



ARTISTS in RESIDENCE

rubén aguirre

Chicago-based muralist

Worked with pre-K - 8th grade migrant students in our "Growing Young Artists" program. During July and August, Ruben was in Fennville and South Haven schools, teaching students about symbols, shapes, and colors. Ultimately Ruben coached children in painting shapes that were incorporated into a large-scale mural on our building.

jason wesaw

Native American fiber & ceramics

Jason is working with art students in Black River, Saugatuck, and Fennville High Schools. Diving into traditional Native art forms, Jason taught the students about symbolic representations of family and community. Students created ceramic pieces telling the stories of their families and communities; select works were displayed at the SCA.

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15th Anniversary Season



The SCA is West Michigan's lakeshore destination for experiencing the joy of professional theater and music, life-changing education, and substantive dialogue.

We are a home for artists, students, and curious minds of all ages.

ENTERTAINMENT

Another record-breaking year for our Mason Street Warehouse productions with **11,400** tickets sold for MEMPHIS, FULLY COMMITTED, and IT SHOULDA BEEN YOU.

"My heart is so full of gratitude that I cannot help but tear up and gush about the precious moments I spent closing "It Shoulda Been You" at Saugatuck Center for the Arts." - Katie Finan

"Thank you @saugatuck_arts for letting me be a part of your incredible 15th season. If anyone gets the chance to work for Mason Street Warehouse, do it!" - David R. Gordon

SOLD OUT PERFORMANCES from Well-Strung, Jeff Daniels, Elden Kelly, Danika & The Jeb, Oh Brother Big Sister, and John Latini PLUS Grammy-winner Paula Cole, the Brubeck Brothers Quartet, Tania Chantzi, James Judd, Matt Peterson, Nicole Lee, Loren Fishman, and Misuzu Tanaka.

EDUCATION + EXHIBITIONS

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Exhibitions from Girard fabrics to S.T.E.A.M toy inventions to contemporary Native American Art - FREE admission

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Creativity Revealed programs with artists - FREE admission

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Intriguing Conversations with regional artists - FREE admission

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Award-winning Real to Reel films \$5 / \$7

200+

Saugatuck High School students immersed in project based learning via our arts | in programming - FREE

"No matter where the students come from, what language they speak, or where they will go next, we built a village with this mural. Many thanks to an amazing staff of instructors and multiple people who had a hand involved in some way. I'm super grateful to have met and worked with all of them." - Artist in Residence Rubén Aguirre

ENGAGEMENT

1 marriage proposal 2 proms 8 weddings

we hosted milestone celebrations including Saugatuck and Hamilton High School proms, plus corporate meetings and retreats, and non-profit events.

13 "community partner" businesses and non-profits

working with high school scholars via our "arts | in" project based learning Senior Seminar class (including Herman Miller, Outdoor Discovery Center, Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance, Lighthouse Immigration Advocates, and more).

19 farmers market fridays

featuring an array of local vendors offering fresh produce and floral, artisan baked and canned goods, and hand-made craft items.

27 interns

in arts administration, marketing, company management, acting, backstage, and arts education.

164 volunteers

assisting with ushering, special events, films, children's programs, and more.

2,800+ K-12th graders attending our Children's Film Festival

in partnership with the Telluride Mountain Film Festival

11,400+ guests attending our Mason Street Warehouse theatrical productions

"The Children's Film Festival films show our students the world outside of West Michigan. It opens their eyes to cultures and people that are different from their own circles. Being in a low income school with kids who play a lot of video games and watch Youtube, the Festival allowed me to have additional conversation about careers that could be made from simply telling "your story"." - 4th Grade Teacher, Holland Public Schools