

Wild Joys

Creating Community through the Performing Arts



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Conception

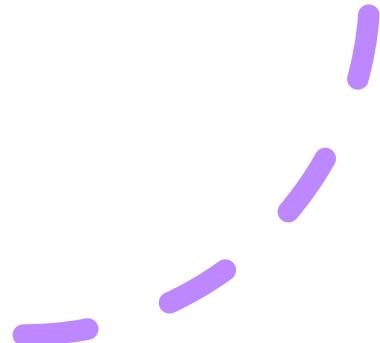
Collections

Community

Conclusions

Juneau- Douglas City Museum

- **Former library located between Alaska State government buildings**
- **Small paid staff**
- **Many volunteers**
- **Lots and lots of local love**



Mission

- **To foster awareness of Juneau's cultural heritage, values, and community memory so we may draw strength and perspective from the past, inspire learning, and find purpose for the future.**

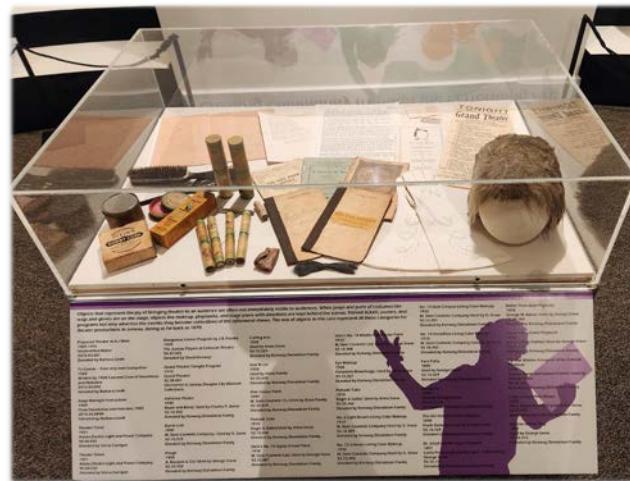


Conception

- **Two distinct audiences**
- **Most recent summer exhibitions**
- **New directive for summer programs**



Showcasing the Ephemeral



***Performance art is about joy, about making something
that's so full of kind of a Wild joy that you really
can't put into words.***

— Laurie Anderson, American artist and musician



Cost of Purple Flamingo, 1964
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2nd Annual 20th Century Music Festival
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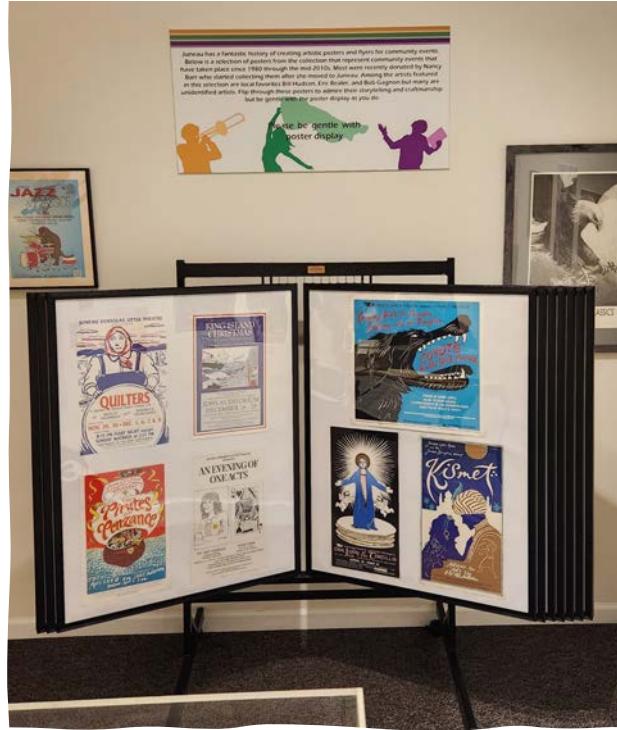


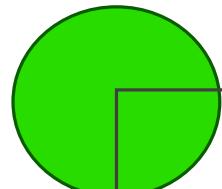
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Grant assistance

- Collections Management Fund – Museums Alaska
 - Mannequins
 - Poster rack





Collections

- Early communications
- New donations
- Loans
- Balancing historic and contemporary

