

Orange City Arts Wraps Up Vibrant 15th Season of OnStage

The music of summer, the laughter of children, and the joy of neighbors gathered together filled Windmill Park and downtown Orange City this season as Orange City Arts marked the 15th anniversary of its OnStage summer series.

Since its beginnings, OnStage has grown into one of the community's most anticipated traditions—a free, family-friendly concert and arts series that brings together world-class talent, local musicians, theatre, and opportunities for hands-on creativity. This summer, despite a string of weather challenges, the series continued to thrive, drawing more than 4500 people to performances, workshops and pre-event activities between June and August.

A Season Full of Variety

The 2025 lineup reflected the heart of OnStage: a mix of familiar favorites, fresh voices, and intergenerational experiences.

June 4 – Richie Lee & The Fabulous 50s set the tone for the summer with a lively kickoff of rock 'n' roll classics that had audiences dancing in the park.

June 11 – Orange City Community Band was unfortunately rained out, but spirits remained high.

June 18 – Hollander Jazz delivered smooth, sophisticated soundscapes of summer.

June 25 – Omaha Street Percussion turned weather challenges into an indoor triumph, with booming rhythms and an engaging pre-show drumming workshop.

July 2 – Hollander Jazz (Encore) returned by popular demand, filling Independence Day week with cool jazz energy.

July 9 – Orange City Community Band brought the community together with symphonic favorites.

July 16 – Uncle Muskrat charmed audiences with their mix of Appalachian tradition and modern folk storytelling.

July 23 – Starling Shakespeare presented a lively Comedy of Errors, relocated to Unity Christian High School due to rain, paired with crafts and a featured art exhibit.

July 30 – Kate Voss & The Hot Sauce filled the park with swing, jazz, and crowd-pleasing '50s and '60s tunes.

August 1 – High School Musical Jr. was the grand finale of a weeklong youth theatre workshop, where 46 middle school students shone brightly in a full-scale production at Unity High.

August 6 – Kley DeJong Band brought an electric night of classic rock.

August 13 – Orange City Community Band returned for its final appearance of the season, delighting longtime fans.

August 20 – Arts on Central transformed downtown into a lively arts festival with food, games, a Touch-A-Truck event, scavenger hunt, free meal, and a culminating concert by the Community Band.

Our Mission

The mission of Orange City Arts is to enrich our community by showcasing artists, facilitating arts education, and supporting local creative talent.

By donating to Orange City Arts, you help bring high-quality performances, workshops, and artistic opportunities to our community.

Your support makes the arts accessible to all, enriches local culture, and inspires creativity for generations to come.



PLEASE DONATE TODAY!

Beyond the Stage

OnStage is more than concerts—it's about fostering creativity in every corner of the community. This summer, Orange City Arts hosted:

- Three creative workshops, including a Digital Photography workshop and two Tie Dye Bag workshops that gave participants of all ages a chance to learn and create together.
- High School Musical Jr. Youth Theatre Workshop, where middle school aged students built confidence, teamwork, and performance skills during an intensive week of rehearsals leading up to their August 1 performance.
- Rotating Featured Artist exhibits in Stadscentrum, giving local artists a platform to share their work with the public throughout June and July.
- The Youth Art Show, which opened in August with 33 selected works by area youth, celebrating the imagination and perspective of young creatives.

Powered by Community Support

This year's season was made possible thanks to the generosity of sponsors, donors, and grant funders—including support from OCGrow, which provided funding to sustain free community concerts and youth arts initiatives. Their commitment, along with contributions from local businesses and individuals, ensured that OnStage could remain accessible to all and continue growing its impact.

"This season really captured the heart of what OnStage is all about—bringing people together through music, theatre, and art," said Orange City Arts Executive Director Emie Andrulewich. "The support of OCGrow and our sponsors, as well as the energy of our volunteers and audiences, made our 15th anniversary season especially meaningful."

Looking Ahead

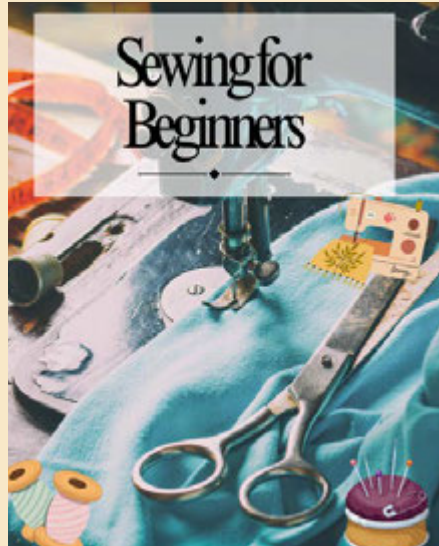
As the season closes, Orange City Arts is already planning for its fall and winter programming, continuing its mission to connect people through the arts year-round. With another successful season behind them, the organization looks forward to building on the energy of 2025 and carrying its creative momentum into the future.





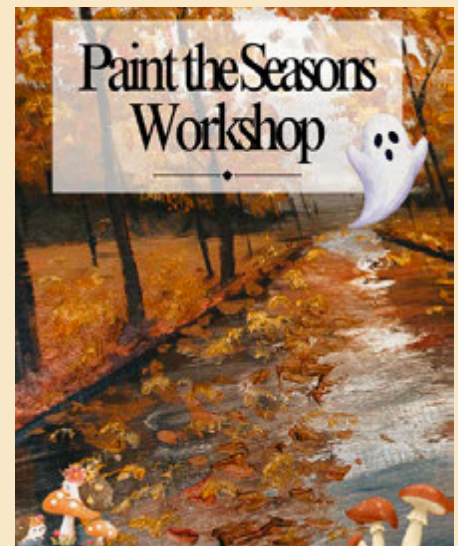
Sept 27, 2:30-4:30pm (\$25 w/drink), Kweken

Nov 22 (\$25 w/drink), 1:00-3:00 pm, Kweken
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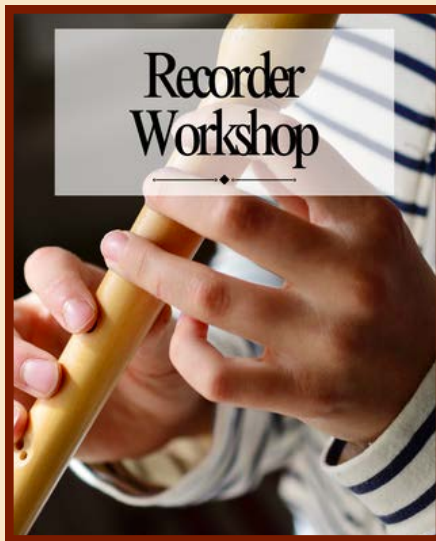


Oct 9 sessions: 6:00-7:00 pm, & 7:00-8:00 pm (\$5 session)

Oct 11 sessions: 10:00 - 11:00 am, & 11:00 -12 noon (\$5 session), City Hall



Fall/Halloween – Oct 23 @ 6:00 - 8:00 pm, (\$15) City Hall
supplies included



Nov 4, (\$30 includes recorder & book), 6:00-8:00 pm, City Hall



Nov 13 (\$10), 5:30-7:30 pm, City Hall

Main Stage

Nov 29, Hollander Jazz Holiday concert, 7:30 pm

Jan 31, 2026 An Evening of Dance, 7 pm

Feb 26, 2026, Copper Street Brass, 7 pm

Mar 28 - Apr 25, 2026, Regional Art Show, NWC DeWitt Theatre



Info & Registration
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