As 2017 Comes to a Close ...

Arts Shine Here. It’s more than a phrase that describes our city. It’s a movement that has created opportunities and experiences for artists, locals and visitors, as well as launched collaborative partnerships that make our region a more vibrant place to live, work, and play.

This year our St. Petersburg Arts Alliance had tremendous success in supporting the arts. A few noteworthy accomplishments include:
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- The third year of the SHINE Mural Festival adding 17 new murals to our community by diverse artists from around the world.
- Publication of the St. Petersburg Studio & Gallery Guide featuring 41 art businesses that exhibit and sell artwork in a multitude of mediums.
- Development of the only virtual mural arts tour in the world designed to be accessible to all.
- Development of the online St. Petersburg Cultural Directory
- Support for emerging organizations and festivals, including SHINE, Et Cultura, and the Exquisite Corpse Games
- Providing Artists Community Engagement Grants
- Establishing Funding Futures, providing grant awards for at-risk students in afterschool arts education programs
- Supporting Second Saturday ArtWalk, which creates an unforgettable experience for all participants while supporting small business

We seek to continue our work as a driver of arts related economic development in St. Petersburg. We are an arts accelerator! But we can’t do it without you. Please consider a donation to our St. Petersburg Arts Alliance. No gift is too small. Your donation will support our remarkable arts community, and help fund arts education in local schools and afterschool, as well as professional continuing education for entrepreneurs and creative business professionals.

Your contribution is an investment that demonstrates that a true arts and cultural destination is a community that places a high value on the creative spirit … and does everything possible to allow it to flourish. Join us and help continue the Arts Shine Here movement. We’ve only just begun.

P.S. Make your gift by December 31, 2017, and we will add your name to the donor recognition page on our website! Become an Arts Business Partner and be featured in the next installment of our St. Pete Studio & Gallery Guide.

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