists Nick Urata (vocals, guitar, trumpet), Tom Hagerman (violin, accordion), Jeanie Schroder (sousaphone, bass) and percussionist Shawn King, emerged as unlikely indie heroes in the mid-2000s infusing modern indie music with a global flavor.

They found widespread success in 2006 with their Grammy-nominated soundtrack to the hit indie film Little Miss Sunshine. Signing with revered indie label, Anti-, the band delivered A Mad and Faithful Telling in early 2008, reaching the number nine slot on the Billboard Heatseekers chart. A lengthy world tour followed, including stops at major festivals like Bonna-

roo, Lollapalooza, and Bumbershoot. Over the next several years, Urata became increasingly involved in his own film composition career, scoring movies like Crazy Stupid Love, Whiskey Tango Foxtrot, Paddington, and the Netflix series A Series of Unfortunate Events. Meanwhile, the band regrouped for a lengthy recording session, eventually returning in 2018 with their sixth album, This Night Falls Forever, this time via Concord Records.

An important thing happens at a DeVotchka show: there's that feeling in the chest that comes from music that moves you at your core, lights your heart up [and] lights you up.

COLORADO PUBLIC RADIO



William Elliott Whitmore

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

»Free In the Park Concert«

A man armed only with a banjo and a bass drum can be a formidable force, especially if his name is William Elliott Whitmore. With his powerful voice and honest approach, Whitmore comes from the land, growing up on a family farm in Lee County, Iowa. Still living on the same farm today, Whitmore has truly taken the time to discover where his center lies, and from that he will not be moved.

Whitmore has repeatedly carved his own path, honoring the longstanding tradition of folk music throughout his nearly 20 year career, while always allowing his blues, soul and punk rock influences to shine through. Getting his first break opening for his friend's hardcore band with just

a banjo in hand, he would discover bands like The Jesus Lizard, Bad Brains, Lungfish and Minutemen and soon learn to play his own brand of rural, roots music with that same DIY ethic.

William Elliott Whitmore has been back and forth across the United States and to cities around the world. He's toured with such diverse acts as Frank Turner, Trampled By Turtles, Clutch and Chris Cornell to name a few. He's appeared on some of the biggest stages around the world including Stagecoach Fest, Byron Bluesfest (Australia) and End of the Road Fest (UK). His willingness to take his show to any playing field has proved invaluable as he turned strangers to diehards with every performance.

FALL FILMS: 3 Noir Classics



The Thin Man (1934) - Nov 3

Chinatown (1974) - Nov 10

The Maltese Falcon (1941) - Nov 17

“**Film noir** has a mood that everyone can feel. It's people in trouble, at night, with a little bit of wind and the right kind of music. It's a beautiful thing.”

David Lynch

SPRING FILMS: 3 by the Coen Brothers



The Big Lebowski (1998) - Apr 5

The Hudsucker Proxy (1994) - Apr 12

O Brother, Where Art Thou? (2000) - Apr 19

“When Joel and Ethan Coen were growing up, they used to make Super 8 films, including remakes of Hollywood movies that they had watched on TV. Since then, the Coens have continued to let their imagination loose while ranging wide across cinematic and literary genres, drawing on pulp literature (“Blood Simple,” “Miller’s Crossing”), screwball cinema (“The Hudsucker Proxy,” “Intolerable Cruelty”), Homer’s Odyssey (“O Brother, Where Art Thou?”), the Bible and their own suburban Minneapolis childhood (“A Serious Man”) to make movies that, increasingly, have the quality of an evolving, distinctly American mythopoeia.”

Manohla Dargis and A.O. Scott



2023-24 SPECIAL EVENTS

Ales for Arts - October 21, 2023; 5 - 9 pm

A fundraiser for the Churchill Arts Council's 2023-24 Programs & Activities. Sample local and regional beers, enjoy a seasonal specialty cocktail composed using local ingredients, plus wine and other drinks. An assortment of food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available from local and regional vendors.

Green Goddess: Autumn Harvest & Seedling Sales, Oct 1, 2023 & May 5, 2024; 10 - 2 pm

