

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA



TEMPE ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

March 8, 2021

6 p.m.

Meeting to be held via Cisco Webex Events

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AGENDA

Call to Order

1. **Public Appearances:** The Arts & Culture Commission welcomes public comment for items listed on this agenda. There is a three-minute time limit per individual. Anyone wishing to agendize an item for an upcoming meeting should utilize the Public Appearances for consideration.
2. **Approval:** February 8, 2021 Tempe Arts & Culture Commission Minutes ACTION
3. **Presentation:** Parks and Recreation Master Plan
4. **Approval:** Tempe Arts & Culture Awards Recommendations ACTION
5. **Update:** Arts & Culture Division
6. **Program Reports:** Written reports provided
 - a. Tempe Public Art
 - b. Community Arts
 - c. Tempe Center for the Arts
 - d. Tempe History Museum
7. **Commission Member Announcements**
8. **Future Agenda Items**
9. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: April 12, 2021 at 6pm, Webex Meeting

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Minutes TEMPE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION February 8, 2021

Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6:00pm on February 8, 2021 and held in a virtual meeting via Webex.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jacqueline Bernatt
Jeff Davis – Vice-chair
Maureen Kobierowski
Harper Lines
Peggy Moroney
Randall Schmidt
Jennifer Song
Justin Stewart – Chair
Ginny Sylvester

City Staff Present:

Brenda Abney, Manager-Visual Arts & Culture
Joy Higgins, Management Assistant-Arts & Culture Division
Keith Burke, Community Services Director
Tanya Chavez, Sr Management Assistant-Community Services
Maja Aurora, Director of Arts Engagement
Kara Osburn, Financial Analyst for Arts & Culture

Guest(s) Present:

None

(MEMBERS) Absent:

None

Call to Order

- **Justin Stewart**, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the January 27, 2021 Commission Minutes

J. Stewart asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated January 2021.

MOTION: Jennifer Song moved to approve the January 27, 2021 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes with amendments.

SECOND: Ginny Sylvester seconded

AYES: Jacqueline Bernatt, Jeff Davis, Maureen Kobierowski, Harper Lines, Peggy Moroney, Randall Schmidt, Jennifer Song, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

RESULT: Motion passed with an 9-0 vote

ABSENT: None

Agenda Item 3 – Update: Arts & Culture Division

- **Brenda Abney**, Interim Deputy Director of Arts & Culture, gave the following updates:
 - The Deputy Community Services Director of Arts & Culture position is now posted for recruitment on the City of Tempe website and five external websites. First review of applications will be on March 1, 2021.

- The City Council will begin reviewing budget funding requests in the February 18th work study session. Budgets for fiscal year 2022 are adopted by City Council in February. Future council meetings are posted on the City of Tempe web calendar if commissioners would like to stay updated on budgets.
 - J. Stewart encourages commissioners to reach out to City Council in support of the Arts & Culture budget requests and stay involved in the budget process.

Agenda Item 4 – Approval: Communicate to City Council regarding Danelle Plaza

J. Stewart asked the commissioners to approve TACC communication with City Council to request involvement in the RFP process for new development at Danelle Plaza.

- MOTION:** Ginny Sylvester moved to approve TACC communication with City Council to request involvement in the RFP process for new development at Danelle Plaza.
- SECOND:** Peggy Moroney seconded
- AYES:** Jacqueline Bernatt, Jeff Davis, Maureen Kobierowski, Harper Lines, Peggy Moroney, Randall Schmidt, Jennifer Song, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester
- ABSTAIN:** None
- NAYS:** None
- RESULT:** Motion passed with an 9-0 vote
- ABSENT:** None

Agenda Item 5 – Discussion: Retreat follow up

- **B. Abney** requested feedback on the discussion items at the annual retreat on January 27th, 2021.
 - Holding new member orientation separately and earlier than the retreat allowed for immediate immersion in discussion of important items during the retreat.
 - It would be appreciated if Arts & Culture staff would reach out to TACC for help with tasks outlined in the AMS recommendations.

Agenda Item 6 – Arts & Culture Award Panel

- **J. Higgins** sought volunteers to serve on the Tempe Arts & Culture Awards selection panel. Randall Schmidt, Jacqueline Bernatt, and Jennifer Song volunteered.

