
Impact Report

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JUNE 2023
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June 2023

total events: ##

total impressions:

avg number of participants per event: ###

Exhibitions

AK Burns: *Of space we are...*
Feb 11–July 9, 2023

**Meditation Ocean Constellation:
*Meditation Ocean***
Feb 11–July 9, 2023

Sa'dia Rehman: *the river runs slow*
Feb 11–July 9, 2023

**Anna Tsouhlarakis: *The Native
Guide Project: Columbus***
Feb 11–July 9, 2023

Total Exhibitions attendance: 1432

The Box

Cadine Navarro
Seed Songs for a New Earth (2023)
May 12–July 15
Artist Residency

Performing Arts

James Dennen and Molly Shanahan
Critical Theory 1
+ Presented online
May 8–June 30, 2024
Visual Artist Residency
Views: 46

**James Dennen, Christian Faur, Molly
Shanahan, Michael "Blakk Sun" Powell**
Like Leaves. Like Carrots. (work in progress)
June 2–3
Attendance: 30

Total Performing Arts attendance: 30

Film/Video

Drylongso (Cauleen Smith, 1998)
June 2–3
Attendance: 35

Una vita difficile (*A Difficult Life*, Dino Risi, 1961)
June 9–10
New restoration
Attendance: 22

Dry Ground Burning (Joana Pimenta and
Adirley Queirós, 2022)
June 16–17
Attendance: 23

***The Melt Goes on Forever: The Art and
Times of David Hammons*** (Judd Tully and
Harold Crooks, 2022)
June 23–24
Attendance: 11

The Night of the 12th (*La nuit du 12*,
Dominik Moll, 2022)
June 29–30
Attendance: 25

Total Film/Video attendance: 116

Film/Video Studio

Angeline Gragas, *Myself When I Am Real*
June 3–June 16

Learning and Public Practice

PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS

**Columbus City Schools Summer Pathways
2023**
+ Student summer learning event and film screening
June 22
Attendance: 137

SELECTED ADULT PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Art and Resilience Sanctuary Night

June 7
Attendance: 15

Brainstorming Session
June 12
Attendance: 12

June 14
Attendance: 17

June 21
Attendance: 20

Total attendance: 64

Collage Lab

June 8
Attendance: 5

June 22
Attendance: 5

June 29
Attendance: 5

Total Attendance: 15

PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS AND DOCENTS

**STEAMM Rising Institute with OSU Arts and
Sciences and Columbus City Schools**
+ Educator professional development opportunity
June 16–17
Attendance: 23

Project GATHER Tour and Interviews
June 9
Attendance: 10

Upcoming Events

Perpetrator (Jennifer Reeder, 2023)

+ Jennifer Reeder in person
Q&A follows screening
July 18

Kevin McClatchy

Scrap Heap
Discussion follows both performances.
June 27 & 28

Sahar Khory, Jumana Manna, and Harold Mendez in Conversation

+ streaming online
Q&A follows
August 23

Columbus City Schools Summer Pathways
June 9
Attendance: 10

Project GATHER Tour and Interviews

June 9
Attendance: 10

Group Gallery Tours

Goodwill Art Program
June 14
Attendance: 5

OSU EHE Project ROOT Program
June 15
Attendance: 25

Camp Recky (ages 11–12)
June 16
Attendance: 35

Maryhaven
June 27
Attendance: 6

Community Refugee & Immigration Services
(CRIS)
June 28
Attendance: 4

Camp Recky
June 30
Attendance: 35

Total attendance: 110

Camp Recky
June 30
Attendance: 35

Total attendance: 110

Programs for Family, Youth, and Teens

Community Studios: Wood in the Woods

June 26
Attendance: 45

June 28
Attendance: 61

June 29
Attendance: 21

Total attendance: 127

Total Learning & Public Practice attendance: 563

Wex in the Community

Stories from around Columbus



The Wexner Center spent the first month of summer introducing art to children at camp, expanding the minds of local educators, helping artists develop films and performances, and collaborating with community partners.

Film Video Studio

- Puerto Rico–based artist and choreographer Awilda Rodríguez Lora visited our Film/Video Studio to complete work on a short film that originated in her Wex Virtual Artist Residency. Created with collaboration from Ohio State’s Advanced Computing Center for Art and Design, the resulting piece will premiere in Puerto Rico in September 2023 and screen in The Box video space in November.



