



🎻 a fundraising event to benefit the Ozark Arts Council and its Member Organizations 🎻

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OZARK ARTS COUNCIL CELEBRATED SPRING SWING!

Harrison, Ark., April 2008 – **Spring Swing**, the fundraising event that benefited the Ozark Arts Council and its member organizations, raised more than \$15,000. The event was held at Twelve Oaks, a historic estate just outside Harrison, on Saturday, April 26, 2008.

Twelve Oaks, a historic estate just outside of Harrison, was built by Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Bass in 1922, and was hailed by the *Harrison Daily Times* as the "finest in Arkansas".

In addition to viewing the beautiful home, the 110 guests enjoyed wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres catered by Food Works, along with a chocolate fountain donated by Sweet Expressions. Twenty-piece band Jazz Extreme enlivened the night with swing music. Local artists B. David Duncan, Tim Lauer, Sandy Williams, and Phil Milan demonstrated their craft.

A feature of the annual event was the live and silent auctions of art pieces and items donated by local businesses. Joe Doster, Dolores Duncan, D. Savannah George, Ann Graffy, Fredda Hodge, Rebecca King, Millie Krisik, Tim Lauer and Solange Mirat donated original works of art. Businesses such as Lefler's Fashion, Salon 7, The Bird's Nest Gallery, and AquaScapes of Arkansas also donated unique items.

Sponsors of the event were FedEx Freight (Gold Sponsor); 1929 Hotel Seville (Silver Sponsor); and First Federal Bank, Harness Roofing, and KW Properties (Bronze Sponsors).

Vive Allen, Jan Badovinac, Mary Bishop, Reece Conrad, Debbie S. George, Rachael Prevatte, Lynn Utaski, and Michael Wood served as the event committee.

About the Ozark Arts Council

The Ozark Arts Council was founded in 1996 as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. The organization owns and operates the historic Lyric Theater, which was built in 1929 by J.W. Bass as a state-of-the-art theater for "talkies". The O.A.C. purchased the Lyric in 1999 and has renovated it with community support.

The O.A.C.'s mission is to enrich lives by promoting the arts in North Arkansas. The O.A.C. provides support to the six member organizations and collaborates with businesses and other organizations to provide year-round cultural and educational opportunities for all ages. The member organizations are the Harrison Art League, The Theatre Company, Buffalo River Concert Association, Northark Drama, 20th Century Club, and Woman's Book Club.

The O.A.C. is funded through its annual membership drive, fundraising activities, grants, and corporate sponsorships. For more information and a schedule of upcoming events please visit www.thelyricharrison.org.

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