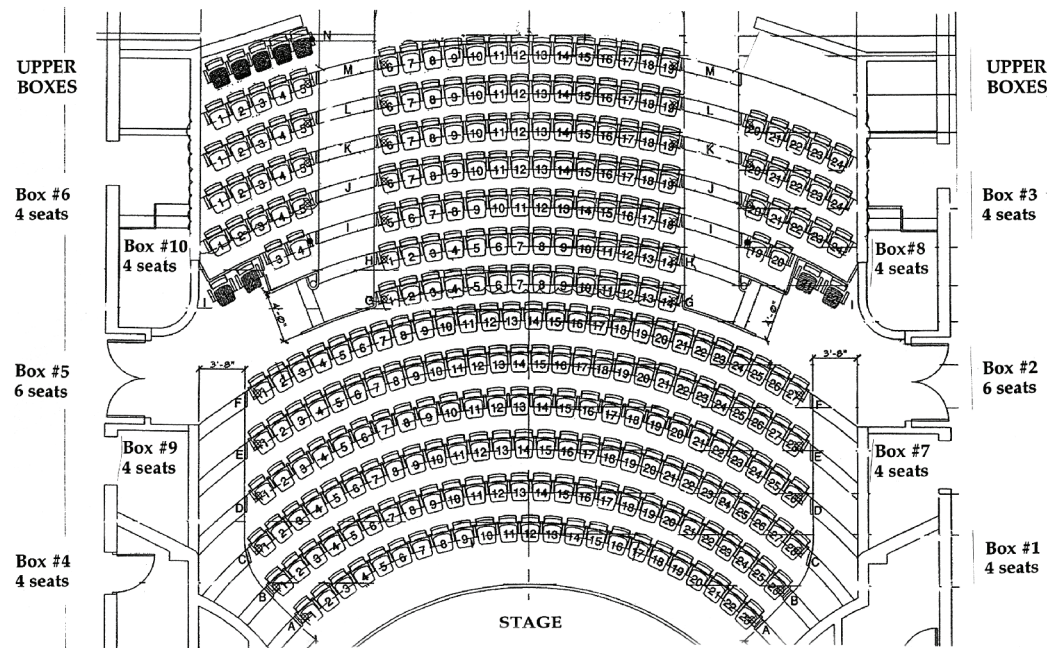
Join us at the Oats Park Art Center for the Green Goddess Market featuring produce for sale from local farmers, artwork from local artists and crafters, music by local musicians, a wide assortment of food from local vendors, and more! Enjoy a seasonal specialty cocktail served in the Lariat Bar composed using local ingredients which will be available for purchase, along with a variety of other tasty beverages.

Lahontan Valley Invitational Reception & Holiday Art Bar - December 2, 2023; 5 - 9 pm

An evening of warmth and festivities to stave off the cold and darkness of winter. Gather in the Art Bar to enjoy a seasonal cocktail, light hors d'oeuvres, and conviviality with friends and supporters of the arts in Churchill County.

An Evening with the Arts - February 3, 2024; 5:30 - 10:00 pm

Our annual fundraising dinner and silent auction featuring a variety of artworks, vacation getaways and other eclectic items donated by local and regional artists and businesses. The social event of the season!



BARKLEY THEATRE SEATING

Seating capacity on the main floor is 305 and all seats are reserved. If you would like to request a specific seat please refer to the seating chart above. We will do our best to accommodate your request, but cannot guarantee the availability of specific seats. Please email info@churchillarts.org or call 775-423-1440 for all seating requests.

Seats will be assigned on a "first-requested, first-assigned" basis. Seating for patrons with accessibility needs is available—please call in advance of the performance for more information. Assistive listening devices are also available upon request.

A limited number of box seats can accommodate four to six persons and may be purchased for individual performances or on an annual basis.

WHERE THE HELL IS FALLON?

It's not that far from where you are. The Oats Park Art Center is located at 151 East Park Street in Fallon, the Oasis of Nevada.

Fallon is 60 miles east of Reno, Nevada, and is easily accessible from I-80 and Highway 50, the Loneliest Road in America. The Oats Park Art Center is located on the east side of Oats Park, four blocks east of the junction of Highways 50 and 95.

Membership Information

Support, through memberships, helps to ensure we will continue to bring the finest arts programming to Fallon, Churchill County and Northern Nevada. Please take a minute to join or renew today! Your support of the Churchill Arts Council is fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Membership is open to all individuals, businesses and organizations on an annual basis. Benefits include Season Tickets, individual performance tickets, and box seats at a discount; free admission to all film screenings; priority seating requests; subscription to our print newsletter; invitations to visual art openings; and email reminders about upcoming activities. Memberships of \$50 or more are acknowledged in our newsletter; and memberships of \$100 or more also receive a 10% discount in the ChArts Store.

SEASON TICKETS, YOUTH & STUDENT TICKETS, AND BOX SEATS

Season Tickets for all performing arts events and film screenings are available to Churchill Arts Council members for \$85 and \$115 for non-members. Youth and student tickets (with valid Student ID) are available to individual performances for \$10. A limited number of box seats can accommodate four to six persons and may be purchased for individual performances or on an annual basis.

UNDERWRITING & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you or your business is interested in underwriting an event; or volunteering as an usher at performances, in the ChArts Store, or bartending at an event, please contact the Churchill Arts Council at info@churchillarts.org or call 775-423-1440.



2023-24 Membership Form

AUGUST 2023 THROUGH JUNE 2024 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Please return this form to: Churchill Arts Council / P. O. Box 2204 / Fallon, Nev. 89407

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Do you want to receive info via U.S. Mail?: _____ Via email?: _____

PLEASE CHECK YOUR LEVEL OF SUPPORT

- ☐ Individual – \$25 ☐ Associate – \$250 ☐ Sponsor – \$2,500
☐ Family – \$50 ☐ Principal – \$500 ☐ Guarantor – \$5,000
☐ Supporting – \$100 ☐ Advocate – \$1,000

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER

- ☐ Usher at performing arts event ☐ Volunteer in the ChArts Stores
☐ Bartend at events ☐ Underwrite an event
☐ Are there other ways in which you would like to assist the Churchill Arts Council?

