



# ***SUMMER ARTS*** **GUIDE 2025**





## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the warm days of summer approach, I'm thrilled to share with you our *Summer Arts Guide 2025*—a collection of the wide variety of arts-orientated events we have in our community this season. At PAF we know first-hand how dynamic Papillion's artistic community is, and we're excited to offer a guide that helps residents and visitors better connect to those experiences.

This guide highlights the arts-orientated events from our component organizations (PAC Band, PAC Singers, PAC Theatre, and PAC Artists), as well as offerings from other local arts nonprofits and the City of Papillion. In each month, you'll find opportunities to take in everything from open-air concerts and art unveilings to theater performances, competitions, and workshops featuring both emerging and established local artists. You'll also find write-ups that look at the history of arts in our area, what is in process now, and what we have to look forward to!

The Papillion Arts Foundation operates on the belief that the arts have the power to bring people together, spark important conversations, and inspire us all to see our world through a more creative lens. We invite you to use this guide as your passport to the cultural heartbeat of Papillion. Share it with friends and family, explore something unexpected, and, above all, join us in celebrating the imagination and talent that makes our community so special.

If you'd like to learn more about the Papillion Arts Foundation and how you can get involved, visit [www.papillionarts.org](http://www.papillionarts.org). Thank you for being a vital part of our mission to support and sustain a vibrant arts community in Papillion!

Georgie Scurfield, PAF President



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Before you dive into all the art adventures on offer this summer, we want to remind you to check event pages for all the latest. Event details can be subject to change, especially if an event is outdoors, so be sure to look up an organization's website or social media platforms for any rescheduling that may occur.

PAF will also do our best to keep you updated with the most recent information on our Facebook page. You can follow us at [facebook.com/PapillionArtsFoundation](https://facebook.com/PapillionArtsFoundation).

This is a collection of arts-orientated events in the Papillion area over the summer. Papillion Arts Foundation has put them together in one place for easy reference for anyone looking for arts opportunities in the area. Highlighted events with a \*\* indicate the event is hosted by a PAF Component Organization.

## **PAF COMPONENT ORGANIZATIONS**



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# MAY

**May 31st**

***"Under the Sea" Sidewalk Chalk Contest at Papillion Landing***

Free Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest from 8:00 to 11:45 am hosted by the Papillion Mayor's Youth Leadership Council. All ages are welcome to compete. Prizes will be given for the best artwork. The competition will be held in the front of the Papillion Landing Recreation Center between the two buildings. Email [ptackett@papillion.org](mailto:ptackett@papillion.org) with any questions.

No pre-registration required--just show up ready to create! "Under the Sea" is the theme so dive deep for that inspiration!





# JUNE

## **June 1st**

### ***Free Concert at SumTur Amphitheater: Papillion House of Music***

The Papillion House of Music offers private lessons in guitar, drums, violin, voice, piano, bass guitar, and ukulele. In addition to lessons, they provide students with unique performance opportunities in the surrounding communities and June kicks off with one of those performances at SumTur Amphitheater at 4pm!

## **June 7th**

### ***Papillion Painting Palooza at the First Street Plaza***

Watch art come to life right before your eyes! See painters in action on June 7th from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the First Street Plaza. 12 artists will compete in this event hosted by the Papillion Downtown Business Association.

Paintings will then be displayed at different businesses in Downtown Papillion from June 11th-13th where people can vote for their favorite painting. Awards will be announced on the stage in City Park on June 15th.





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## June 7th

### **Level Up Design Studio: Dragon Eggs at Papillion Landing**

Get crafty and show off those art skills in this program for kids 9-12. The Level Up Design Studio's May project is creating Dragon Eggs! Location/Time: Art Room in Papillion Landing from 3:00-4:00pm. Registration is required and can be completed at [www.papillion.libcal.com/event/14639142](http://www.papillion.libcal.com/event/14639142).

## June 11th-15th (Exact Date TBD)

### **\*\*PAC Artists Papio Trail Mural Unveiling at Papillion Days**

The Papillion Area Council of Artists plan to unveil their first Papio Trail mural (designed by artist, Holly Carey), under the bridge on Washington Street. This mural project encourages visitors to experience art at no cost simply by using the West Papio Trail. The Papillion Area Council of Artists is proud to present this amazing opportunity for artists and the community alike. Follow the PAC Artists on Facebook for the latest event details!

## June 12th

### **55+ Club presents Variety Arts & Crafts: Fairy Garden**

Create your own enchanting fairy garden with a waterfall pond and fairy house. Add your own details

from the variety of additional supplies provided. \$10 fee. Location/Time: Papillion Landing from 12:30 to 3:00pm. Registration is limited and must be made at least one week in advance at [papillionlanding.org](http://papillionlanding.org) or at the Papillion Landing front desk.

