



ARTS OF SOUTHERN KENTUCKY ANNOUNCES \$500,000 GIFT TO NAME MAIN ART GALLERY

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BOWLING GREEN, KY – Today, Arts of Southern Kentucky announced details of a \$500,000 gift from Dr. Robert and Pat Goodwin. The \$500,000 gift from the Goodwins will be split evenly between operating expenses and the establishment of the Robert & Pat Goodwin Endowment. In recognition of this significant contribution, the main art gallery at the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKyPAC) will bear their names. A portion of the gallery will be set aside to feature a rotating exhibit of Dr. Goodwin’s hand-carved bird sculptures.

Dr. Robert and Pat Goodwin have been long time supporters of Orchestra Kentucky, sponsoring several concerts and events throughout the organization’s twenty-plus year existence.

“The Goodwins have been incredible supporters of the arts in our community for many years. We are honored to have the opportunity to not only showcase their love of the arts with the naming of the main art gallery, but to also display the incredible talent of Dr. Goodwin as an artist himself,” said Arts of Southern Kentucky President & CEO Jeff Reed.

Over four decades ago, what began as a Christmas present quickly became a long-lasting love and passion for the wood carving of birds. Dr. Goodwin’s extensive and exquisite collection of hand-carved birds has previously been on display at SKyPAC and will return once more to the main gallery. His addition of visual art will enhance the experience of all those who view the gallery during events, business hours, and special events.

“Pat and I are honored and privileged to name the gallery at SKyPAC. This organization stands as a pillar and symbol of arts excellence in our region and we know this gift will help ensure this legacy will stand forever. I have been a sculptor for over 40-years and am overjoyed to know my birds will have a location for all to enjoy in such an impressive facility dedicated to showcasing local artists,” said Dr. Goodwin.

In addition to the Goodwins’ gift, Arts of Southern Kentucky continues to receive ongoing support from across the community, including funds totaling more than \$1.5 Million received from generous donors through the annual fund, Elm Street Society, and sponsorships.

Additional opportunities are available for those who would like to join the movement to support the arts in Southern Kentucky, including numerous naming opportunities within the SKyPAC building, endowments, sponsorships, and more.

For more information on how you can join the movement to support the arts in Southern Kentucky, visit TheSKyPAC.com or call 270.904.5000.

Arts of Southern Kentucky - Orchestra Kentucky and the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKyPAC) merged into a single organization in late 2020 to serve a common mission. The merger was approved by the unanimous vote of both organizations' boards of directors, with the assistance of the Warren County Fiscal Court and Judge Michael O. Buchanon. South Central Kentucky's two largest performing arts organizations chose to unify as the new entity, Arts of Southern Kentucky, to overcome the challenges posed by the current global pandemic and to ensure access to arts and entertainment for future audiences. The new organization is led administratively and artistically by Jeffrey Reed.

Orchestra Kentucky - Founded in 2000, Orchestra Kentucky of Bowling Green quickly became south central Kentucky's professional orchestra. Its members have performed with ensembles such as the Cincinnati, St. Louis, Dallas, Nashville, Charleston and Louisville orchestras. With more than 1,000 subscribers in a community of approximately 70,000, the orchestra attributes its success to innovative programming, designed to appeal to a variety of audiences. Orchestra Kentucky has backed legendary entertainers, including Neil Sedaka, Glen Campbell, Kenny Rogers, Paul Williams and the 5th Dimension. It is involved in commissioning new works by popular performers, premiering compositions by Neil Sedaka, Keith Emerson, Peter Tork, Jimmy Webb, and PDQ Bach.

Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center - A premier entertainment center, SKyPAC is a multi-use facility located in downtown Bowling Green, KY. The facility includes the Rita & Jim Scott Concert Hall, a 1,700-seat state-of-the-art auditorium, The Renshaw Education Center, which houses the Carol Wedge Studio Theater - a flexible 2,600 sq. ft. space for intimate productions and gatherings, several multi-functional rehearsal halls/classrooms, the Carol & Denny Wedge Children's Art Gallery and the Goodwin Gallery, the facility's primary art space.

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