Agenda Item 7 – Program Reports

- **A. Community Arts** - Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempe.gov/arts and www.tempe.gov/ednaarts.
- **B. Tempe Center for the Arts** – Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempecenterforthearts.com.
- **C. History Museum** – Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempe.gov/museumevents.
- **D. Tempe Public Art** – Current events can be found in the written report and at www.tempe.gov/publicart.

Agenda Item 8 – Commission Member Announcements

- Jeff Davis
 - Served on Country Club Way selection panel
 - Have stepped down from the Friends of Tempe Center for the Arts
- Maureen Kobierowski
 - Annual Neighborhood Olympics will not be having a live event this year. Please populate the Facebook page with photos of past events.
 - Neighborhood Olympics committee will conduct an online fundraising event for the Teen Resource Center during the week of February 22-28, 2021. Any donations are appreciated.
- Randall Schmidt
 - Developing a YouTube channel to post stories for youth about Arizona, “Arizona Kid” art

- Harper Lines
 - Will be attending the Tempe Community Action Agency's Bingo night on Friday, February 12th
- Justin Stewart
 - Has been in contact with council members about development plans for Danelle Plaza
 - Entered a short, 60-second film into a local film-festival – Untidy Story Telling – located in the Maple/Ash area.

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

- Update on Danelle Plaza developments and update from Professor Rocchi

Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

Prepared by: Joy Higgins

Reviewed by: Brenda Abney

Unapproved

Tempe Public Art

March 2021

Westside Multigenerational Center

Artist: Clyde Thompson



Artist Clyde Thompson is beyond 50% completion and working on completing the mural by April 1st

Clyde is getting closer to completing the mural at the Westside Multigenerational Center. The work adds a lot of vibrancy!

Clyde is working with the Public Art staff to create a narrated coloring book that will be downloadable and available in print form. The book will include line drawings of the mural and limited text that helps to share the artist's imagination and thought process. Additionally, Clyde will provide prints of his illustration to be added to the portable works collection this spring.

This project will be completed in April.

Tempe Streetcar



Zone 2/ Mill Avenue



Zone 3/ Gammage Curve



Zone 4/ Apache

Artist Bobby Zokaites (Zone 4), artist Mary Lucking (Zone 3), and artists Simon Donovan and Ben Olsted installed their artworks this past month. Artist Koryn Rolstad (Zone 1/ Rio Salado) is expected to begin install in March, subject to schedule changes due to the pandemic.

Tempe Town Lake Temporary Art

Artist Kris Manzanaras is now under contract and has begun to work with city to determine how best to begin design work. This will be her first commission with the City of Tempe. The piece will be installed in late August/early September to welcome the fall season of events on the lake post pandemic.



Watercolor drawings depicting the electrical connections by artist Kris Manzanaras. The artwork is proposed to be a series of lamps made with textiles and a wire structure that will hang between light poles on the north side of Tempe Town Lake. The electrical connections are being reviewed by the City's electrician currently to ensure that all standards are met.

Tempe Youth Library Temporary Art

Artist Shela Yu has begun installing her work at the Tempe Youth Library. Yu's concept includes a mural as well as a sculptural element made of hand painted books. These books will be created through a workshop with tweens and teens (the users of the space) in late spring or early summer. The workshop may be either virtual in person to be determined as Covid metrics are assessed.



Edna Vihel Center Temporary Art

Artist Koryn Woodward Wasson created a mural on the interior of the Edna Arts Center last year that is being extended to the exterior! After a 2 year stint, artist Kyllan Maney's exterior banners will be replaced with newly designed banners and column painting by Wasson. The artwork relates to the work on the interior of the building and like the past installation, it helps to demarcate the center as a vibrant art space for a multigenerational audience.



One of the banner designs that will be installed at the Edna Arts Center this spring. The banners relate to her work on the interior but bring a more multigenerational design to the site. The pieces are a combination of graphic elements and organic watercolor imagery of botanicals.

Country Club Way Public Art

Country Club Way Drive is CIP project being led by Tempe Transportation. Public Art is currently in the process of selecting an artist for this commission. The selection panel has identified three artists (Mary Shindel, Janelle L Stanley and Bobby Zokaites) as finalists. These artists will be interviewed by the panel and present proposals in March. It is expected that an artist will be under contract and working with the design team before the end of March of 2021.