Learning and Public Practice

- The Wexner Center invited 120 students from Columbus City Schools (CCS) Summer Pathways 2023 program for a film screening and discussion to kick off their summer learning experience. The field trip for students grades 1–4 was held in partnership with CCS’s Summer Experience program that encourages students to explore career pathways in addition to standards-based learning. Students watched selections from the New York International Children’s Film Festival followed by a panel discussion with CCS partner artists that was moderated by Bryan Moss and Wex staff members.
- Approximately 125 participants ages 6–17 enjoyed the studio experiences of Community Studios: Wood in the Woods in the great outdoors of the heavily forested, 160-acre Camp Mary Orton led by Wexner Center educators. Activities included silk-screening, painting, crafts, woodworking, and guided lessons on using power tools—a first for many participants. Most attend the summer camp on a scholarship and come from the Linden, Milo-Grogan, and Weinland Park neighborhoods.
- Two groups of 35 kids ages 6–7 and 11–12 from Ohio State’s Camp Recky visited the Wexner Center for tours of its architecture and current exhibitions. Camp Recky is a sports and recreation camp with a focus on 21st-century learning skills, and the visit was this year’s featured arts experience. The center is planning a deeper partnership in the future.
- LPP is thrilled to hire emerging Linden-based artist and educator Kenia Lamarr to lead a Community Studio for youth at the Linden Recreation Center this fall. On June 29, Lamarr unveiled two large outdoor sculptures at the Linden and Douglas Recreation Centers that feature the artwork of countless neighbors painted onto ceramic tiles. This project was supported by GCAC and the City of Columbus.



Wex in the Press

June article features: 14

June 2023	Art Forum	Colby Chamberlain on A.K. Burns
June 2, 2023	Hi-Def Digest	You can! You MUST! Great Guidance Commands You Pre-Order Robot Monster 3D and See it On the Big Screen!
June 6, 2023	Art Daily	Torkwase Dyson Exhibition Closer: Bird and Lava Now Opening at T Space
June 6, 2023	The Outerhaven	Cartoon Crossroads Columbus Announces Special Guest
June 8, 2023	Crunchyroll.com	Boys Run The Riot Author Keito Gaku to Make First US Appearance in September
June 11, 2023	Anime News Network	Boys Run The Riot creator Keito Gaku Attends CXC Festival in Ohio
June 12, 2023	Comicsbeat.com	Con News Roundup: CXC 2023 Announces Lineup and Poster; LICAF International Guest List Grows
June 13, 2023	Dymabroad.com	15 Things to Do with Your Mom in Columbus
June 21, 2023	Columbus Dispatch	Planning Your Weekend in Advance? Take a Look at These 10 Things to Do in Columbus.
June 21, 2023	Maddwolf.com	Do You Want to Buy a Snowball?
June 23, 2023	Columbus Underground	Asteroid City and More Hitting Cbus Screens
June 23, 2023	Redfin.com	Exploring 9 Columbus Museums, Where Art, History, and Science Converge
June 27, 2023	Maddwolf.com	Fright Club: Best Argento Movies

Wex Around the Globe

Our artists abroad



The Wexner Center's reach this month spanned from New York to Brazil, DC to Brussels, and St. Louis to Mexico. Eight artists over four countries and eight cities.

Film/Video

- Past visiting filmmaker Kelly Gallagher had her Wex-supported short *Pine and Genesee* (2020) screen on the [PBS station WHMT's TVFILM Showcase on July 14](#), a program that features work by upstate New York filmmakers. The film was part of the Wexner Center Artist Residency Award project *Cinetracts '20*, which commissioned 20 short films from artists around the world.



