

2022-2023 IN REVIEW

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COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

This year has been a year of celebration and renewal. Here are a few highlights. We are grateful to each of you who donated or volunteered to make them possible.



Henry Cervantes Ramirez and Ibrahima Faye, two of the artists featured in the Diaspora DNA Exhibition.



CAC's iconic Main Building.



Members of Kyo Daiko perform Japanese taiko drumming at the opening of the Philadelphia International Tea Bowl Exhibition.

ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Possibilities are endless in a place where so many creative paths converge.

- The CAC celebrated its 75th Anniversary with the Diamond Jubilee Spring Fundraising Event, honoring long time devoted CAC supporter Florence Brown.
- Outreach programs including artist residencies, afterschool programs, art teacher trainings and more are thriving in collaboration with a network of community partners.
- Enrollment in CAC classes is now exceeding pre-pandemic enrollment levels and we are seeing ongoing growth.
- We had the biggest Summer Spree Art Camp ever with the theme *Magic Makers*, featuring special projects each week, Rock & Roll Camp, visiting magicians, outdoor activities, and lots of art making!
- The first annual Jingle Jazz Concert and Brunch was a sold out success with rave reviews. And our popular live music series Friday Night Live continues to bring new audiences to the CAC with a diverse roster of some of the region's most celebrated musicians.
- We completed renovations related to the 2022 fire, including significant upgrades to the Ceramics Studio, a new multi use studio on the second floor, and the renovation of a previously underutilized space into a new art supply storage room.
- The Fine Arts & Crafts Festival was relaunched in Swarthmore Town Center after a 2 year pandemic related hiatus.
- We hosted the first *Philadelphia International Tea Bowl Exhibition* featuring tea bowls from around the world, a traditional tea room constructed in the gallery, and tea demonstrations hosted by the Japanese tea school Urasenke Philadelphia.



Keijiroh Yama-Guchi from Urasenke Philadelphia leads a tea demonstration.



Guest of Honor Florence Brown and CAC Board President J. Rossi at the Diamond Jubilee Spring Fundraising Event.



Sally Paynter introduces her portrait of CAC's first Executive Director, Bea Dallett, at a celebration of Bea's life.



Vocalist Kevin Valentine leads the band at the first annual Jingle Jazz Brunch.



Vintage jazz band Parlour Noir performs at Friday Night Live in CAC's historic 1892 Ballroom.



The Fine Arts & Crafts Festival returns to Swarthmore Town Center.

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