

ASSOCIATION NEWS: Columbus Metropolitan Club

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 - noon. Livestreaming only
Carol A. McGuire Legacy Forum Celebrating Arts and Culture

Survival of the Arts, Now or Never

Hit by the coronavirus pandemic harder than any other industry, the arts are on a metaphorical respirator struggling to survive.

In a December 4 issue of *Columbus Business First*, Angela Meleca, executive director, Ohio Citizens for the Arts says, “We’ve had the highest unemployed sector for six months. Many of the organizations have never been able to reopen.... Our members are just trying to hang on.”

Unemployment in the arts industries was down 27.4 percent over a year ago (October 2020 compared to 2019).

Nationally, it’s predicted that as many as 10 percent of arts organizations will not survive.

Others will take years, maybe decades, to rebuild

to the pre-pandemic levels.

An industry that depends on ticket sales for large gatherings of in-person audiences to see large live shows, has few, if any options for revenue.

In the same *Columbus Business First* article, Chad Whittington, President and CEO of CAPA explains, “When you’re talking about the touring Broadway shows, or the large artists or national performing artists, those events really need full capacity to make them work.”

Governor Mike DeWine released millions of dollars from the CARES Act relief to Ohio’s arts organization, which will provide some relief, but what’s ahead and how long can they hang on?

What does this mean

for the central Ohio arts community? What creative ideas are they employing to survive until their audiences feel safe enough to return to their seats?

At CMC on Feb. 3, panelists will discuss these questions. **Angela Meleca**, executive director, Ohio Citizens for the Arts, **Janet Chen**, chief executive officer, ProMusica Chamber Orchestra, **Marshall Shorts**, brand and design strategist, Creative-N-Chief of Artfluentia, co-founder Creative Control Fest, with host **Tom Katzenmeyer**, president & CEO, Greater Columbus Arts Council

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Meleca



Chen



Shorts



Katzenmeyer

RECAP: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 - noon.

Increasing access to internet service



Speakers Lt. Governor Jon Husted, Ceili Doyle, Robin Burrow, CMC Chair Steve Marks and speaker Doug Miller


Featured **Jon Husted**, Lt. Governor, state of Ohio, **Doug Miller**, vice president, statewide services, Ohio Electric Cooperatives, **Robin Burrow**, principal, Eastern Elementary in Meigs County, with host **Ceili Doyle**, journalist, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

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Having covered Southeastern Ohio as a Report for America member for *The Columbus Dispatch*, Ceili Doyle set the stage for the discussion.




An elementary school principal in Meigs County and board member of the Appalachian Children Coalition, Robin Burrow offered a boots-on-the-ground perspective to the lack of reliable internet service.



Lt. Governor Jon Husted made access to affordable internet a high priority of the Mike DeWine administration years before COVID shone a bright light on this issue.



Representing Ohio's 24 Rural Electric Cooperatives, Doug Miller explains their role and expressed concern for the decline in the economies of rural communities.



CMC Chair Steve Marks introduces the speakers.

CMC Opens Nominations for Board of Trustees

If you are an active member of CMC and would like to be considered for service on the Board of Trustees, please review the responsibilities of a member of the Board of Trustees and fill out an application on CMC's website at columbusmetroclub.org. Under the “About” tab, click “News” to find the information.

All members are welcome to apply. Applications are due March 31, 2021.

If you would like to explore this opportunity further, or would like to nominate a fellow CMC member, please feel free to email CMC's President & CEO Jane Scott at jane-scott@columbusmetroclub.org

Thank you for your interest! Carol Newcomb-Alutto Chair, Leadership Committee


— Calendar of Events —

Help other people to cope with their problems and your own will be easier to cope with.
January 19, Positive Thinking Every Day,
Norman Vincent Peale

Join the Livestream

The Columbus Metropolitan Club forums are **livestreamed at noon on Wednesday** and the popular **Archived Forums recommended with currently relevant content are available anytime** on YouTube. The Livestreaming forums are **FREE** to view but we encourage you to **register to submit questions and to support CMC by purchasing a virtual seat!** To show our appreciation, CMC invites people who purchase a virtual seat to a Zoom session to “Continue Meaningful Conversation” with a qualified discussion leader following the forum at 1:00 p.m. **WATCH your email for additions and updates.**


THIS WEEK at CMC



Suel



Hood



Saunders




Carter

Wednesday, January 27, Noon
Livestreaming only
Addressing Inequities
Series: Racism, where do we go from here?
Featuring **Chris Suel**, program manager, My Brother's Keeper, Dept. of Neighborhoods, City of Columbus; **Adrienne Hood**, community activist, Mother of Henry Green; **Jerry Saunders, Sr.**, CEO, Africentric Personal Development Shop, with host **LaShaun Carter**, assistant executive director/Chief DEI Officer, Franklin County Children Services.
Presented in partnership with United Way of Central Ohio
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Upcoming Forums

Wednesday, February 10, Noon
Livestreaming only
Joseph & Carol Newcomb Alutto Legacy Forum Focusing on Higher Education
Meet **Kristina Johnson**, President, The Ohio State University
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Johnson

Recommended Archived Forums

Available anytime at your convenience on YouTube

Africentric Education: It's About All of US (2019)

Opportunity Youth (2019)

Threats to Freedom of Speech: Is Humor the First Casualty? (2019)

Anyone requesting additional information may contact the CMC staff at staff@columbusmetroclub.org or visit www.columbusmetroclub.org.

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