Exhibitions

- Past exhibiting artist Baseera Khan opened her new solo exhibition *The Liberator* at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington DC on May 23. Khan's Wex-commissioned sculpture *Column 2,3,5,6,7* (2019) was a highlight of our 2021 exhibition *Climate Changing: On Art, Institutions, and the Social Environment*.
- The Bienal de São Paulo has announced that 2019 Wexner Center Artist Residency Award recipient Torkwase Dyson will be featured in this year's edition of the biennial. Dyson and current Wex exhibiting artist Anna Tsouhlarakis are also featured in the St. Louis-based triennial exhibition *Counterpublic 2023* (closing July 15th).
- The Brooklyn Rail hosted a [virtual conversation](#) between artist A.K. Burns and Rail contributor Ksenia M. Soboleva on June 5 focusing on Burns's current exhibition at the Wexner Center, *Of space we are...*, as part of its discussion series "The New Social Environment."
- This June, artists Harold Mendez and Sahar Khoury both partnered with renowned ceramics studio Cerámica Suro in Guadalajara, Mexico, to produce works for their autumn 2023 solo exhibitions at the Wexner Center. Mendez is also collaborating with the Center for Contemporary Ceramics at California State University, Long Beach.



Performing Arts

- On May 19, Montreal-based performance artist Dana Michel premiered her captivating Wexner Center co-commissioned project, *MIKE*, in Brussels during the *Kunstenfestivaldesarts*. In this thought-provoking three-hour performance, Michel skillfully explores the delicate equilibrium between work and personal life, challenging societal norms along the way.

Wex Success Stories

Moments of impact



In June the Wexner Center engaged in meaningful community outreach with educators, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and women in need. Our staff spread Wex awareness among art fans at the Columbus Arts Festival and welcomed members, patrons, and university partners to the Grid Party to learn about our upcoming programming.

Exhibitions

- The Teiger Foundation awarded the Wexner Center a \$75,000 [curatorial grant](#) to support Indigenous Alutiiq/Sugpiaq artist Tanya Lukin Linklater's exhibition in summer 2024. Her work is currently on view at the Gwangju Biennale, and in June she began open rehearsals as part of the Toronto Biennial of Art.

Learning and Public Practice

- On June 8, the Wexner Center hosted 100 Columbus City School educators for the [arts-themed day of the STEAMM Rising Institute](#). This professional development program is a five-year, university-wide partnership with CCS that connects teachers with contacts and resources in the fields of science, technology, art, math, and medicine. Participants gave positive reviews of their experience. One teacher noted, "I am much more knowledgeable about how to integrate STEAMM into my classroom and how to encourage my students to take advantage of the many opportunities available to them."
- Through the month of June, the Wexner Center hosted collage-making workshops for young adults in the LGBTQ+ community to address trauma and offer a creative path toward healing. Collage Lab is the brainchild of Ray Mathew-Santhosham, an Ohio State Morrill Scholar studying social work. Mathew-Santhosham is a founding member of the Wexner Center's Art & Resilience (AR) student organization's leadership and this upcoming academic year's AR intern. Mathew-Santhosham is collecting data from participants to support their thesis project.
- Through our outreach work with Sanctuary Night's drop-in center for vulnerable women, the Wexner Center recently mentored Mandie Knight, a Sanctuary Night staff member, to be our June outreach lead artist. Mandie has been free of sex work and addiction for seven years and is a graduate of Franklin County's CATCH special docket court program. She is now Sanctuary Night's operations manager, an ambassador for the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Summit, and set to attend Ohio State to study psychology this coming year.



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Communications and Marketing

- The Wex spent a wonderful weekend at the Columbus Arts Festival June 9–11. Our tent had visits from more than 1,500 fest patrons and tons of happy faces as they won tickets to Wex events, signed up for our mailing lists, heard more about our programs, and got up-to-speed on free gallery admission and more. It was three days of meaningful engagement with some of the city's most passionate art fans.

Advancement

- This past May, hundreds of Wex fans, community members, and Ohio State University partners gathered on our plaza for The Grid Party. It was a perfect evening for all to meet with Gaëtane Verna, enjoy conversation, and to learn more about our upcoming year. It was a delight to share this time with some of our closest friends and enthusiastic champions of all things Wex. Guests also enjoyed complimentary tote bags featuring a slogan from Anna Tsouhlarakis's Wex commissioned installation, The Native Guide Project: Columbus. Orange Barrel Media has also generously partnered with Tsouhlarakis to expand the reach of her project into the broader community.



