



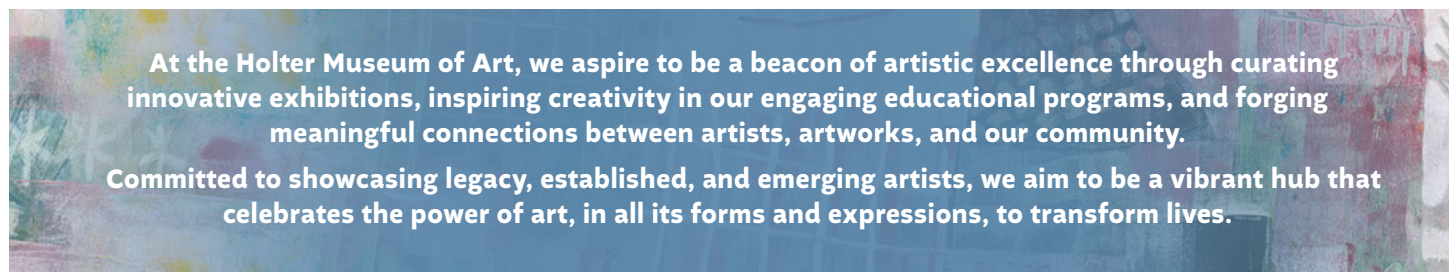
Dear Holter Family, Friends, and Supporters,



The Holter Museum of Art was born from the incredible efforts, time, energy, and generous spirit of a small group of pioneers in the Montana arts and cultural community: Joan and Jeff Holter, William Sherman, Alberta Bair, Jean Baucus, Dick Duffy, and several others who were part of the Helena Arts Council in the '70s and '80s. Thirty-nine years later, the Holter is still here, doubling down on the belief that the arts can transform communities, lives, and even our future. For thirty-nine years, this community has shown up for the Holter. YOU have shown up, and right now, your gift to our Annual Appeal matters as much as it ever has — and perhaps more.

As you may know, the Holter is in the middle of a capital campaign, “Raise the Roof: Protect the Art,” which has raised more than \$140,000. In late spring, we launched this campaign knowing that it was going to take additional support from our donors as well as significant support from grants and larger foundation gifts. We asked our donors to consider giving a supplemental gift for this project in addition to the generous donations they currently give. We feel optimistic about the outcome and have begun the initial work needed to shore up the roof for this winter. We’ve contracted the construction drawings, replaced a defunct HVAC unit, and removed debris and abandoned items in preparation for the parapet and roof work that will come in spring 2027. THANK YOU to those who have given to the capital campaign.

During this time, we haven’t forgotten about the museum’s ongoing needs. Like most nonprofit organizations, our Annual Appeal is critical for supporting our general operations. This past year has been a year of growth, with thanks to funders, donors, and our community. We aim to manage this growth in a responsible and sustainable way while still aligning our actions with our mission and values.



At the Holter Museum of Art, we aspire to be a beacon of artistic excellence through curating innovative exhibitions, inspiring creativity in our engaging educational programs, and forging meaningful connections between artists, artworks, and our community.

Committed to showcasing legacy, established, and emerging artists, we aim to be a vibrant hub that celebrates the power of art, in all its forms and expressions, to transform lives.

Montana ranks near the bottom in public investment for the arts. Even so, the Holter provides thousands of children with creative learning opportunities, offers veterans and other vulnerable people healing and connection through artmaking, and presents exhibitions that spark dialogue, bridge divides, and remind us of our shared humanity. This is what happens when a community decides that ART is not a luxury. **ART is essential.**

THE HOLTER IN FOCUS 2026–2027

EXHIBITIONS AND PERMANENT COLLECTION Thanks to the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, the Holter is guaranteed two years of exhibition support for shows that embody our curatorial theme, “Challenging Stasis.” Across 23 exhibits in 2026 and 2027, the Holter is drawing on the remarkable artwork in our permanent collection, harnessing regional artistic energy, and expanding our curatorial reach with traveling exhibitions.

