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*Spotlight*

**Heber Valley Arts Center**

The Heber City Council meeting, held on December 19, 2023, saw the approval of a 75 year lease to the Wasatch Arts Council of 4.4 acres to develop and build the Heber Valley Arts Center. The property is located above the UVU Wasatch Campus in the new Arts District as part of the Raintree-Jordanelle Ridge Development. The prime leased real estate of the Arts Center's future location, highly visible to both north and south traffic on Highway 40, has found it dubbed "the jewel on the hill."

Heber City has been working with the Wasatch Arts Council since 2021 to finalize the ground lease and parking agreements. Council approval of the lease was unanimous.

Mayor Heidi Franco stated, "I enthusiastically support the City agreement with the Wasatch Arts Council & their fundraising efforts for the new City Arts District. The vision for this area is wonderful & will bring many opportunities to city residents."

Design calls for a 600 seat flexible main theater space in a unique setting. A large rehearsal space can be used for classes, galas, receptions and business meetings. The glass lobby affords a spectacular view of Mount Timpanogos, the iconic Heber Valley landmark. Architectural concept design is being completed by Method Studio of Salt Lake City. Research, legal and promotional expenses for the start up efforts have been supported by two generous grants from the Joseph and Kathleen Sorensen Foundation.

Impetus for the Heber Valley Arts Center came as a result of meetings in 2018 with the area's art groups all citing the lack of appropriate rehearsal and performance venues. The Arts Council's mission is to "promote the arts in Wasatch County" so a plan was immediately put into motion to create a "home" where all artists and community members of all ages can perform, learn, teach and display artwork in one place.

Additional event and touring performance programming will be presented by the Arts Council, who will operate the Arts Center as a hub of cultural vitality for the entire Wasatch community.

The Heber Valley Arts Center is scheduled to open Fall 2028. Fundraising efforts will continue with new vigor now that these agreements are completed and the land under the new Arts Center is secured!

More info [www.hebervalleyartscenter.com](http://www.hebervalleyartscenter.com)

*Art Grants*

The Wasatch County Arts Council exists to support and coordinate the efforts of organizations committed to Wasatch County as a premier destination for visual and performing arts. As part of this goal, we strive to support our local artists, performing groups, and individuals by offering yearly arts grants. Applications for the 2024 Grant cycle will open on January 15, 2024. All necessary information, eligibility, and instructions for application will be available on our website January 15. We hope that those who are eligible, will apply. <https://www.wasatchcountyarts.org/grant-applications/>

*Upcoming Events*

JAN 6	Paint Day/Night Kids 1 pm, Adults 7 pm Inspiration Haven
JAN 6	Auditions Moana Jr. Utah Arts Collective
JAN 8	Bailes Folclóricos de Latinoamérica Presentation Wasatch County Library
JAN 20	Paint Day/Night Kids 1 pm, Adults 7 pm Inspiration Haven
JAN 20	Timp Belvederes Improv Comedy Timpanogos Valley Theater 7 pm
JAN 26	Auditions Cinderella Jr. High Valley Arts

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