Currently in the construction process:

Play Areas/Rubberized Surface

Christopher Jagmin Proposal for Hollis Park Play area

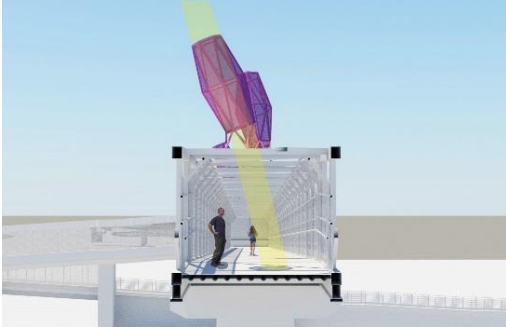


Artist Christopher Jagmin is working with Flexground, the play surface fabricator, to oversee the artwork at the Hollis Park Play Area is in the correct placement. The artwork is expected to be complete by mid March with a park reopening to follow shortly thereafter.

Jagmin created design for the play areas of Corbell and Indian Bend Parks as well. These projects will begin construction on the art portion towards the end of the April.

ADOT Pedestrian Bridge Project

Artist: coLab Studio



After a competitive selection process complete with artist interviews, coLab Studio / Matthew and Maria Salenger have been commissioned to work on this project.

The bridges will cross the I-10 at Alameda Road and Western Canal, joining the east and west side of Tempe for cyclist and pedestrian use. Bridge and landing design concepts will be underway throughout the fall with construction beginning in 2021 and spanning through 2024. The design/build construction team has begun working with the City now and it is anticipated that the art portion will be underway towards the end of the construction process.

Conservation / Maintenance

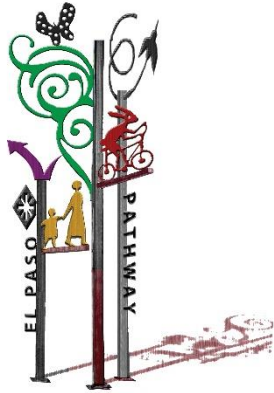
Public Art works that have been recently refurbished or will be currently in process include:

1. The Cyclist's Feat – this project is placed in a chicane on Farmer Street and has been subjected to several vehicular accidents over the past 5 years. We are currently in conversation with transportation, the neighborhood, TBAG, and the artist to see if there is a way to conserve this artwork. At present it has been determined that the transportation department will add lighting to all chicanes in an effort to ensure their safety. Once complete, Public Art will have the artist repair the piece for the final time as a means to see if this can curtail the ongoing damage. It has been agreed that if this solution does not work, TACC will be presented with the issue for discussion. A second chicane that is part of the same project was hit by a vehicle over Labor Day Weekend, making this two damaged areas of the same artwork this year. The city is working with police to see if information about the driver can be obtained to offset the repair costs.
2. Extraordinarily Common – One of the four sculptures in Evelyn Hallman Park was cut from its plinth and taken 2 weeks ago. We are working with the police, parks, and the artist to repair the artwork. There has been a police report filed however there are no suspects at this time.

Neighborhood Grants (Arts)

www.tempe.gov/neighborhoodgrants

Four neighborhood associations have been awarded Public Art related grants through the Mary Anne Corder Grant program for the FY20-21 cycle. These projects are:



1. Daley Park – Artist: Daniel Hornung. Entrance wall at Rural. The neighborhood is still working on finalizing design and artworks for this site.
2. Optimist Park NE, SE, NW, SW (4 associations)– Artist John Randall Nelson is working with the City, the neighborhoods, and the contractor for the El Paso Pathway project to begin work on this project now.
3. Rural Geneva – Artist: Joan Baron. Standpipe in Meyer Park. The neighborhood is still working on finalizing design and artworks for this site.
4. University Heights – Artist Jennyfer Stratman. Sculpture at Lemon and Dorsey. Artist Jennyfer Stratman is working with the neighborhood and the City on this project. Stratman is working with a local metal fabricator on this piece and staff will be the liaisons for the process.

