

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



Proclamation

McGuffey Art Center 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS McGuffey Art Center was established in October 1975, with the support and encouragement of the Charlottesville City Council;

WHEREAS McGuffey Art Center was tasked by the Charlottesville City Council to participate in the greater community and regional growth through teaching and workshops, showcasing works in exhibitions, hosting events, and community outreach;

WHEREAS McGuffey Art Center is recognized as one of the oldest artist-run cooperatives in the United States, providing a supportive and collaborative environment for artists and the community, for 50 years serving as a cornerstone of artistic life in the city of Charlottesville, fostering creativity and making art accessible to all;

WHEREAS McGuffey Art Center boasts a vibrant community of over 50 resident artists and over 125 associate member artists, all dedicated to practicing art and sharing their creative spirit with the greater Charlottesville area and beyond;

WHEREAS the artists of the McGuffey Art Center contribute significantly to the community by opening their studios to the public, sharing their processes and ideas, participating in annual outreach programs and tours, and serving on committees that facilitate exhibitions and events;

WHEREAS McGuffey Art Center has hosted the Incubator Program for 13 years, an acclaimed residency that annually supports six emerging artists by providing studio spaces and opportunities for connecting with professionals and establishing a professional career as an artist;

WHEREAS, located in the center of downtown Charlottesville, McGuffey Art Center offers free year-round access to its public art space, including both exhibition space and artist's workspaces, enriching the cultural landscape of our city;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Charlottesville City Council recognizes and celebrates the **50th anniversary of the McGuffey Art Center**, commending its enduring commitment to the arts, its artists, and the Charlottesville community. We extend our deepest gratitude for five decades of fostering creativity, supporting artists, and enriching the lives of our citizens through the power and inspiration of art.

Signed and sealed this 15th day of September 2025.

Mayor

Clerk of Council