



**CHRISTI
CORPUS
PARKS &
RECREATION**



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COMMISSION
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MISSION

The Corpus Christi Arts & Cultural Commission advocates for an enriched quality of life based in a robust creative community in Corpus Christi. It supports, promotes, and celebrates a broad variety of artistic expression toward engaging an enlivened, inclusive cultural environment.



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OUR VISION

The Corpus Christi Arts & Cultural Commission promotes the arts by:

- Serving as stewards of the public art resources of the City of Corpus Christi through maintenance and development of the public art collection
- Providing grants to non-profit organizations through Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds
- Encouraging community engagement in the arts
- Advising civic and community organizations as well as private citizens



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ACC Major Responsibilities

Civic Public Art Collection

- 80 pieces in city's collection. Last piece commissioned in 2017 from 2012 Bond
- \$22k allocated yearly for maintenance
 - *2020 Conditions Assessment suggest \$65,000/year for maintenance, not including major conservation or emergency projects
- ACC “shall be responsible for advising the city manager and the city council on all aspects of the administration of the municipal public art program, including establishing policies and guidelines, designating sites, determining project budgets, selecting artists and commissioning artworks, reviewing the design, execution and placement of works of art and the removal of works of art from the city collection.”

Arts Grant Program

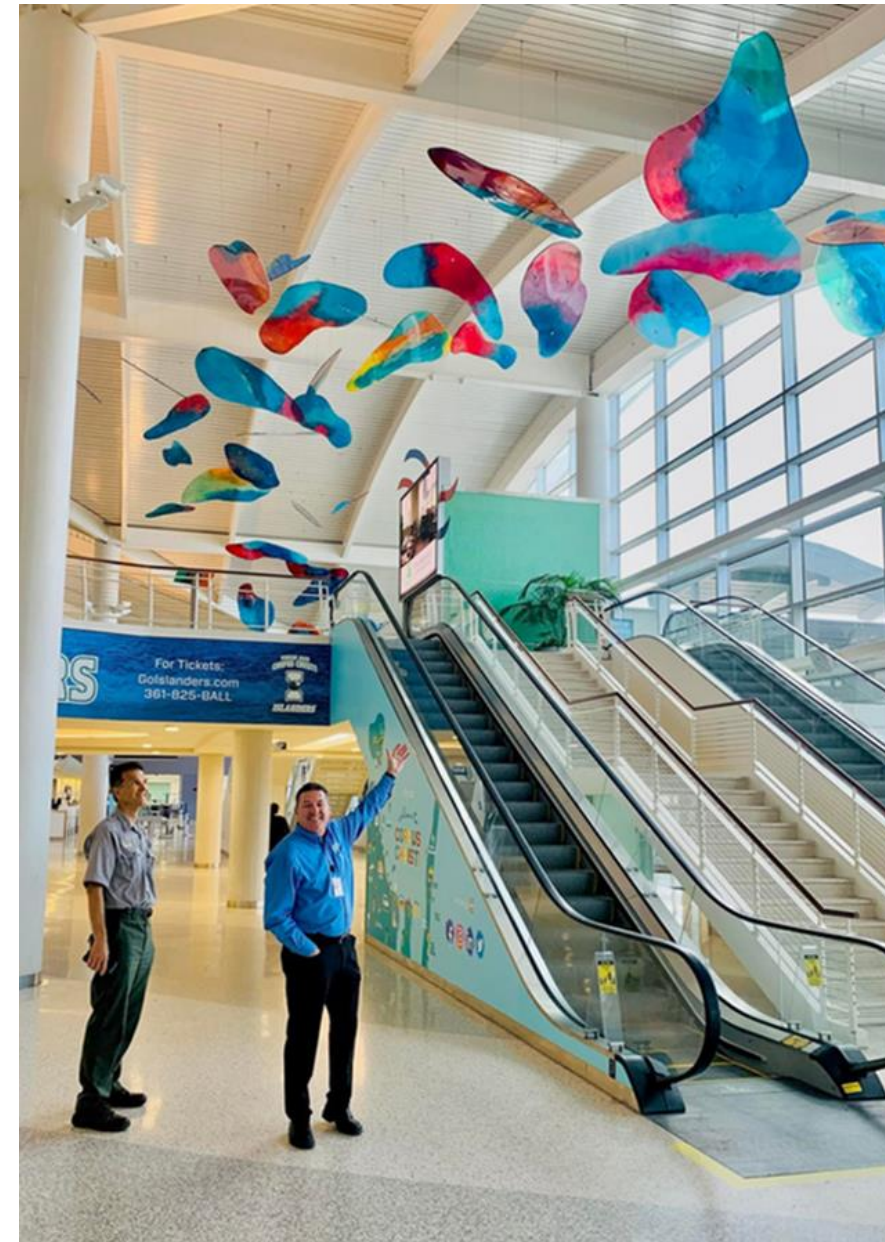
- Arts & Cultural Commission subgrants city HOT funds through a yearly Arts Grant through PARD
- \$300k allocated for grants in 2023 & '24
 - \$200 in 2022 & '21
 - \$0 in 2020
- Funded with Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT Funds)
- Up to \$15k matching grants to non-profits for cultural events that draw tourism
- Scored by ACC, funds approved by Council in October/November
- 21 Grants awarded in 2023
- Social Capital gains with Cultural Institutions