Art in Private Development

www.tempe.gov/AIPD

These projects are in various stages of design and completion. Those listed do not include developments that have opted to pay in lieu of developing an artwork on their site:

1. Discovery Business Campus –Phase II is in the works, at an early design phase level. Artist is unknown at this time.
2. The Grand at Papago Park Center – Artist: Mary Lucking, artwork is complete. The owner is waiting to create a press release for the opening post pandemic. Currently, all buildings are vacated while the tenants work remotely therefore the artwork is not publicly accessible.
3. IDEA campus – Artist Matthew Moore and Jay Atherton of Ryne Studio were commissioned and are working with Boyer now. Installation has begun with concrete footers being placed. The concrete for the art forms have been poured and the artist is currently working with Boyer to finish the artworks on site.
4. 100 Mill Ave (+ Rio Salado) – Art submittal was reviewed and approved by the committee. TACC reviewed in July.
5. Precision Fleet – Artist: David Brandt, installation occurred last week! No photos to share yet!
6. Tempe Market Station – early stage, no artist selected yet
7. 206 S Farmer – early stage, no artist selected yet
8. University Business Campus – Artist: Daniel Moore
9. 6th street Hotel – early stage, no artist selected yet
10. U-Haul Storage – early stage, no artist selected yet
11. The Beam – Artist: coLab Studio, in design now
12. The Vib – Artist: Laurie Lundquist, waiting for art submittal now
13. Tempe Depot – new project, no artist selected yet
14. South Pier – new project, no artist selected yet
15. Carvana - new project, no artist selected yet
16. South Harl (former Insight building)- this site has been purchased by a new owner who intends to keep the existing artwork by artists Mark McDowell and David Venesky. The owner will work with the artist to relocate it to a better location within the campus. In addition, the owner will commission more art pieces for the site.

www.tempe.gov/publicart

Community Arts Report

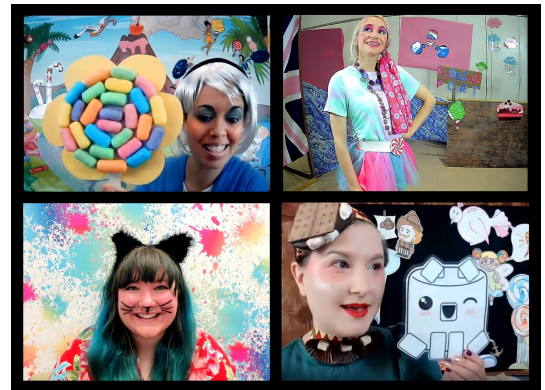
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Edna Vihel Arts Center

www.tempe.gov/EdnaArts

Free Art Friday

On February 19th 2021 the Community Arts team at the Edna Vihel Art Center produced their second all-virtual Free Art Friday event. This live event for children 2-6 years old and their caregivers featured the Edna Arts teaching staff costumed as a cast of whimsical characters. **47** families joined our host Midnight the Cat on a vacation to the delicious 'Dessert Island'. There they were led through a variety of visual art, dance and story-telling activities by colorful characters like Peppermint Pirate, S'more Troubadour and the Lollipop Fairy . The next virtual Free Art Friday event is planned for the end of April 2021.



Arts in the Parks

www.tempe.gov/ArtsintheParks



Painting in the Park

In February we held outdoor painting classes in 4 of Tempe's neighborhood parks: Daley, Harelson, Hudson, and Selleh. We had **112** individuals registered for painting classes led by artist Monica Gisel. It was a great activity for community members to spend time outside with family and friends and create art!

Grants & Artist Calls

www.tempe.gov/ArtsJobs

Cool Kids, Cool Places, Cool Futures - Artist Residency RFQ

Cool Kids, Cool Places, Cool Futures is a youth-driven climate initiative designed to build a movement to address climate change in the Tempe region by framing extreme heat as a critical social justice challenge, and emphasizing Indigenous concepts of decolonization and resilience. Multi-disciplinary teams of artists, creatives, and community organizers are invited to apply for a 2-year residency working with a Tempe Youth Council (8th-11th grade). Two artist teams comprised of 3-4 creatives will be selected, and each team will work directly with one of two Tempe Youth Councils involved in the project.

Budget: \$30,000/team (2 teams will be selected)

Deadline: Monday, May 3, 2021 at 11:59pm

Arts in the Parks - Fence Art RFQ

The City of Tempe is seeking a visual artist with experience in visual arts, fibers, pliable materials and/or mixed media to create temporary art installations woven onto three fences located between schools and Tempe Parks. The selected artist or artist team will create a design that is inspired by the park and input from the surrounding park neighborhoods. Expectations also include attending pop-ups to gather input from the community and hosting workshops at elementary schools adjacent to the park. Visual artists with experience responding to community in the ideation and implementation of creating and sharing art are encouraged to apply.