Likes and Loves

Experience Columbus, Summer activities at the Wex:

https://www.instagram.com/p/CtMgzyWvyeN/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

Collaboration with Seventh Son:

https://www.instagram.com/reel/CuFZxiCAfPB/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

Hope Madden excitement, "I'm so geeked to get to intro Dario Argento's Cat o' Nine Tails on Friday, 7/7 at Wexner Center for the Arts! Here's a Q&A on the program for Columbus Underground"

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:share:7079916404463833088>

Email Dashboard

total emails sent: 7

monthly average unique open rate: 30.99%

WEEKLY EMAILS: 5

2023-06-01

unique open rate: 31.41%

unique clicks: 60

2023-06-08

unique open rate: 31.34%

unique clicks: 58

2023-06-15

unique open rate: 31.28%

unique clicks: 35

2023-06-22

unique open rate: 31.14%

unique clicks: 63

2023-06-29

unique open rate: 30.85%

unique clicks: 58

MARKETING EMAILS: 2

WCA 2023-06-12

Dario Argento

unique open rate: 29.92%

unique clicks: 51

WCA 2023-06-23

Director's Picks

unique open rate: 54.76%

unique clicks: 25

Social Dashboard

NUMBER OF NEW SOCIAL FOLLOWERS

323

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ENGAGED ON SOCIAL:

8,863 (+18.6%)

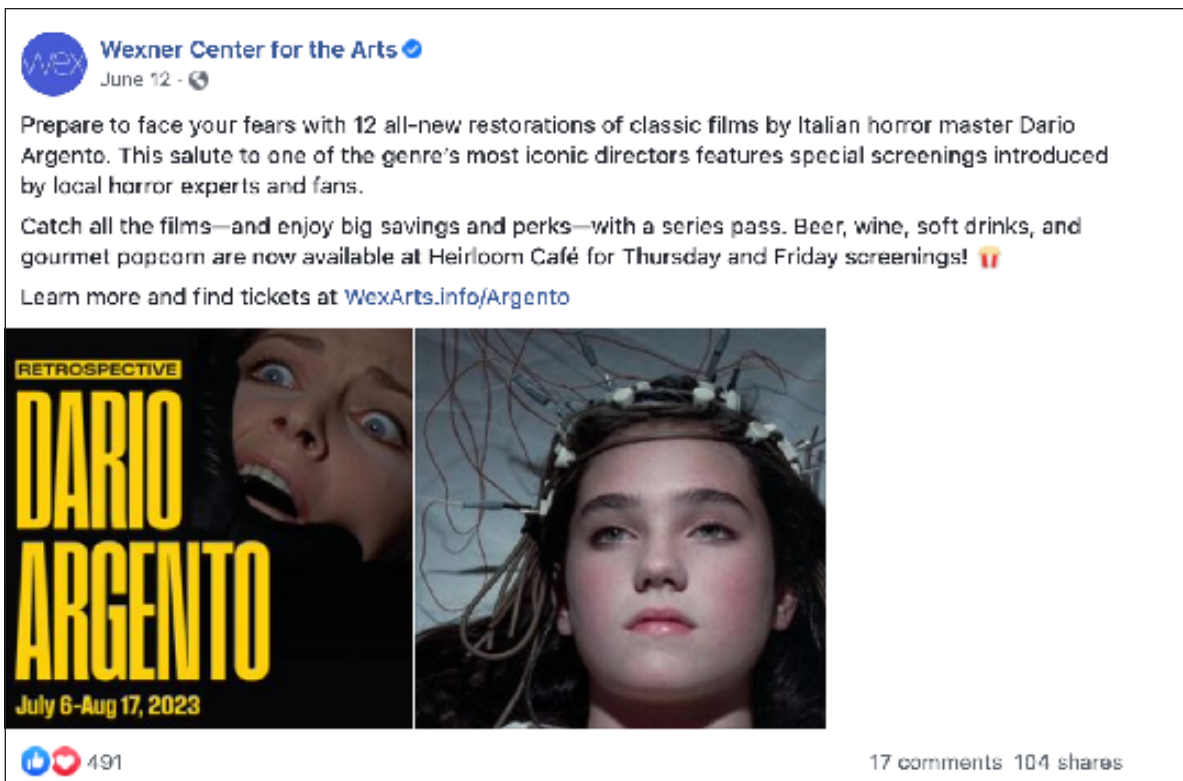
NUMBER OF TOTAL SOCIAL POSTS:

161 social posts

TOP PERFORMING POST FOR THE MONTH

Dario Argento

The number of links clicked generated by our posts rose by 235.5% this past month!