New Donations

Halau Hula of Manoa

Elsa Demeksa

Juneau Community Bands

Juneau Jazz and Classics

Juneau Douglas High School Theatre

Juneau Alaska Music Matters

Mudrooms

Theater Alaska

Juneau Ghost Light Theatre

Gold Town Theater

Perseverance Theatre

Tonia Takei-Kramp

Madi Grimes

Annie Fuller

- **14 donations**
- **98 objects**

Opportunity to officially establish our born digital collection strategies



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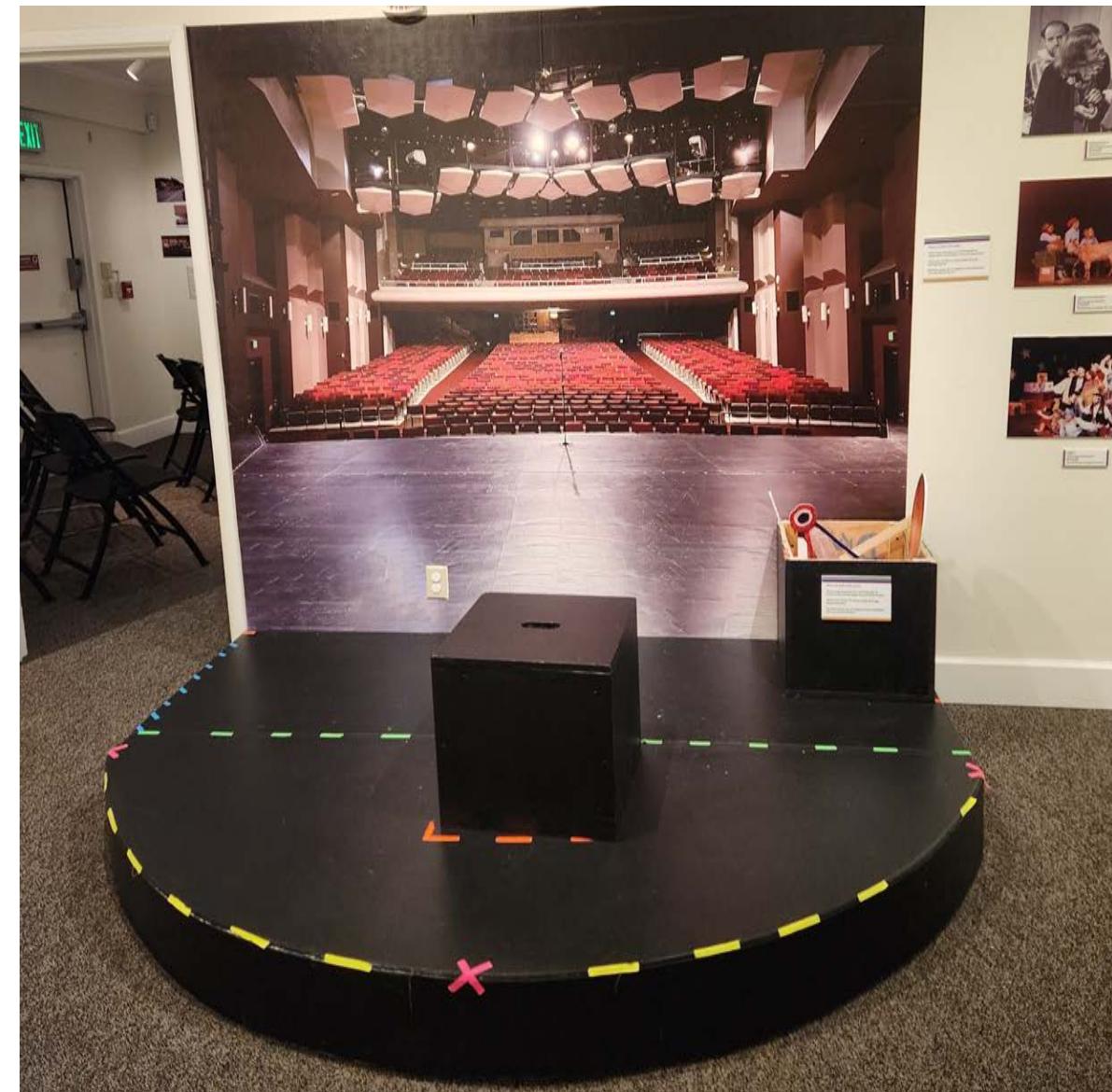
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Community Room



Murray Gallery



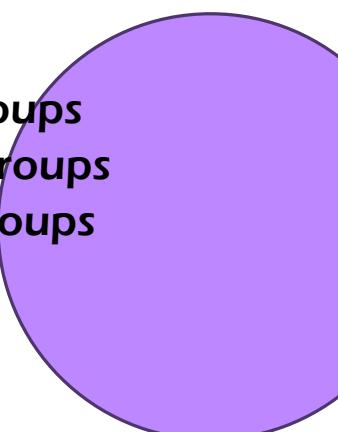
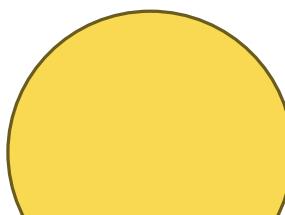


Community



Performances

- 12 pre-arranged performances
- 63 performers
 - 5 Dance groups
 - 4 Theatre groups
 - 18 Music groups



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- **Filling collection gaps**
- **New part of our local community interacted with museum**
- **More local summer engagement**
- **Perfect timing with staff connections and interests**
- **Mission fulfilled**



**Thank
you!**

Enjoy the rest of ARCS 2025