Compensation: \$5,000 per park, up to 3 parks (up to \$15,000)

Deadline: Monday, May 3, 2021 at 11:59pm

Arts in the Parks - Performance Proposal

The City of Tempe is seeking to commission a group to perform in up to 4 Tempe Parks as part of the Arts in the Parks Program. Performances could be in the form of theater, dance, storytelling, music, poetry and/or a combination of performing arts practices, and enjoyable for all ages and demographics represented in Tempe's neighborhoods. The performance will be in an outdoor park setting with minimal set-up and equipment. Performances should have built in elements that break the 4th wall and engage with the audience. Artists, artist teams, performance groups, or cultural groups with experience in site-specific artmaking, performing outdoors, creating art for all ages, and/or engaging with audiences are encouraged to submit a proposal.

Compensation: up to \$8,000

Deadline: Monday, May 3, 2021 at 11:59pm

Arts in the Parks - Coloring Book RFQ

The City of Tempe is seeking visual artists to create illustrations inspired by Tempe's parks that will be part of a coloring book for the Arts in the Parks Program. Designs should be appropriate for all ages, and incorporate elements of the park including structures, playgrounds, and plant-life. Artists who live in Tempe are strongly encouraged to apply.

Compensation: \$250 for 5 coloring sheets per artist (5 artists will be selected)

Deadline: Monday, May 3, 2021 at 11:59pm

Wavemaker Arts Grants

Available to non-profit organizations providing inclusive arts and culture programming in Tempe. The Community Arts Grants Program supports a commitment to advancing Tempe as a vibrant and progressive community for cultural and artistic activity, and aims to fulfill the following recommendations from the Arts and Culture Plan to 1) Increase and promote Community-Initiated Arts projects 2) Support community festivals celebrating cultural diversity 3) Continue, expand and enhance informal arts programming provided in community settings

Amount: Up to \$10,000 – requires equally matching cash contributions

Deadline: May 24, 2021 at 11:59pm

Vibrant City Arts Grants

Available to artist collectives, cultural groups, LLCs and non-profit organizations providing inclusive arts and culture programming in Tempe. The Community Arts Grants Program aims to activate Tempe as a supportive place for artists and a home for community creativity in all its forms.

Amount: Up to \$2,500 – no match required

Deadline: May 24, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

Tempe Center for the Arts

March 2021

SHFT, the free weekly ONLINE series, showcases Tempe and Arizona artists and range in genre from jazz to funk, dance to acoustic performances. Series artists have reflected the diversity of our community, including black, indigenous, and other artists of color and culture. Discover and connect with local Arizona musicians, artists, and poets as they have performed for us online.

SHFT: Walt Richardson and Friends

March 3 | 6:00 – 7:00 pm | [TCA Facebook page](#)

Walt Richardson returns with a curated version of Walk-In Wednesdays featuring Norm Pratt, Jesse Valenzuela, Jeordie, Zoetic and others.

SHFT: Alassane

March 17 | 6:00 – 7:00 pm | [TCA Facebook page](#)

SHFT: Alexia Rodriguez & Lindsey Vogt

March 24 | 6:00 – 7:00 pm | [TCA Facebook page](#)

Gallery at TCA

EXPLORE: Go Boldly Exhibition

(Opening mid March)

This exhibition is part of a series of arts and technology inspired programs called CURIOcity. The theme celebrates the curious minds that thrive on connecting ideas across disciplines. It also features contemporary art made by local and national artists who seek to understand the world through scholarship, collaboration and innovative art making.

Tempe Galleries

Tempe Post Office on Mill

EXPLORE: Endeavor

The Endeavor exhibition looks at space exploration and the cross over metaphors it represents such as human curiosity, pushing known and unknown boundaries and dreaming of what could be. Within the displays are references to the cosmos, nature, technology and the future. Each of the artists endeavor to maintain a sense of wonder about the human condition.

Tempe History Museum

March 2021



Museum staff is working towards a tentative reopening in April. Accessibility would be limited to the lobby, Museum Store and Community Room. The exhibit hall may also be opened to small groups. Most programming and services continue to be delivered digitally, though an in person + digital outdoor concert is planned for March.

