



## Parker Arts fuses community with young creatives



Lutheran High School performers at Parker Arts' Shakespeare Festival

At Parker Arts, community and kids come together to bring the work of young creatives into the world of exhibition and performance.

Nestled in an already heavy schedule of theater, concerts, art exhibits and other cultural events, the PACE Center holds a place for two special opportunities for young creatives to interact with their craft and receive real-world feedback,

encouragement and skills.

“We want all the students we work with to have the chance to build confidence in themselves, have the opportunity to practice their chosen discipline outside of their schools and also connect with artists from our community and around our state,” said Carrie Glassburn, cultural director at Parker Arts. “We often find that the working artists that join us get as much out of the opportunity as the kids do.”

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## We fund culture.

Thanks to the voters and residents of the seven-county metro area, SCFD has come a long way in its more than 30 years of existence. SCFD is the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, a tax collected and distributed to more than 300 cultural organizations in our seven-county Denver metro region including Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties. Just one penny on every \$10 spent in the district creates vibrancy for us individually and collectively.



## SCFD welcomes Emma Mantooth

The SCFD team is thrilled to welcome new communications manager, Emma Mantooth. A violinist for more than ten years, Emma is passionate about music, arts and communicating the value of SCFD and the organizations the district funds. [Meet Emma.](#)



## SCFD is for everyone

Each year, arts, culture and scientific organizations can apply to be eligible to receive SCFD funding. This funding provides general operating support, so organizations can use it where they need it the most to fulfill their mission. Eligibility applications for organizations new to SCFD are now open. If you are part of an organization that might be a good fit [you can learn more about SCFD eligibility.](#) Applications close in September and eligibility is determined by the end of the year.

## Free Days/Events

Organizations from across the metro area provide hundreds of [free days and free programs](#) each year made possible, in part, by funding from SCFD. Some organizations are free every day such as Broomfield Veterans Museum, Foothills Art Center, Colorado Music Hall of Fame, The Aurora History Museum and the Louisville History Museum. Here's a small sample of what's on tap for May.

- Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum – May 4
- The Art Garage – May 5
- Denver Art Museum – May 9
- Longmont Museum – May 13
- Museum of Outdoor Arts – May 15
- Colorado MahlerFest – May 20
- Clyfford Still Museum – May 31

## SCFD Board of Directors news

The SCFD is governed by a board of directors with representation from district member counties Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson. The board oversees district funding and ensures the district is running the way voters intended. The board meets eight times a year and all meetings are open to the public.

- The next meeting of the SCFD Board of Directors will be held at 1. p.m. on May 25 at the Denver Art Museum - Sharp Auditorium, 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy in Denver. [Get information for joining meetings and see the full calendar of 2023 board meetings.](#)

## Meet the SCFD Board of Directors

Teresa Valerio Parrot, Boulder County Appointee



Teresa often says that while her husband is her true love, her alma mater was her first love. Higher education is her home and she is honored to share stories of its impact. Teresa helps higher education executives truthfully share excellence and genuinely own mistakes, because she knows honesty is present in all sound, proactive and crisis outreach. She is known for honesty juxtaposed with optimism; the two combine to provide communications counsel focused on transparent leadership and relationship building.

Teresa is Principal of TVP Communications. She previously served as senior vice president for Widmeyer Communications and vice president for Simpson Scarborough. She counts almost 10 years of service at the University of Colorado, including an officer-level appointment as Assistant Secretary of the University. She is co-host of the Trusted Voices Podcast, and co-editor of Call to Action for Inside Higher Ed.

Teresa earned a bachelor's degree in communications and a master's degree in public administration, both from the University of Colorado. She holds accreditation in public relations from PRSA and is pursuing a doctorate degree from Southern Methodist University. She lives in Longmont, Colorado, with her husband and dogs. Each year she threatens to become a runner and instead spends her time traveling with her family. Don't get her started on how amazing her college-aged daughter is unless you have a spare hour or two. Or three.

She serves on the board of the Public Relations Society of America, the board of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), and the board of KUNC public radio and the Colorado Sound. She is a member of the Denver Ballet Guild. She joined the SCFD board in February 2023. Her first term expires in 2026.

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