

Allied Arts of Greater Chattanooga
THE ARTS ARE FOR ALL!

In 1969, a group of Chattanooga citizens came together to explore the possibility of unifying local fund drives for a handful of organizations that were promoting the arts and cultural activities in the city at that time. Their quest to create an organization that would provide a better, more comprehensive method of

raising money for the city's arts community has evolved into Allied Arts of Greater Chattanooga.

Allied Arts now operates as a private, non-profit united arts fund and arts council providing a single voice for all cultural organizations and arts activities in Hamilton County. The efforts of Allied Arts over the years have raised more than \$50 million to support and nurture arts in the greater Chattanooga area. Allied Arts has been instrumental

in making Chattanooga an arts destination by sharing the city's great story around the country and polishing the area's image to prospective employers and individuals.

Each year, Allied Arts provides approximately \$1.5 million in operating support to fourteen year-round, established arts and cultural organizations in Hamilton County. Annual fund raising efforts bring together the generosity of Chattanooga's corporations, businesses, foundations, and individuals. These drives, along with city, county, and

state government grants, provide the funds needed to support art and cultural activities ranging from museum exhibits and theater performances to symphony concerts and dance presentations. They also anchor the efforts of initiatives such as "Imagine!" which helps make the arts accessible to every child in Hamilton County and the Holmberg Arts Leadership Institute which assists in developing tomorrow's art leaders.

Allied Arts is justifiably proud of its efforts towards reaching its goal of

ensuring a healthy arts environment for future generations of Chattanoogaans. The organization is recognized nationally by the National

Endowment for the Arts and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

"Chattanooga is still abuzz about the decision of Volkswagen to locate its newest plant in the area and what the investment means to the city," stated Nick Decosimo, the Chair of Allied Arts. "When Volkswagen officials chose the Hunter Museum as the site to make their historic announcement and spoke about 'the intangible becoming tangible' we all were proud to be involved in the

Arts in our home town and the role the Arts play in making Chattanooga such an attractive place. The Allied Arts Board of Directors is excited about the future of the Arts in Chattanooga and the role Allied Arts is playing and will continue to play in strengthening our community through the Arts."

Photo opposite page, top – from Youth Theatre production, "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie."
– photo by Alex McMahan

Photo opposite page, bottom – a ballet class with Ballet Tennessee.
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Photos this page show the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera in performance.
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