RECAP

Geibral Elisha Movement



Geibral Elisha Movement (GEM) showcased their modern twist on free jazz during the Feb. 27 concert. To-date there have been over 800 views of this virtual event. A recording is available for viewing on the [Tempe History Museum's Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/TempeHistoryMuseum). (facebook.com/TempeHistoryMuseum)

UPCOMING

Scavenger Hunt 150



Community Arts has created a monthly scavenger hunt program to get people out of their homes and exploring our city in celebration of Tempe 150. Each month will feature a new location, and align with an overall theme where possible.

For the month of March, participants can visit Double Butte Cemetery to find Tempe-branded canisters filled with historic photos, a notebook to write comments, freebies like buttons and stickers, as well as a "leave it behind" pouch. The scavenger hunt has the feel of a geocache, but clues are easily accessed online, or those who happen upon the canisters while in the cemetery are able to play on-the-fly.



Check out [Scavenger Hunt 150](#).



Tempe History Society Lunch Talks

Mar. 10 | 11:30 a.m.

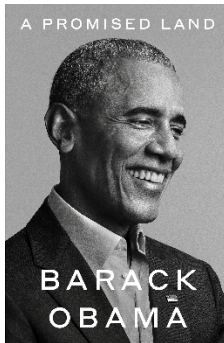
Facebook Live

ASU School of Earth and Space Exploration

Foremost in ASU academics is the ASU School of Earth and Space Exploration. This School breaks traditional boundaries to ask the biggest questions in science, technology, engineering and beyond. In this talk, the School will highlight several past and current missions with NASA,

some geological discoveries, engineering advances and what to expect in the future.

This program will be streamed on Facebook at facebook.com/tempehistorymuseum.

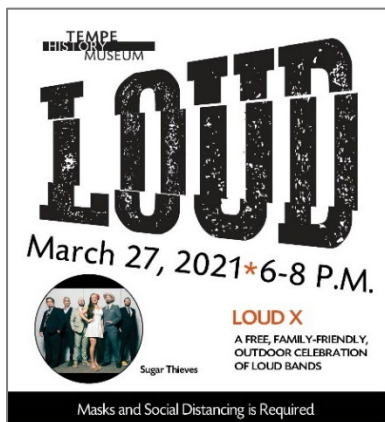


AAAC Book Club

A Promised Land by Barack Obama

March 24 | 4-5 p.m.

The African American Advisory Committee is hosting a four-part virtual book club series that meets monthly, January through April, to discuss the book *A Promised Land* by Barack Obama. Discussion is led by Dr. Felicia Durden and covers progressive chapter groupings. All participants are welcome. Zoom link and chapters listed at www.tempe.gov/aaac



Performances at the Museum

LOUD X - An Outdoor Celebration of LOUD Bands

March. 27 | 7 p.m.

Watch online at: facebook.com/tempehistorymuseum.

Tempe History Museum presents a family-friendly event to celebrate the tenth anniversary of LOUD. LOUD started as a showcase for how music was played loud outdoors before PA systems. Bands used brass instruments to get loud enough. Now in its 10th year, LOUD currently features some of the best musicians in Tempe. The two bands featured this year are The Sugar Thieves and Valenzuela/Zubia band.

The Sugar Thieves were born in 2006, in a smoky dive bar in Tempe.

They began as a duo with Mikel Lander and Meridith Moore on guitar and vocals. By adding upright bass, keys, sax and drums, they have become one of the hardest working bands around. Over the past several years they've independently produced and released seven albums and have won the Phoenix Blues Society's "Arizona State Blues Showdown" three times.

Jesse Valenzuela and Mark Zubia make up the Valenzuela/Zubia band. With added percussion, this acoustic trio will perform original country, honky-tonk, folk and pop tunes from both singer songwriters. Jesse Valenzuela is perhaps best known as an original member of the alternative rock band Gin Blossoms. Mark Zubia creates stories of lost love and broken hearts with a bluesy voice that provides a gentle balance to the rich textures of his songs.

Both are great friends who started their careers in the 90s on Mill Avenue. Together these two love to play live for any size audience.

At the conclusion, there will be a short video honoring the late Lawrence Zubia featuring clips from performances at the Tempe Center for the Arts and Tempe History Museum.

Bring a lawn chair for this free, family-friendly outdoor concert. Masks and social distancing will be required. 250 person maximum in the plaza; this show will also be streamed live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tempehistorymuseum

Performances at the Museum

Japhy's Descent and Sliced Limes – *An Outdoor Concert*

April 10 | 6-8 p.m.

