What a year it's been!
From Darren Goodman to John Mellencamp, 2022 has been full of excitement.

Darren Goodman | Our exhibition season kicked off with artist Darren Goodman’s Trail of Tears, an incredible glass installation that opened in January. This ever-evolving exhibition continued to change through April as a rainbow of glass butterflies broke free from translucent glass cocoons. Hundreds of students from neighboring schools visited The MAC throughout this time to interact with Darren Goodman, who shared glass performances and a positive message with the children. This was truly a unique art experience to all who visited, and we hope to continue to find art that connects us all.
Artist Darren Goodman giving a glass performance to students and teachers in The MAC hot shop! Darren taught the children about glass holding stress in the same way that people hold stress. He did many demonstrations of breaking glass to release stress and invited students to participate. Check out The MAC TikTok for videos!

Stay Connected | Are you following The MAC on social media? Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok to stay connected with new updates every day! The MAC had a viral video on TikTok with 1.2million views of artist Darren Goodman creating a giant glass tear before a live audience.
77th Annual May Show | The competition was intense this year, with a record-breaking 600 entries, from 207 unique Ohio artists. Our guest juror Paul Fletcher selected 197 pieces that were on display, featuring a wide variety of mediums. The Opening Reception was well-attended by both artists and the community. Be sure to stay tuned for our next open-call to artists to participate!

BEST IN SHOW | 77th Annual May Show

The Fred “Fitz” Culler Award for Best of Show was awarded to:

Michael W. High | Reliquary of Fate

Ceramic in Cone6 oxidation with oxides, stain, underglaze, and slip
John Mellencamp | Paintings & Assemblages | The Mansfield Art Center was center-stage for a full exhibition of musician & activist John Mellencamp’s artwork. Fifty-seven original works were on display in the Elizabeth T. Black Gallery, and over 7000 visitors flocked to see this fantastic exhibition. Special guest visitors included Randy Hoffman of Hoffman Entertainment, and John Mellencamp’s father Richard Mellencamp for the Opening Reception. The Mansfield Art Center reached 4.5 million people through news articles, social media, features on John Mellencamp’s website, and partnership with The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. After the closing of the exhibition, The MAC team was invited to attend a special concert and interview session with John Mellencamp at The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, where it was announced that John will begin a new concert tour. John Mellencamp’s coffee table book for Paintings & Assemblages will be released this October through Rizzoli Press.
Summer Happenings...
The MAC was bustling with Summer Camps, Community Outreach & Summer Concerts

Art Exploration Summer Camp | A summer camp like no other, kids got to experience everything that The MAC has to offer! Glass Blowing, Ceramics, Glass Fusing, Painting, 3D Printing, and a variety of crafts and activities. Our talented team of instructors and interns not only kept this fabulous program running all summer long, they went out into the community and brought the arts to kids who don't normally have access. They worked with children in the parks, as well as providing Art Exploration Summer Camp to students in the Mansfield City Schools SAFE kids program. A great time was had by all, and we are thankful for your support in order to make programs like this possible.
MAC Summer Concert Series | Thanks to Local AFM 159, our Events Pavilion offered FREE concerts every Friday night, featuring a variety of music styles and genres. Guests brought lawn chairs, blankets, and dinner picnics to enjoy this wonderful concert series on our lawn. We hope to continue this concert series in 2023! The MAC was also the host to a free opera concert with Mid Ohio Civic Opera in our upstairs gallery. The acoustics were thrilling, as everyone was treated to performances by four classically trained singers with accompaniment of a grand piano. It was wonderful to see our community enjoying evenings of art exhibitions and free concerts all summer! The MAC was also a yoga center, thanks to a group of wonderful instructors who donated their time to raise money for kid's art scholarships. This summer was one to remember!
A Community of Artists

The MAC team is made up of artists and craftspeople

MAC Artists | Executive Director George Whitten was honored with the Ohio Designer Craftsmen Outstanding Achievement Award for 2022! In addition to this well-deserved honor, Mr. Whitten also exhibited personal work in Sandusky, Ohio. The MAC team is made up of dedicated artists, who in addition to supporting operations at The Mansfield Art Center, are showing their own work around the country. Tony Sansalone is currently exhibiting charcoal drawings in Sandusky, OH. Glassblower Oliver Ray was a part of a show in Soho, NY. Instructor Yani Shang regularly shows her work in Columbus, OH and recently won the juror’s choice award for her OAR exhibition. Jerry Francl was featured in our photography exhibition “The Eye’s Mind”, and Jennifer Beavis was shown at Wild Goose Creative in Columbus, OH.
What’s next?

Holiday Fair and Winter Classes are just around the corner...

Holidays at The MAC | Mark your calendars for our 53rd Annual Holiday Fair, and all of the amazing winter classes that will be offered. Holiday Fair kicks off on November 19, 2022 with our Holiday Fair Preview Party; a sparkling night of dinner, drinks, and holiday shopping. RSVP to attend! Holiday Fair is the perfect time to find artful, handmade gifts for everyone on your list, in support of artists in our community. Soup Au Fair will be back on the calendar this year, with delicious homemade soups and desserts served in our Foundation Gallery. Spend time with loved ones in our array of Winter Classes to create something special in our studios. From heirloom lighted trees, to ornaments, and everything in between; you don’t want to miss Holidays at The MAC!
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