

Lawton Arts REVIEW

The Official Newsletter of the Arts & Humanities Division



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OUR MISSION

To encourage and promote artistic expression and diversity in the City of Lawton.

OUR VISION

To create an enduring artistic and cultural community.

WHO WE ARE

- Jason Poudrier | A & H Administrator
- Andrea Morman | A & H Deputy Administrator
- Michell Rosario | Community Events & Outreach Coordinator
- Haley Moore | Digital Media & Records Specialist
- Reagan Williams | Administrative Assistant
- Nick Sasseen | Theatrical Technical Coordinator
- Terry Gresham | Maintenance Technician
- Stavis Morman | PT House Manager
- Manuel Smith | PT Maintenance Technician

February EVENTS



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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT
CAMERON UNIVERSITY LIBRARY 6:00PM



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LOVE & LAUGHTER
PRESENTED BY LIVE AFTER 5
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 5:00PM



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THE ORCHESTRA ROCKS
IN COLLABORATION WITH CARNEGIE HALL,
LAWTON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, AND
LAWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 11:00AM & 12:30PM



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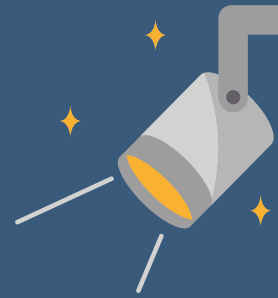
MOSTLY MOZART
PRESENTED BY
LAWTON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 7:30PM



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DOING THE UNTHINKABLE
PANEL DISCUSSION AND A PERFORMANCE BY THE
DALLAS BLACK DANCE THEATRE 6:00PM
PRESENTED BY LAWTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

NEW STAFF



Terry Gresham, a native Oklahoman, has resided primarily in Lawton and Oklahoma City throughout his life. During his leisure time, Terry indulges in his passion for music, composing and producing tracks from his home studio.

He resides with his wife, Teri, and their wire-haired terrier, GigaShadow. Terry's academic journey began at Lawton High School, where he served as president of the Thespian Club. Following graduation, he managed properties in the Lawton area while pursuing studies in biology, chemistry, and education at both Cameron University and Oklahoma State University.

Alongside his academic pursuits, Terry has authored two books of poetry: "Under a Toenail Moon" and "Dark Sandwiches." During his time in Oklahoma City, he showcased his musical talents as the bass guitarist for the reggae band Jaruba and the Streetpeople.



SOUND BOARD UPDATE



"With the introduction of our new Midas M32 Mixer, we've significantly enhanced our audio capabilities. Now equipped with a full-sized monitor setup on stage, we've attained a heightened level of precision in monitoring the artists' audio experience, enabling us to fine-tune it to absolute perfection. Additionally, this board has expanded our mobile setup from 8 inputs to an impressive 32 onboard inputs, accompanied by an additional 32 auxiliary inputs, all acquired simultaneously. I am grateful to the McMahon Foundation and the City of Lawton Arts and Humanities team for their unwavering support and dedication in facilitating these transformative technological upgrades." - Nicholas Sasseen, Technical Coordinator at McMahon Memorial Auditorium.

MARQUEE UPDATE

The City of Lawton Arts and Humanities Division, in collaboration with the McMahon Auditorium Authority, is thrilled to announce the unveiling of our new digital marquee!

This exciting project, made possible through the generous support of the McMahon Foundation, and brought to life by the expertise of Arrow Signs, the marquee seamlessly blends 1950s nostalgia with 2024 technology.

Inspired by the auditorium's inaugural year in 1955, the design pays homage to its rich history while ushering in modernity. We are thrilled to bring this unique blend of past and present to the citizens of Lawton, enhancing our community's experience for years to come

We are immensely grateful for the opportunity to bring this modern feature to Lawton and look forward to enhancing our community's experience for years to come!



Black History Month Art Show & Black History Proclamation Signing 2024

The Arts and Humanities Division was excited to host the Black History Month Pop-Up Art Show for a second year. We also partnered with The City of Lawton for its Black History Month Proclamation Signing.