Watch online at: facebook.com/tempehistorymuseum.

Japhy's Descent plays music that is glass rattling, toe tapping, mind altering magic wrapped in a fun bow. For almost a decade they have been rocking out in every local venue throughout the Phoenix metro area. Their combination of blues, hard rock and classic rock comes in an electrifying sound, especially in their stunning live shows. It seems everything they do is a blues drenched, psychedelic rock odyssey.

Lawn chairs encouraged; masks and social distancing required. In-person attendance will be capped at 100 or 250 depending on current COVID benchmarks. The concert will also be streamed online via Facebook.

EXHIBITS

Tempe 150: Perspectives

2021 is Tempe's 150th anniversary of the city's pioneer founding in 1871. Tempe's 150-year history is marked with numerous milestones that highlight the city's unique story in terms of vibrancy, innovation, distinction and even controversy.

We invited our community partners to help create a Community Room exhibit that captures what Tempe means for them. Our community partners described their most important milestones or important events in their own words - telling their own stories. Each story is illustrated with photos from the museum's collection.

View the exhibit at www.tempe.gov/Tempe150 and select "Tempe 150 Perspectives Exhibit" in the left-side navigation



Featured Exhibit: Video Invaders

Video Invaders, an exhibition about gaming in Tempe, is full of information and artifacts related to video games. Many of the games in the exhibit are ready to be played when visitors come back to the museum. Here is a short video about the exhibit:

<https://youtu.be/q1Xg5FkKewI>



Community Room Exhibit: *Two Players, Two Quarters* Such Styles and Champ Styles

This series of portraits of iconic heroes, villains, and accomplices was created using pressurized paint and explores how classic video games have influenced popular culture. The artwork was featured in a freestyle rap by Mega Ran during the first Performance at the Museum. Watch the performance at [facebook.com/TempeHistoryMuseum/videos](https://www.facebook.com/TempeHistoryMuseum/videos).

ONLINE OFFERINGS

Tempe History Society Online Store Picking Up Pace

Recent social media pushes through the museum's Facebook page have resulted in a boost of THS online store sales, with most transactions include the items featured in each post. We'll continue to market through social media and highlight a different store item each time.

Along with the increase in sales, we've seen a correlating increase in buyers from outside the state. We've begun to ship small items such as stickers that don't require special packaging and are looking to add a shipping feature to the store moving forward.

A few THS members have offered to volunteer their time to package items for shipping. In the meantime, the store continues to operate as a suggested local pickup only.



Keep shopping the THS Sesquicentennial store at [tempehistory.org/shop](https://www.tempehistory.org/shop). Got feedback? Drop us a quick email at museum@tempe.gov.

Tempe 150 Happenings

[Adventure Stills](#) in Tempe is distilling a limited edition, small-batch whiskey (around 20 bottles) for Tempe 150 that will be ready to be released for our big weekend celebration in November! Mayor Corey Woods and Vice Mayor Randy Keating toured Adventure Stills with owners Chase Estrin and Kelly Lattig, and the keg was tapped for a sneak tasting. Check out the video on [Tempe 11's YouTube channel](#) to learn how this special spirit is made.

African American Advisory Committee

The museum's African American Advisory Committee has Community Chats, exhibitions and recordings of the Juneteenth and Black History Month events available online. See www.tempe.gov/aaac to explore the content.

eMuseum

Check out the museum's online collection database at emuseum.tempe.gov. If you notice any records that need to be corrected or updated, note the number and let us know!

Tempe History Museum at Home

This destination page is brimming with virtual (and some printable) puzzles, games and activities to help you and your family take a break, have fun, and maybe learn some history while you're at

it! Visit www.tempe.gov/museum and select “Tempe at Home” from the left-side navigation.

Tempe Time Machine

Online activities from the summer’s events, including puzzles, hands-on activities, videos and other interesting information, are still available on our Tempe Time Machine page. All activities are related to our theme of *Video Invaders!* Check it out at www.tempe.gov/timemachine

Spotify: Tempe History Museum

Bands that have played in the Performances at the Museum series are featured in five different playlists: Tempe Rock, World Music, Bluegrass & Country, Classical and the Tempe Sound. Search for Tempe History Museum at <https://Play.spotify.com>.