

Spring is in the air, and the Winter Park Arts & Culture Alliance is bringing an exciting lineup of events to inspire! From captivating art exhibitions and live performances to engaging workshops and community gatherings, there's something for everyone to enjoy. **Be Inspired.** #WPInspires

Arts Weekend 2025 was a great success! The four-day art extravaganza was filled with special performances, community events, art exhibits and inspiration. The goal behind Arts Weekend was to showcase the 22 members of the Winter Park Arts &



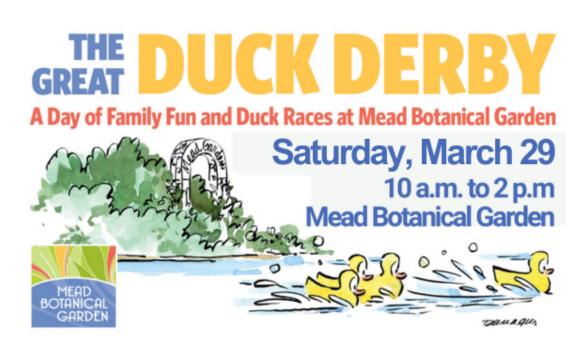
<u>Culture Alliance</u>. All members participated in the weekend activities which included a free community performance of *Big Band Spirituals* performed and sponsored by Bach Festival Society and *Art in the Park*, an afternoon of performances and interactive art activities in Central Park. Planning has already begun for next year's Arts Weekend – celebrating all the rich talent and culture within the City of Winter Park.





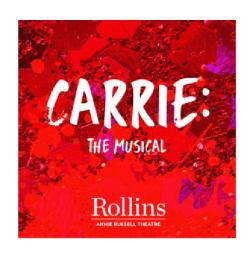
Converging Realities, a dual exhibition uniting the works of mixed-media artist Charles Eady and painter PJ Svejda, is now on view. Their art invites viewers to reflect on the connection between humanity, nature and history, sparking meaningful conversations about conservation and cultural narratives. This exhibition will be on view at two of **Crealdé School of Art** galleries: the Alice & William Jenkins Gallery through Monday, May 3, 2025 and the Hannibal Square Heritage Center Visiting Exhibition Gallery through Saturday, August 30, 2025.







In April, at the **Annie Russell Theatre at Rollins**, it's *Carrie: The Musical*, Stephen King's landmark horror story set to an electrifying score. This unique adaptation of the chilling classic offers a deeper look at King's complex characters, powerful musical numbers, and of course, sensational effects.





EXPERIENCE THE MUSIC THAT IS STILL MAKING HISTORY.





The **Public Art Advisory Board** (PAAB) recently partnered with the



city's Parks & Recreation Department to have the Emily fountain (1984) in Central Park completely refurbished. The fountain basin was drained and repainted, while Emily was transported offsite for a much-needed spa treatment. During the treatment, Emily's current finish was removed and



a new verdigris patina was applied. The sculpture also received new internal piping and valves so the water flow once again represents the fine strings of the harp that Emily plays.

Emily was featured specifically during Arts Weekend in February, which was hosted by the Arts & Culture Alliance and presented by the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation and AdventHealth. During Saturday's Art in the Park, a docent from the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens greeted patrons to share Emily's history, and a plein air artist painted the sculpture for all to see.

Access more information about Emily Fountain and other Public Art Collection pieces at cityofwinterpark.org/public-art-collection.







arts & culture alliance mission

To enhance and improve awareness and visibility of the non-profit arts & culture organizations within Winter Park city limits that offer art programming to the public.



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