

# Proclamation

## The ArtsCenter Day

WHEREAS, The ArtsCenter was founded by Jacques Menache and first opened its doors to the Carrboro community in August of 1974; and

WHEREAS, The ArtsCenter has provided 50 years of service and support to the Carrboro community and surrounding areas through its mission to educate and inspire artistic creativity and to enrich the lives of people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, The ArtsCenter is the largest employer of professional artists in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, The ArtsCenter established its ArtsCamp in 1982 and serves up to 1400 campers each summer, encouraging them to find their creative voice; and

WHEREAS, The ArtsCenter supports people of all ages, skill levels and backgrounds by providing experiences that reflect the growing, diverse and dynamic population it serves; and

WHEREAS, The ArtsCenter, through partnering with other local nonprofits, is committed to creating a more fair, equitable and transformative community hub, ensuring a sense of belonging in Carrboro and the greater Triangle community; and

WHEREAS, The ArtsCenter's stage welcomes performers of diverse backgrounds and mediums; Dancers, musicians, storytellers, puppeteers, comedians, actors, all who cultivate cultural understanding and celebrate Carrboro's creative community.

WHEREAS, The ArtsCenter provides over 75,000 arts experiences each year through its diverse range of educational programs, makerspaces and arts events that not only inspire artistic expression but also fuel community growth and cultural preservation; and

WHEREAS, The ArtsCenter relocated to 400 Roberson Street in 2023 to a newly renovated, state-of-the art facility in downtown Carrboro and is poised to serve the community for the next 50 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara M. Foushee, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, in North Carolina, do hereby declare Thursday, August 15, 2024, as The ArtsCenter Day in Carrboro, to honor the 50 years of service to the people of Carrboro and to recognize their contributions to our community.

This the 15th day of August, 2024.

  
Barbara M. Foushee

