THE CENTER
FOR THE ARTS & SCIENCES

2020-2021
MEMBERSHIP SEASON

CELEBRATE IMAGINATION
Brazosport Fine Arts Council (BFAC) is committed to enriching our community by providing cultural and educational experiences for residents and visitors to the Texas Gulf Coast. For over 40 years, we have provided space and services to five vibrant arts and science programs at The Center for the Arts & Sciences. Our facility features an art gallery and studio, museum, planetarium and two venues that host live performances throughout the year.

We invite you to join BFAC. Your paid membership provides beautiful performance, learning and exhibit spaces for our community. Become a member and help us give access to arts and science programs for all to enjoy.
EXPLORE IT.

Ignite your interest in the wonders of nature and history at the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science!

INVESTIGATE ocean life through our seashell collection. PEEK into the lives of prehistoric cultures. EXAMINE an allosaurus, raptors, a megalodon jaw & other favorite fossils. MARVEL at glittering geodes, gemstones & rocks that glow in the dark.
Brazosport Museum of Natural Science was chartered in 1964. BMNS’ programs include exhibits of archeology, paleontology, malacology, minerology, wildlife and an interactive children’s area.

**Museum Events**

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<td>Sunday Science Fun</td>
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<td>Sea Shell Searchers Shell Club</td>
<td>1st Tuesday of the month Sept thru May</td>
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<td>Brazosport Archaeological Society</td>
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**Museum Hours**

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Admission to the museum is free. Visit bmns.org, brazosportcenter.org or call 979.265.7661 for upcoming events and exhibits.

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**Exhibit Halls**

- Mildred Tate Hall of Malacology
- Bryan Cooney Hall of Paleontology
- Raymond Walley Hall of Archaeology
- A.P. Beutel Hall of Minerals
- Hall of Wildlife
SEE IT.

EXPERIENCE high-quality productions at affordable prices without the hassle of big-city traffic and expensive parking.

GET CLOSE to the action in our two performing spaces. There’s not a bad seat in the house!

Invite your friends to enjoy entertaining comedies, dramas and musicals.
Brazosport Center Stages is the oldest continuously operating community theater on the Gulf Coast.

BCS offers live theater productions throughout the year, including at least one family-friendly summer musical. BCS offers educational opportunities for thespians of all ages including youth-oriented theater camps, virtual workshops, senior theater productions and more.

Molly Sweeney
by Brian Friel
AUDITIONS ............... JULY 27-28, 2020
PERFORMANCES .......... SEPTEMBER 18-27, 2020

An Iliad
by Lisa Peterson & Denis O’Hare
AUDITIONS ............... SEPTEMBER 12 & 14, 2020
PERFORMANCES .......... NOVEMBER 6-15, 2020

Sistas, the Musical
by Dorothy Marcic
AUDITIONS ............... DECEMBER 14 & 15, 2020
PERFORMANCES .......... FEBRUARY 19-28, 2021

Brighton Beach Memoirs
by Neil Simon
AUDITIONS ............... MARCH 1-2, 2021
PERFORMANCES .......... APRIL 23 – MAY 2, 2021

Peter Pan
A musical based on the play by Sir J.M. Barrie
AUDITIONS ............... MAY 10-11, 2021
PERFORMANCES .......... JULY 9-18, 2021

Visit brazosportcenter.org or call 979.265.7661 for tickets and audition information. Plays take place at the Dow Arena Theater and the Freeport LNG Theater—both located in The Center for the Arts & Sciences.

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Illuminate your world with color and beauty by visiting the Brazosport Art League gallery and studio!

DREAM IT.
Brazosport Art League showcases twelve annual shows in The Center’s Gallery. Satellite galleries with rotating exhibits are also found throughout the community. League members meet regularly for workshops, demonstrations and classes of all types. Children and teens are inspired and encouraged through workshops, classes, competitions and scholarships.

**GALLERY EVENTS***

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<td>Open Juried Show</td>
<td>August 11 - September 13</td>
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<td>Blood, Sweat &amp; Years featuring Jay Loucks Bill Meek and Jeff Meyers</td>
<td>September 15 – October 18</td>
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<td>Barbara Jannasch &amp; Raymond Burroughs</td>
<td>October 20 – November 15</td>
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<td>Art Market &amp; Silent Auction for Habitat for Humanity</td>
<td>November 17-January 3</td>
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<td>Life Drawing</td>
<td>1st &amp; 3rd Wednesdays 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM</td>
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<td>Teen Studio Time</td>
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<td>Connect (Intro to Art)</td>
<td>3rd Saturday 9:00 AM – NOON</td>
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<td>Kids’ Studio Time</td>
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Check brazosportcenter.org for details.

**Art Shop and Members’ Gallery**
Shop for original art and prints created by our local Brazosport Art League members, including paintings, drawings, coloring books, mosaics and jewelry.

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CELEBRATE
the world of music with the Brazosport Symphony Orchestra in our world-class venue.
IMMERSE yourself in LIVE classical favorites, pop arrangements and world premieres!

HEAR IT.

Immerse yourself in live orchestral music with Brazosport Symphony Orchestra!
Orchestra 2020-21 Season*

Brazosport Symphony Orchestra performs concerts each season at our neighboring facility, The Clarion at Brazosport College, but is based at The Center. Fall 2020 concerts will be held at First Baptist Church Lake Jackson. BSO offers performance and scholarship opportunities for area students.

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October 24, 2020
Music of Friends - A Celebration of Chamber Music, and Simone Marshall
2020 Whit Phillips Memorial Young Artist Competition Winner

December 19, 2020
A Chamber Music Christmas

January 30, 2021
The Killer “B”s
Bach, Barber, Beethoven, Bernstein, Berlioz

March 27, 2021
Fiesta of Talent!
Whit Phillips Memorial Young Artist Concert and Music from Mexico

May 1, 2021
The French Connection
Featuring The Brazosport College Choirs

Faure Requiem
And presenting the winners of the BSO Student Melody Challenge

Visit brazosportcenter.org or call 979.265.7661 for tickets and concert information.
FIND IT.

Imagine an out of this world adventure at the BASF Planetarium!

TOUR

the planets and moons of our solar system. IDENTIFY constellations in the same planetarium as NASA astronauts. JOURNEY to the edge of the universe with your entire family, affordable tickets and new shows every month.
**Brazosport Planetarium** formed in 1984 and presents most of its programs at the BASF Planetarium, located at The Center. Area schools bring students to the BASF Planetarium for enriching science presentations. Summer science camps for elementary grade students are offered.

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<td>Season of Light</td>
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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- Fall Astronomy Day
- Scholastic Bowl
- Spring Astronomy Day

**Planetarium shows** occur every Tuesday & 4th Friday of each month at 7:00 PM. Some shows may take place “virtually” online. Check the website for future show and event dates.

Tickets and show information available at [brazosportcenter.org](http://brazosportcenter.org) or by calling 979.265.7661.

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The BFAC Operating Endowment Fund (OEF) was established in the late 1970s to help support the operating expenses of The Center for the Arts & Sciences. Through diligent stewardship and the contributions of supporters, the OEF currently funds about 25% of our annual operating budget.

All membership, ticketing and workshop revenue goes back into our programs and do not fund the operating expenses of The Center. If you appreciate the value The Center brings to our community, please consider contributing to the OEF. Your generous gift to the fund helps ensure the long-term maintenance and operations of The Center for years to come.

SUPPORT IT.