Wexner Center for the Arts ✓
June 12 · 🌐

Prepare to face your fears with 12 all-new restorations of classic films by Italian horror master Dario Argento. This salute to one of the genre's most iconic directors features special screenings introduced by local horror experts and fans.

Catch all the films—and enjoy big savings and perks—with a series pass. Beer, wine, soft drinks, and gourmet popcorn are now available at Heirloom Café for Thursday and Friday screenings! 🍷

Learn more and find tickets at WexArts.info/Argento



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17 comments 104 shares

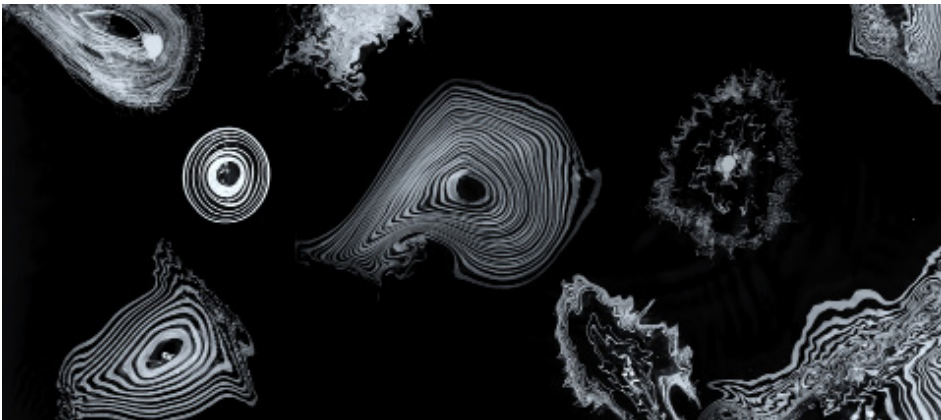
Top Posts in Read/Watch/Listen

A deeper look into wex programming

This month the Wexner Center's blog highlighted educator events, interviewed featured artists, and shared community collaborations.



Wexner Center Joins Ohio State, Columbus City Schools for STEAMM Rising Initiative



Q&A: Cadine Navarro on Seed Songs for a New Earth

"I wanted to create visuals that were abstract enough for anyone to relate to them and also specific enough for visitors to have a personal experience."

-CADINE NAVARRO



Ohio Shorts Returns to Gravity

Gifts and Grants

Philanthropic support from our community

Gifts for the month of June came with multiple designations for support from program and artist specific to general operation.

Name	Gift Date	Amount	Designation
Milton & Sally Avery Arts Foundation Inc	06.15.2023	\$10,000.00	LPP_Worldview Program
National Endowment for the Arts	06.15.2023	\$10,000.00	Ginsburg, Burns, and Ontroerend Goed
National Endowment for the Arts	06.15.2023	\$20,000.00	Film/Video Studio (Artist Residencies)
Harrison Koppel Wexner Endowment	06.15.2023	\$28,964.00	LPP
Architecture Endowment	06.15.2023	\$37,991.00	GOS
National Endowment for the Arts	06.15.2023	\$94,405.00	American Rescue Plan (ARP)
Bill and Shelia Lambert	06.15.2023	\$100,000.00	WCA_Free Galleries
Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC)	06.15.2023	\$136,500.00	GOS
Trustee Fund at WCF	06.15.2023	\$183,158.00	GOS
National Endowment for the Arts	06.23.2023	\$35,000.00	Carlos Motta & New Red Order
Vorys	06.23.2023	\$50,000.00	GOS
Les and Abigail Wexner	06.23.2023	\$390,000.00	GOS
Axium Plastics	06.26.2023	\$25,000.00	GOS
Ohio Arts Council	06.28.2023	\$21,652.00	Sustainability Grant
Adam Flatto	06.28.2023	\$50,000.00	WCA_Free Galleries