

Wild Joys

Creating Community through the Performing Arts



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Acknowledgements



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

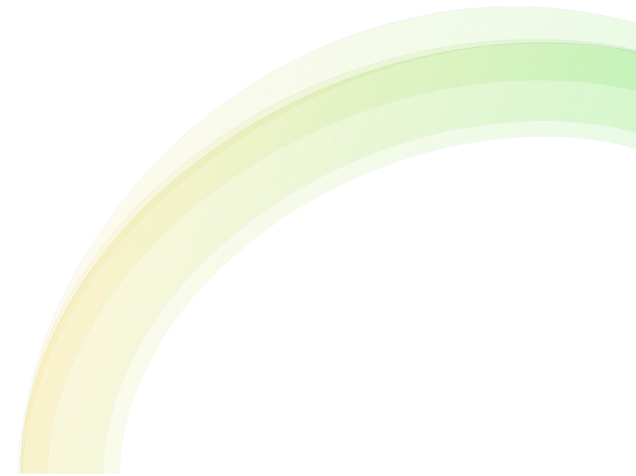
- To foster awareness of Juneau's cultural heritage, values, and community memory so we may draw strength and perspective from the past, inspire learning, and find purpose for the future.





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



Flying Tumble in Class 4
 1980
 Shot on Super 8 by Michael O'Neil
 Photographed
 April 24, 1980
 Directed by Eric Lawrence Lammage 1:00



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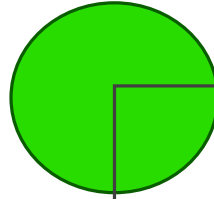


Cost of Public Library (W) Multi-
Community
1942
Cost of Service for Welfare and Moral
1942-1943
Organized by Southern States



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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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