## June 13th

### **Fiber Arts Fridays: Playing Card Hand Helpers**

Hold your royal flush with ease and style! Make DIY card holders out of CDs, buttons, fabric, and light hand sewing so you can play your favorite card game for hours. All skill levels are welcome, and all materials are provided (unless you want to bring a special fabric or button). Meet at the South Meeting Room of the Papillion Public Library at 10:00am. Registration is required and can be completed at [www.papillion.libcal.com/event/14584112](http://www.papillion.libcal.com/event/14584112).

## June 14th

### **Free Family Date Night Concert & Movie at SumTur: Blues Ed and Moana 2**

Gates open at 7:30pm and at 8:00 pm you'll enjoy live music from BluesEd before the movie! BluesEd is a music development program cultivating and celebrating young artists, connecting them to the music industry, and showcasing their talent

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with live performances. This program is sponsored by the Blues Society of Omaha with the mission of "Keeping the Blues Alive."

## June 15th

### **\*\*Free PAC Band Concert "Musicals on the Big Screen"**

Head to SumTur at 7:30pm where the PAC Band will present a free concert "Musicals on the Big Screen" featuring songs from your favorite Broadway musicals made into movies. In addition to performing, the PAC Band promotes, encourages, and increases the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the art of instrumental music. The band is under co-directors Ken Molzer and Lindsey Bogatz

## June 22nd

### **Free Concert at SumTur Amphitheater: Mark Irvin**

Head to SumTur at 4pm for a free concert with Mark Irvin, a singer/songwriter, recording artist, freelance musician and music educator from Omaha, Nebraska.

## June 23rd

### **Family Canvas Painting Night at Papillion Landing: "Happy Camper"**

Join a fun night of canvases, paint brushes, creativity, and bonding by

painting together as a family. The "Happy Camper" workshop features a design of an adorable bear! All supplies will be provided. Classes held in the 55+ Club Room. All children must be accompanied by an adult over age 18 the entire evening. \$15 per person.

## June 28th

### **Free Family Date Night Concert & Movie at SumTur: Blues Ed and The Wild Robot**

Gates open at 7:30pm and at 8:00 pm you'll enjoy live music from BluesEd before the movie!

## June 29th

### **Papillion Youth Talent Show at SumTur Amphitheater**

This free event is open to music, bands, dancing, singing, drama, musical theater, poetry, spoken word, opera, illusion and more! Part of the Omaha Mobile Stage Youth Talent Show Series, an outdoor amateur talent competition for ages 3 through graduating high school seniors. Sign Up and view competition rules at [www.omahamobilestage.org/youthtalentshow](http://www.omahamobilestage.org/youthtalentshow)



## PAPILLION PUBLIC ART

Cities gain value through public art – cultural, social, and economic value. Public art is a distinguishing part of our public history and our evolving culture. It provides an intersection between past, present and future, between disciplines, and between ideas. Public art is freely accessible. There is much to be gained and sustained from public art, and there is plenty of it in the works, thanks in part to one of PAF's component organizations.

The Papillion Area Council of Artists (formerly the Papillion Arts Council) is a non-profit organization established to promote, sustain and cultivate the visual arts in the Papillion area. As part of this mission, the group has taken on multiple projects that range from creating new public art to maintaining existing installations.

The Papio Trail Mural Project will enhance several points along the West Papio Trail with large-scale visual art. The first mural will be under the bridge on Washington Street with a targeted completion date before the 2025 Papillion Days celebration. Future murals along the trail include 96th, 72nd, and 66th streets. The PAC Artists have worked with the city as well as participants from the Sarpy Chamber's Leadership Sarpy program to complete this initial work. You can still support the Papio Mural Project with a donation at [www.midlandscommunity.org/fund/papillion-area-council-of-artists-fund](http://www.midlandscommunity.org/fund/papillion-area-council-of-artists-fund)

The PAC Artists have also developed and initiated a plan to make repairs on 19 of the 33 Butterfly Benches that were installed as part of the Papillion 150 celebrations in 2020. The remediation of outdoor wear on this public art project will ensure these benches are able to be enjoyed for many years to come.

In addition to these projects that are already in progress, plans for a Sculpture Walk in Papillion are also in development. To keep up with the latest work from the PAC Artists be sure to follow them at [www.facebook.com/groups/pacartists](https://www.facebook.com/groups/pacartists).



