XX. ARTS & CULTURE



Tuacahn Amphitheatre

Our guiding principles include offering enrichment experiences through arts and cultural assets. Ivins is home to two exceptional arts venues, each offering a unique experience: The Tuacahn Amphitheatre and the Center for the Arts at Kayenta.

Tuacahn's 2,500 seat Amphitheatre and 300+ seat indoor theatre showcases Broadway musicals, concerts, and other events. The Center for the Arts at Kayenta's 200+ seat theatre hosts a variety of multi-disciplinary performing arts in an intimate space, including contemporary dance, plays, and film.

The Tuacahn Amphitheater is widely known for being one of the few venues in the country able to produce shows authorized by Disney Productions. Their vision is to inspire the human spirit through professional world class family entertainment that matches the majesty of the canyon where it sits. They engage talent from all over the country, including New York and Los Angeles, along with local talent. Expanding their abilities has seen them bring key entertainers for outdoor concerts of all music genres.

The Center for the Arts at Kayenta also sponsors annual art festivals and activities during the year, including a Street Painting Festival, an Art in Kayenta Festival each fall, and the Festival of the Americas each spring.

The Kayenta Street Painting Festival features professional artists and local students who create elaborate street art using simple chalk on the pavement. Thousands of art enthusiasts and families attend the annual three-day Art in Kayenta festival to see a collection of over 50 juried regional and national artists who specialize in sculpture, painting, jewelry, ceramics, wood, metal, and other media.

The Festival of the Americas celebrates the depth and richness of early Native American cultures while raising money to support Native American scholarships in Utah. Promoting secondary education for Native American students will create lifelong success for them, their families, and their communities.

Photo of wrapped utility box

The Ivins Arts Commission actively promotes and fosters community-wide awareness and support for the arts organizations and artists living and working in Ivins. The Arts Commission launched the inaugural "Art-on-Loan" program in 2023, titled "It's a Wrap!" which is a utility box art project and partnered with the Kayenta Arts Foundation to seek funding to develop an Arts Corridor.

The community survey showed that residents were not excited about using City money to fund public art projects. Since Washington County's Recreation Arts & Parks sales tax is set to expire at the end of 2024, and it is unknown if it will be renewed, the Arts Commission will seek funds from grant resources and donations

from community businesses and residents to fund a vibrant Arts Corridor which will reflect the unique landscape, culture and heritage of Ivins City.

Supporting City Documents

- Ivins Arts Commission Annual Report
- Arts Master Plan

Community Preferences

Only 31% of respondents in the community survey were strongly in favor of the city providing public art in outdoor public places.

Action Steps

- Develop a plan to promote the continuation of the Recreation Arts & Parks sales tax (RAP Tax), which is set to expire at the end of 2024.
- Encourage, foster, and promote local arts and cultural organizations, artists, arts-related activities, and education which reflect our heritage and enhance the quality of life in Ivins.

Arts & Culture Priorities

- Emphasize, support and promote public, private or shared art installations in roundabouts, transportation corridors, parks, and other locations accessible to the public.
- Promote a culture of art education, performing arts, and the development of cultural activities.
- Support the comprehensive Arts Master Plan.