100th Major Donor: Bauer/Clifton

The New JACC Partnership is eternally grateful for our major endorsers here in Juneau. The expression of local support is not only inspirational but also influential in our small community and across Southeast Alaska. We hope to continue to gain further agency as we strive to achieve our goal together: a NEW center for arts, events, and innovation to support and inspire our Alaskan community for years to come.

Today, we especially thank Jeremy Bauer and Jason Clifton of Bauer/Clifton Interiors (CBI), a successful interior design firm in Juneau that does award-winning work across Alaska, the West Coast, and beyond. They are the 100th supporters of the New JACC project to make a donation in an amount greater than $10,000. Thank you!

Jason expressed his utmost support for an adequate and diverse event space in Southeast Alaska...especially in the context of CBI’s history of working on special events at the JACC and at Centennial Hall, including Wearable Art coming this February.

Jeremy described the New JACC as a key component of solidifying Juneau’s position as the Arts Capital of Alaska, noting that the New JACC would have a strong connection with tourism: close to downtown creating great possibilities for summer visitors and independent travelers year-round.

Jeremy and Jason, together, were particularly excited about the wide, variable potential of the specific design features of the New JACC. Most notably, they inspired us with “out of the box” plans for the Black Box event space. It would be great for weddings and other festive events that could benefit from indoor-outdoor configuration. From their experience, the logistics of hosting events at venues further from downtown are challenging, and a new, purpose-built facility with multiple spaces that can be used simultaneously, like the New JACC, can be a tremendous economic driver. Jason described the Black Box and adjacent courtyard as, “amazing for the community as a whole”... meeting Juneau’s need for a versatile, intimate event space downtown.

“We understand the value of what an adequate venue event space can mean not only for Juneau but for Southeast Alaska as a whole.”
- Jason Clifton
Bauer/Clifton: continued...

Jeremy encouraged us further speaking highly of the JAHC, “Can you imagine not having the arts council in Juneau? It’s such an integral part of the year, and things to look forward to, providing a year-round platform for artists to be presented, and to reach audiences. It’s like the glue within the community. You can always rely on JAHC for information about events of all sorts, not just arts events.”

The New JACC Partnership is extremely grateful to Jeremy and Jason for their generous support of the project, and hopes others will be inspired and follow their lead in supporting the New JACC for the benefit of all of Juneau.

NEW JACC AWARDED $750,000 GRANT

Incredible news! Earlier this year, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) granted $750,000 toward the New JACC: The Infrastructure & Capacity Building Challenge Grant!

The NEH is a federal agency that partners with humanities councils across all states and territories to ensure that all Americans enjoy the benefits of the panoply of fields comprising the humanities...including archaeology, history, languages, literature, philosophy, and religion.

Juneau is the only state capital in the country without a dedicated performing arts center and the New JACC Partnership is thrilled to use this grant to build a new culture center. The Juneau Arts & Humanities Council (JAHC) will operate the New JACC, and is committed to working with several partners including the University of Alaska Southeast, the Juneau School District, Juneau’s Public Libraries, Sealaska Heritage Institute, and others to help all Juneau residents enjoy the fruits of these fields of study.

RADIO QUIZ

October through December, the New JACC conducted an online quiz advertised on the Alaska Broadcast Communications radio station in Juneau. Hundreds of people took the fun nine-question quiz and learned exciting details about the New JACC project!

The names of all those who took the quiz were entered in a drawing for two tickets to the 2019 Wearable Art Extravaganza: Turbulence.

Congratulations to Carol Taylor! Our winner!

THANK YOU ALASKA AIRLINES

The New JACC Partnership thanks Alaska Airlines for their significant support of the JAHC. Their generous contribution will especially benefit the efforts to build the New JACC and enhance its operating capacity when the facility opens. The Alaska Airlines donation will also specifically fund programs that benefit children, which reflect their corporate commitment to educational and artistic opportunities for Alaskan youth.

In addition to cash donations, Alaska Airlines granted a very generous amount of travel credit, which is helping the outreach and fundraising efforts in the New JACC capital campaign.

The NewJACC and JAHC are tremendously grateful to Alaska Airlines, and look forward to a continuing relationship in 2019.
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