# JULY

**July 11th**

***Fiber Arts Fridays: Drawstring Dice Bags***

Fiber Arts Fridays is held at the South Meeting Room at Papillion Public Library from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Using fabric, drawstring, and light hand sewing, learn to create a custom drawstring bag for all of your small game pieces. Fabric is provided, or you may bring your own to express yourself even further. All skill levels welcome! Registration is required and may be completed at [www.papillion.libcal.com/event/14629762](http://www.papillion.libcal.com/event/14629762)

**July 11th**

***Papillion Landing 55+ Club presents Painting Picassos - "Summer Sky"***

Gather a group of friends of all talents and come for an evening of painting fun, drinks, and snacks! Painting Picassos, presented by the 55+ Club, is 5:00-7:00pm. The \$10 fee includes all supplies, snacks, and drinks. Anyone 21 and over may participate. In this session participants will create a beautiful night sky. Spots are limited to 21 people. Register at [www.papillionlanding.org](http://www.papillionlanding.org) or at the Papillion Landing front desk.





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## July 11th-13th & 17th-19th

### **\*\*PAC Theatre presents "Legally Blonde the Musical" at SumTur Amphitheater**

A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, Legally Blonde The Musical, follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances - this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal! Tickets go on sale in June at [www.pactheatre.org](http://www.pactheatre.org). Follow PAC Theatre on Facebook and Instagram for all the latest!

## July 12th

### **Level Up Design Studio: Minecraft Foam Squishies**

Get crafty and show off those art skills in this program for kids 9-12. The Level Up Design Studio's May project is creating Minecraft characters as Foam Squishies! Location/Time: Art Room in Papillion Landing from 3:00-4:00pm. Registration is required and can be completed at [www.papillion.libcal.com/event/14643915](http://www.papillion.libcal.com/event/14643915)

## July 24 – 26

### **Billy McGuigan's Rave On! at SumTur Amphitheater**

Enter the captivating world of Billy McGuigan at the SumTur Amphitheater!

This Nebraska Music Hall of Famer is set to ignite the stage with an explosive performance, taking you on a thrilling ride through the beats that defined generations, all delivered with McGuigan's signature charisma and showmanship! Concerts on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:00pm. Reserve tickets at [www.theomahaseries.com](http://www.theomahaseries.com)

## July 21-25

### **PCAA Summer Camp**

Come explore the creative arts with the Papillion Creative Arts Academy — each day campers will participate in 3 different creative arts classes including theater, art, and magic! PCAA Summer Camp runs from 9:00am to 1:30pm. Classes held at St. Paul's UMC in Papillion. Open to students going into grades 4-8. Register for camp at [www.stpaulspapio.org/ministries/papillion-creative-arts-academy](http://www.stpaulspapio.org/ministries/papillion-creative-arts-academy)

## July 24th & 25th

### **PLAN Arts Camp presents "The Big Bad Wolf's Melodramatic Evil Scheme"**

Registration for kids to attend the camp is closed, but you can watch their performance of "The Big Bad Wolf's Melodramatic Evil Scheme" at 7:00pm at Trinity Church on July 24th or 25th! Visit [www.planartsnetwork.org](http://www.planartsnetwork.org) for all the latest.



## THE STORY OF SUMTUR

The dream of Ken Molzer, retired Papillion Junior High Band Director and Director of the Papillion Area Concert Band, came true when the SumTur Amphitheater became a reality with the grand opening in June 2007. After 17 years of planning and fundraising, the first outdoor performing arts center in the metropolitan area was built thanks to the first two generous donors-- Wally & Elaine Sump and Wes & Ruby Turtscher, for which the SumTur Amphitheater is named.

Owned and operated by the City of Papillion, SumTur Amphitheater is a premier outdoor performance venue in the Omaha metropolitan area. Hosting over 100 events during its May through October season, this 1500-person capacity outdoor amphitheater provides endless opportunities for live family entertainment, private, nonprofit, and corporate rentals well as being a popular space for concerts, weddings, church services, and business events.

Visit [www.papillion.org/1092/SumTur-Amphitheater](http://www.papillion.org/1092/SumTur-Amphitheater) for a full schedule of events and find an opportunity to enjoy the arts in this on-of-a-kind venue!

# AUGUST

## August 2nd

### ***Free Family Date Night Concert & Movie at SumTur: The String Beans and Inside Out 2***

Gates open at 7:30pm and at 8:00 pm you'll enjoy live music from The String Beans before the movie! From pop and country to rap and rock n' roll, these goofy guys perform a wide variety of original, family-friendly songs about all the things kids love: animals, cartoons, food, science, sports and more! Each show is hilarious, inclusive and spontaneous, and each catchy tune is designed to get every audience dancing and singing along!

## August 9th

### ***Free Family Date Night Concert & Movie at SumTur: Blues Ed and The Lion King Mufasa***

Gates open at 7:30pm and at 8:00 pm you'll enjoy live music from BluesEd before the movie! BluesEd is a music development program cultivating and celebrating young artists, connecting them to the music industry, and showcasing their talent with live performances. This program is sponsored by the Blues Society of Omaha with the mission of "Keeping the Blues Alive."





