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Foundation for Tulsa Schools to Host Second Annual Fundraising Gala *ARTrageous will support the Foundations' programs within Tulsa Public Schools*

Tulsa, Okla. (April XX, 2024) - The Foundation for Tulsa Schools will host the second annual ARTrageous, a fine arts gala, on May 11 at OKPOP Museum. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Foundation for Tulsa Schools to support their ongoing programs, including Explore Oklahoma, Any Given Child, Grants for Great Ideas and the STEM fund.

ARTrageous showcases the creativity of Tulsa Public Schools students and provides them the opportunity to share their talents with guests throughout the evening. The event will feature a gallery of student art, a silent auction, and performances, including a live painting by a Tulsa Public Schools art teacher.

"The Foundation for Tulsa Schools believes every student, regardless of their age, neighborhood, language or background, deserves a high-quality, robust education. That includes equitable access to cultural experiences and fine arts," said Moises Echeverria, president and CEO of the Foundation for Tulsa Schools. "ARTrageous highlights the importance of our fine arts programs while bringing in the resources to allow the Foundation to continue supporting a broad range of educational initiatives within Tulsa Public Schools. We saw an amazing outpouring of support from the community during our inaugural event in 2023, and we're excited to build on that momentum to continue providing learning opportunities and resources for our students and teachers."

The fine arts are vitally important in schools, supporting students' emotional and cognitive development and providing an outlet to process emotions and life changes. According to a [2019 study](#) by the Brookings Institution, fine arts education is also shown to positively impact a student's school engagement, reduce disciplinary infractions, increase civic engagement and foster a sense of compassion and empathy for peers.

"The fine arts nurture a student's creativity and innovation and opens their eyes to the endless possibilities for self-expression," said event chairs Lauren Sherry, a long-serving board member for the Foundation, and Dave Sherry. "We are thrilled to support this year's ARTrageous Gala as event co-chairs, and we welcome Tulsans to join us in celebration of the Foundation, Tulsa Public Schools and our students."

ARTrageous is the largest fundraising event for the Foundation for Tulsa Schools and allows the organization to fund over 20 programs per year within Tulsa Public Schools. Last year, the gala raised

over \$337,252, which provided the necessary funds to facilitate out-of-classroom learning opportunities through Any Given Child and Explore Oklahoma and provide microgrants to educators through the Foundation's Grants for Great Ideas initiative.

ARTrageous tickets will go on sale in March. Individuals and organizations interested in sponsoring the event are encouraged to visit <https://foundationfortulsaschools.org/ARTrageous> for more information.

Special thanks to the generous ARTrageous sponsors: George Kaiser Family Foundation, QuikTrip, The Anne & Henry Zarrow Family Foundation, TTCU Cares Foundation, Lauren & Dave Sherry, ONEOK, The University of Tulsa, Williams, Chickasaw Nation, Pam & Terry Carter, Hilti, Cox Communications, Ed Darby Foundation, Bama Companies, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma, ONE Gas, Bank of Oklahoma, Crossland Construction, HILLE Foundation, KKT Architects, Narrate Design, Argonaut, Echeverria Ashworth Family, Flintco, LD Kerns Construction, Nabholz Construction, Public Service Co. of Oklahoma, Resolute PR, Trust Company of Oklahoma, Tulsa Community College Foundation, Wallace Design Collective, CEC Corporations, CJC Architects, Frederic Dorwart Lawyers, GH2 Architects, JP Morgan Chase, Luxa Enterprises, Midfirst Bank, RL Hudson, Supermercados Morelos, TD Williamson, Vast Bank, Jack & Stephanie Allen, OSU – Center for Health Sciences & OSU-Tulsa.

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About The Foundation for Tulsa Schools

Founded in 2001, the Foundation for Tulsa Schools was established to build a better community through the support of Tulsa Public Schools. The Foundation believes that every child should have access to a quality education, the resources they need to learn, and a supportive environment in which to learn.

The Foundation for Tulsa Schools is honored to be a champion for TPS students, teachers, and staff. We serve as a bridge between those who are passionate about public education and those who learn in, teach at, and support our schools.

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