If so, please describe below or email info@churchillarts.org or call 775-423-1440.

- ☐ **YES!** I would also like to purchase _____ Churchill Arts Council member Season Tickets for \$85 each, for all 2023-24 performing arts events.

- ☐ **YES!** Although I am not joining at this time, I would like to purchase _____ Season Tickets for \$ 115 each, for all 2023-24 performing arts events.

All seating is reserved and Season Ticket holders may request specific seats for performances as available on a “first-requested, first-assigned” basis.

Additional Information

HOST AN EVENT AT OATS PARK ART CENTER

Various facilities within the Oats Park Art Center are available for rent, subject to availability and appropriateness of the proposed event. Please contact the Churchill Arts Council at info@churchillarts.org or call 775-423-1440 for more information.

CHARTS STORE

A changing and eclectic array of artworks, prints, books, ceramics, crafts, and other handcrafted items by local and regional artists are available for purchase. Open at all Churchill Arts Council events or by appointment.

ABOUT THE OATS PARK ART CENTER

Efforts to provide a permanent home for the Churchill Arts Council's programs began with a series of community and regional meetings in 1989, which identified the historic Oats Park School building in Fallon as a potential candidate to house a multi-discipline community arts center. The structure was nominated to the Nevada and National Registers of Historic Places in 1990 and a Feasibility / Concept Study was commissioned and completed in 1992. The Study was extremely positive about returning the building to community use and – thanks to funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, Arts Facilities Design Program – a Design Development report was completed in 1993. Construction documents for the entire Art Center were completed and construction and renovation began in 1996. In July 1999, Oats Park was designated as an Official Project of Save America's Treasures – a public-private partnership of the White House Millennium Council and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. As such, Oats Park joined a very select group of historic resources that have been chosen to represent America's treasures in need of support for their preservation and renovation. The Barkley Theatre opened in 2003, visual art galleries in 2006, and the final portions, including a café and catering kitchen were completed in 2016.



OATS PARK ART SCHOOL

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & CAMPS

The Churchill Arts Council is proud to further its mission of enriching the cultural and social life of our region by creating the Oats Park Art School. By developing new art and music classroom spaces at the Oats Park Art Center we are able to offer additional educational and experiential opportunities in the arts to Fallon, Churchill County, and Northern Nevada. Local and regional artists, musicians, and expert craftspersons will teach a wide variety of classes for all ages and experience levels. The Oats Park Art School's arts education partnership with Le Petit Atelier allows us to offer a variety of programs, including: painting, drawing and illustration, silversmithing, textiles, clay and ceramics, and music lessons.

Weekly class offerings are available for youth ages 3 – 18, Open Studio on Wednesday, as well as adult and family workshops. Workshop sessions range from a single afternoon or evening, to a scheduled six week period. All offerings are subject to change and are based on availability.

For more information or a current class schedule visit churchillarts.com, email info@churchillarts.org, or call 775-423-1440.



Gig Depio

American Venture

August 17 - November 4, 2023
Artist's Talk & Reception for the Artist
 E.L. Wiegand Gallery • November 4, 2023



Home Means Nevada

Photographs of Nevada Wilderness

August 16 - October 16, 2023
Reception for Artists
 North Hall Gallery • September 30, 2023



Geographical Divides

Finding Common Ground
Collaborations in Printmaking

August 16 - October 16, 2023
Workshop, Curator's Talk & Reception for the Artists
Kirk Robertson Gallery • September 30, 2023



Peter Goin

Nevada Rock Art
Landscape Photography

March 8 - June 22, 2024
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Lindsay Wilson

Poetry

October 13, 2024

1 pm : Workshop

OPAC Boardroom

5-7 pm

Literary Reading & Discussion

E.L. Wiegand Gallery



LITERARY ARTS

Vogue Robinson

Poetry

April 26, 2024

5 - 7 pm : Literary Reading & Discussion

E.L. Wiegand Gallery

April 27, 2024

1 pm : Workshop

OPAC Boardroom

5:30 pm : Poetry Open Mic

Lariat Bar & Courtyard (weather permitting)



CHURCHILL ARTS COUNCIL

THANK YOU SPONSORS & PARTNERS

Churchill Arts Council programs and activities are sponsored, in part, by: an American Rescue Plan Act grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support general operating expenses in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; the City of Fallon; the Nevada Arts Council; the Fallon Convention & Tourism Authority; TourWest/WESTAF; Nevada Humanities; the Depot Casino/Widmer & Mills, CPAs; Mackedon deBraga and Rowe Law, P. C.; the Bretzlaff Foundation; the E. L. Cord Foundation; the Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation; Churchill County; the Nevada Commission on Tourism; Speedway Market; Lahontan Valley News; the Fallon Post; CC Communications; and Holiday Inn Express. The Churchill Arts Council proudly pours Great Basin Brewing Company's beer at all its events.

The free performances by Blair Crimmins & the Hookers and William Elliott Whitmore are presented in cooperation with the Mayor, City Council, and City of Fallon.