We are also halfway through the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust Grant period. These funds support our permanent collection work, allowing us to activate our collection mission, accession new work, reengage collection donors, and interpret the rich history and legacy of the arts in our state and region. So much progress has already been made, and the momentum is real. YOU can help us carry it forward.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS This past year, our education programs have grown exponentially! We grew so much so that we added a whole new position to support our education programming, thanks to the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation. After decades of entrusting all education programs to a single staff member, we created

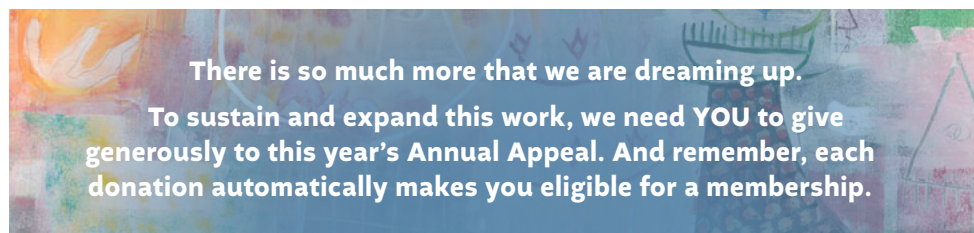
two separate positions that work in tandem: Youth Education Coordinator and Museum Programs/Holter Healing Arts.

Youth education continues to flourish with Adventures in Cardboard, fine arts, STEAM, cooking and baking, and community art programming. We continue to serve thousands of children through field trips with hands-on artmaking workshops, summer camps, afterschool programs, in-school and homeschool residencies, and specialty workshops.

Holter Healing Arts programs have expanded thanks to our foundation partners at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana, MidAmerica Arts Alliance, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Montana Arts Council. We expanded our outreach at Ft. Harrison VA Medical Center, Rocky Mountain Development Center, the YWCA Helena, and St. Peter's Health. Courage to Create, our groundbreaking veterans program, continues to flourish in its second year, supporting creative processes and social connections for our veteran participants.

Museum Programs and Lifelong Learning are also gaining traction each month. Each month you can enjoy Curator Talks, Collection Chats, specialty art workshops, exhibiting artist talks and workshops, and other unique ways to engage with the arts. Thank you to ALL of YOU — our lifelong learners — who make this journey possible.

HOLTER MUSEUM SHOP With more than 80 artists and artisans (and 50 more during Ho-Ho-Holter), the Museum Shop is THE place to shop. But MORE importantly, it is THE place to support Montana's emerging artists and artisans. It is more than a gift shop; it is an opportunity for artists to showcase their artwork to a very supportive audience. When YOU shop here, you are supporting the arts in a big way. This year we brought our museum shop ONLINE so that we can share the talents of our gift shop artists everywhere the internet goes.



When you support the Holter, you're not only nurturing creativity; you are strengthening Montana's civic and cultural fabric. The value of the Holter goes far beyond numerical metrics: It lives in the joy of a child discovering color, the relief of a Veteran finding expression, and the spark of understanding between neighbors who see the world differently yet stand together in the same gallery.

We take our role seriously. We honor our legacy and history while courageously embracing contemporary voices and ideas, even when they challenge us. We serve ALL Montanans, neighbors, and strangers: loyal supporters who have walked with us for years, passionate young advocates who push us to grow, and those who may be wary of change but who understand that the arts must endure for future generations. **The Holter belongs to YOU, and to ALL of us.**

Please renew, increase, or begin your support of the Holter Museum of Art today. Together, we will keep art a force for inspiration, connection, and transformation for everyone who walks through our doors.

With gratitude and hope,
ALL OF US at the HOLTER

Mary Jo Maute, *Homage to Klee*, mixed media, Collection of the Holter Museum of Art, gift of Miriam Sample

How Does My Donation Help?

To sustain and expand the museum's vital programs, we ask supporters like you to consider giving generously during our Annual Appeal fundraising campaign.

\$50

Provides art supplies for a class or to patients in the Holter Healing Arts program

\$100

Provides art supplies and materials for one Summer Camp

\$150

Provides our free teen groups with supplies, snacks, and access to engaging workshops

\$200

Provides a FREE museum admission day for ALL

\$250

Provides scholarships for a student in our education program

\$500

Provides archival supplies and materials for our Permanent Collections

\$1000

Provides for transportation of exhibition artwork

\$2500

Provides for ONE Artists-In-Residence program (8 weeks long) at a Helena elementary school

\$5000

Provides artist support and exhibition expenses for ONE exhibition

Give Today

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