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Arts and Cultural Commission's Focus

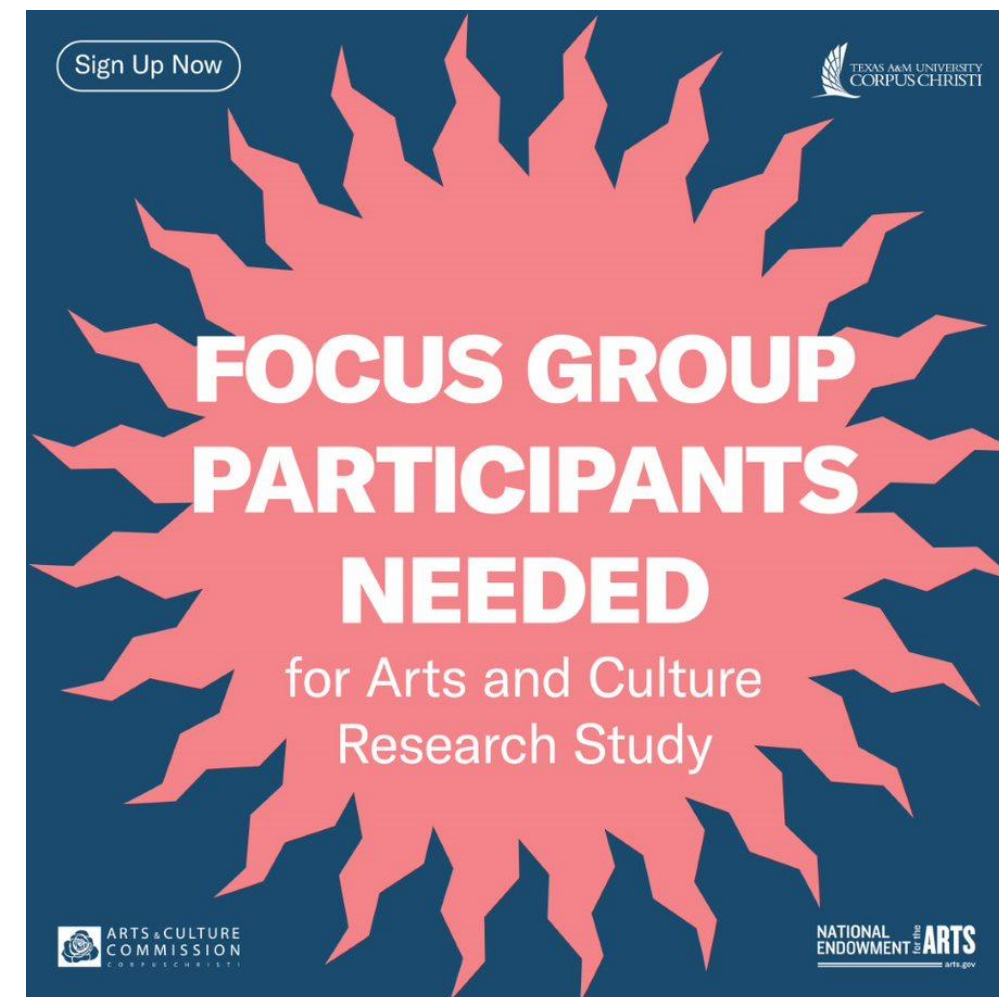
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- PUBLIC ART MAINTENANCE and CONSERVATION



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Current Projects

- 2024 Public Art Collection Conservation Project
- 2024 Public Art Collection Valuation Assessment Project
- Partnership with TAMUCC on National Endowment for the Arts Research Grant
- Airport Art Program
- Development of Public Art Collection Database and Interactive Maps



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Proposed Projects

- Cultural Economy Master Plan
- Development of Augmented Reality for select public art
- Conservation Training for Pilot Volunteer Program
- Free to the public Park Arts program



Photo: Alison McLean Schuchs, local artist



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Arts Grant Program
Total Granted 2017-2023= \$1,126,780
To Over 35 Non-Profit Arts and Cultural Organizations



POPS in the Park
Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra



The Color of Being-
Dorothy Hood Retrospective
Art Museum of South Texas



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Piano Celebration Week has received three Arts & Cultural Commission grants for 2020 (money used in 2021), 2022, and 2023. The grants have helped us expand our programs to 34 events with 500+ performers over 8 days. Starting in 2021, the events included headline artists, themed concerts, student recitals, educational opportunities, and new trends. We were able to host internationally acclaimed artists from Argentina, Australia, and all over the United States. Additionally, all events remained free and open to the public. Thank you for your support of Piano Celebration Week, and your support of music education and the arts in Corpus Christi.

Sincerely,

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The ACC is comprised of arts and culture institutional leaders and professionals in the arts, music, and design industries in Corpus Christi. They address contemporary issues, offer pragmatic solutions, and bring new ideas to the table concerning the vitality, beauty, and cultural presence of Corpus Christi. Their expertise and connections locally and beyond provide vital support to Corpus Christi's creative community and economy.

Absent a Cultural Affairs division or Arts and Culture department, the ACC's role is essential. They provide the city with high-quality consultation in matters of art, music, culture, gastronomy, design, and creative innovation.



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Open Air Arts Evening

May 14, 2021 ♦ 6:00-9:00pm
The Courtyard at Heritage Park with the CCSO Trio
Interactive Sculptures ♦ Food



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