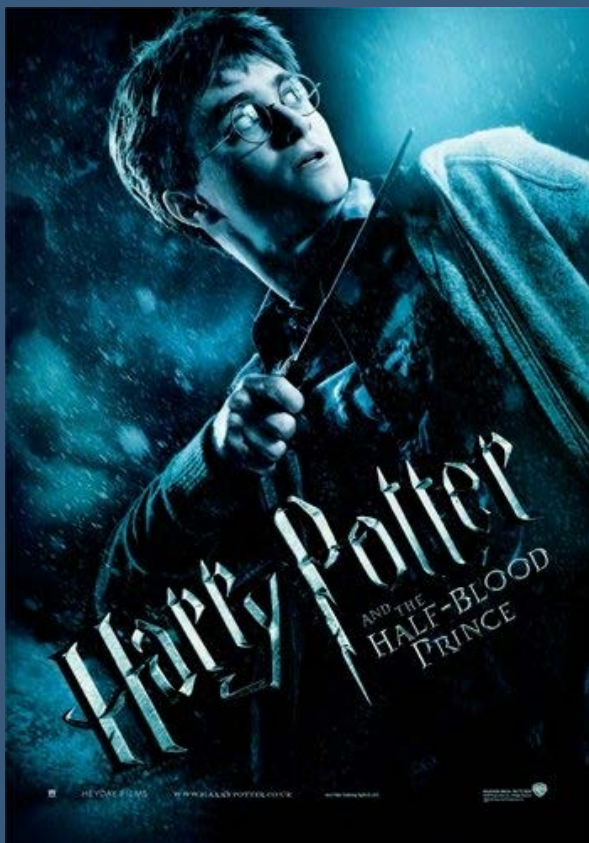


Mayor Stan Booker alongside representatives from Lawton Public Schools, Cameron University, Fort Sill, the Lawton Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, National Pan-Hellenic Council of Lawton/Fort Sill, and the Lawton/Fort Sill Branch NAACP signed the official proclamation, declaring February 2024 as Black History Month. The event featured guest speaker COL (R) Will Scott Jr., and a musical performance by the Bethlehem Baptist Church Choir.



Following the signing, the Arts and Humanities Art Show was officially opened to the public. The opening ceremony fostered community connections and highlighted the musical talents of Helen Holden and Retired General Jesse Cross.

All of the artwork will be on display at McMahon Memorial Auditorium all month long! To view the artwork, visit the Arts and Humanities office located on the west side of McMahon Memorial Auditorium. The art will be able to be viewed during our normal office hours of 8-5!



FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS AT MCMAHON AUDITORIUM

Fidelity Communications partnered with the McMahon Auditorium Authority to bring Free Family Movie Nights to Lawton! Featuring the entire Harry Potter eight movie series, McMahon Auditorium will host each film the first Friday of every month, unless otherwise stated. We continue the series with Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince on March 1st at 6:30 PM. The first 50 people to arrive will receive a **FREE** Butterbeer, and the first 15 school aged children will receive a **FREE** Chocolate Frog. Themed door prizes will also be available to win after the movie.



The Oklahoma Experience: Looking for Home



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT



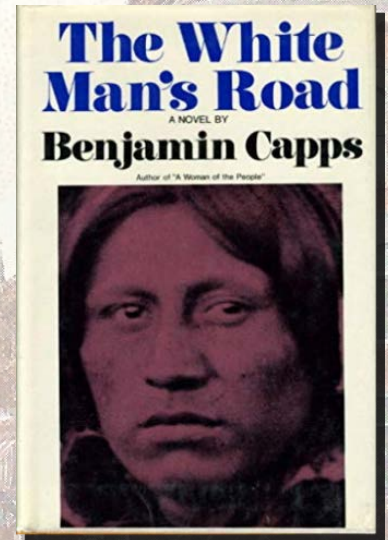
The McMahon Auditorium Authority, in collaboration with the City of Lawton Arts and Humanities Division, The City of Lawton, and Cameron University, is excited to announce the launch of the new series theme of Let's Talk About It, "The Oklahoma Experience: Looking For Home."

Let's Talk About It is a four-part scholar-led discussion group that brings books to life and encourages thought-provoking discussions. This series is made possible through funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities and aims to explore the literary response to the social changes of that era.

All book discussions will occur at the Cameron University Library, located at 2800 W Gore Blvd, every third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

The series will officially kick off on Thursday, February 15th, with the reading of *The White Mans Road* by Benjamin Capps with the discussion led by Cameron professor Dr. Margery Kingsley at the Cameron University Library at 6:00 p.m.

Copies of the books are available for check out at the City of Lawton Arts and Humanities Office - 801 NW Ferris Ave, (580) 581- 3470



MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM & LAWTON COMMUNITY THEATRE'S

PRODUCTION OF



We are thrilled to unveil the enchanting spectacle of Disney's Frozen Jr., where our young performers will thaw even the coldest of hearts with their talent and dedication! Join us on Thursday, March 14th, at 6:30 p.m. at the McMahon Auditorium for a magical journey through Arendelle, where the air will be filled with excitement and anticipation, not to mention a flurry of incredible performances.

From Elsa's icy powers to Olaf's warm hugs, our students have embraced every aspect of this beloved story with passion and creativity.

We are eagerly awaiting the performances, where audiences are sure to be left "Frozen" in awe; we can't wait to share this magical experience with you all. So bundle up, bring your friends and family, and get ready to "Let It Go" as we celebrate the remarkable talents of our young performers. This is one snowstorm you won't want to miss!



NEXT AT A GLANCE

MONTH



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HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF BLOOD PRINCE

PRESENTED BY FIDELITY COMMUNICATIONS
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 6:30PM



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ALWAYS PATSY CLINE

PRESENTED BY LAWTON COMMUNITY THEATRE
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 7:30PM



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DISNEY'S FROZEN JR.

PRESENTED BY LAWTON COMMUNITY THEATRE
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 6:30PM



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THE GREAT BARBERSHOP BAKE-OFF

PRESENTED BY SOUTHWEST PRIDE
BARBERSHOP CHORUS
MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 7:00 PM & 2:00 PM

