



Nourishing hearts, minds, and souls for over 30 years

Imagine

Imagine life on Orcas without the arts. Imagine life without affordable, accessible music, theater, and dance. Life without programs to introduce new artists, both young and old, to the joy of creative activity. Life without attractive public spaces to showcase the work of local painters and printmakers, sculptors, photographers, and writers. Life without an attractive and centrally located venue for lectures and discussions devoted to important contemporary issues. Such a life would be much poorer—intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, socially, and economically.

As a thriving home for the arts and for cultural activity, Orcas Center enriches the community in many ways. It offers opportunities to learn and grow, to nourish our talents, and simply to have fun. It enables our children to explore their own gifts, to experience what the world has to offer, and to cultivate the capacity for sympathetic imagination that is essential in our diverse and rapidly changing society. It is a source of civic pride, and one of the chief reasons that Orcas has become such an attractive destination for visitors and full-time residents.

Because it is committed to making these opportunities broadly available, the Center must rely not only on box office receipts and some dedicated grant monies, but also on the generous support of its members and benefactors. While annual fundraising is essential, the Center has matured to the point where it must see to its financial future in perpetuity.

Numbers Served in 2009:

Attendance at all performances & presentations: 12,199

Attendance at art exhibition opening receptions: Approx. 850

Participation in community performance events: 90

Workshop and class participation
(including in-school instruction): 510

Volunteers: 457

Total Numbers Served in 2009: 14,106

The Orcas Center Legacy Campaign

will build an endowment comprising an unrestricted fund, which will generate annual working capital, and three restricted funds devoted to the Center's core needs.

The Arts Education Endowment Fund



will guarantee the sustainability of the Arts Education Project undertaken by the Center in partnership with the Orcas Island School District and the Orcas Island Education Foundation.

The Program Endowment Fund



will enable the Center to sustain and even raise the quality of performances and other events for years to come.

The Capital Endowment Fund



will ensure proper maintenance of, and enable appropriate improvements to, the Center's beautiful facility and grounds.

Your bequest or current gift to any of the Legacy Campaign Funds will help to secure the future of Orcas Center, and with it the rich life that is the rightful inheritance of those who will take our places on this beautiful island we call home.

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