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## August 10th

### **\*\*Free PAC Band Concert "Choose Joy"**

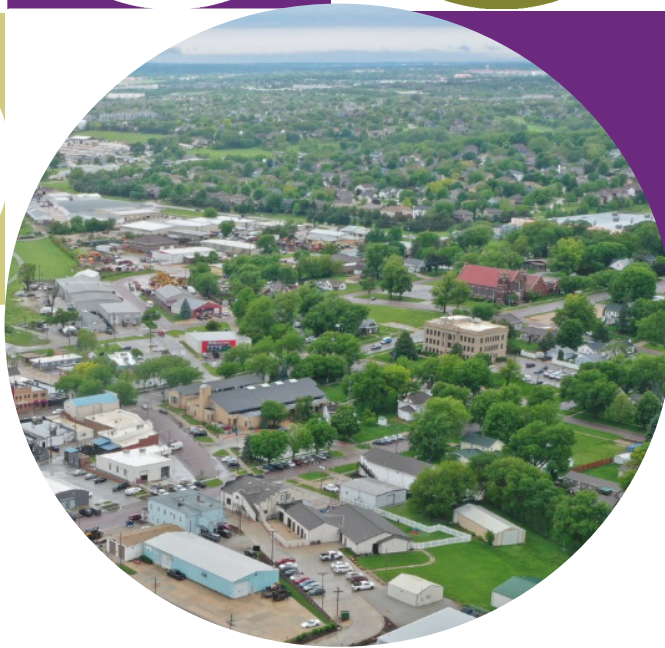
Listen to a collection of exciting repertoire from the Papillion Area Concert Band at the beautiful SumTur Amphitheater at 7:30pm. Under the co-directorship of Ken Molzer and Lindsey Bogatz, the band will present a free concert entitled "Choose Joy" featuring music with a theme of happiness. You'll leave the concert with a smile on your face! Don't miss this special program.

In addition to performing, the PAC Band promotes, encourages, and increases the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the art of instrumental music.

## August 25th

### **Family Canvas Painting Night at Papillion Landing: "Pizza Party"**

Join a fun night of canvases, paint brushes, creativity, and bonding by painting together as a family. The "Pizza Party" workshop features a design of super-cute slice of pizza! All supplies will be provided. Classes held in the 55+ Club Room. All children must be accompanied by an adult over age 18 the entire evening. \$15 per person.



## WHAT'S A CREATIVE DISTRICT?

The Papillion Arts Foundation, in collaboration with the City of Papillion, has been at work to obtain a Creative District certification within the city. We're excited to share more about what that designation means and invite you to get involved!

The Nebraska Creative District Program utilizes the arts as an economic driver to support communities in Nebraska by telling their stories and elevating the value of the arts.

Creative Districts are designated cultural and economic areas where innovation flourishes and neighborhoods come together in the name of art. They provide significant economic impact by creating purposeful spaces like art galleries, theatres, and music venues, attracting employees and businesses.

Having a certified Creative District in the city opens up a variety of opportunities for grants and resources to support the arts. Public input and feedback is vital to our work in applying for this designation and we hope you'll learn more about PAF and getting involved at [www.papillionarts.org](http://www.papillionarts.org).



The Papillion Arts Foundation launched in 2023 with a mission to support, promote, and celebrate the arts in order to sustain a vibrant arts community and strengthen the cultural fabric of Papillion and the surrounding area. The organization acts as a hub where local arts nonprofits can build relationships with each other and partner with the city for unique arts experiences and opportunities.

PAF was created through the collaboration of existing arts nonprofits from a range of artistic disciplines. Representatives from the Papillion Area Community Singers, Papillion Area Concert Band, Papillion Area Council of Artists, and the Papillion Area Community Theatre met with officials from the City of Papillion and other area thought leaders in the nonprofit world to lay the groundwork for an organization with the power to uplift the entire arts community. These arts organizations each have a long history of working with the City of Papillion, and their experience was originally tapped to create a path for other arts organizations who may also be interested in partnering with the city.

The group's work resulted in the Papillion Arts Foundation, a partnership of local nonprofit arts organizations who have joined together for the purpose of growing opportunities for artistic and cultural enrichment in the Papillion area. The four arts nonprofits involved in the creation of PAF are now the founding members.

Member organizations pledge a percentage of their annual funds to the PAF and commit to attending regular meetings. These investments will help consolidate these organizations' strengths in the promotion of community arts and culture while maintaining their autonomy to focus on their individual arts programming. PAF membership is open to any local arts nonprofit interested in promoting creative collaboration and growing a vibrant arts community through their commitment to the foundation.

Those interested in learning more about PAF membership can reach out to [contact@papillionarts.org](mailto:contact@papillionarts.org) to get started.

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