

# ARCADIA PROJECT

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## Arcadia Project Receives \$15K Grant...



...our 9th consecutive year receiving a grant from the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge!

Distributed over the next three years, this grant will assist us in continuing our work of creating vibrant spaces for people to connect through the arts. Many thanks to Arcadia Project Board Member Cassandra Baber, and volunteer extraordinaire Martha Lappin for representing us at the ceremony!



Arcadia Project Board Member Cassandra Baber (under the heart) pictured with other Arts & Culture awardees.

At its June 3 Grantee Celebration, the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge awarded more than \$600,000 to 146 local nonprofits!

We are honored to be among the organizations supported by CFCBR. We firmly believe that a rising tide lifts all ships, and we're excited to see the many ways these grants will strengthen our communities and enhance quality of life throughout the region. We encourage you to explore the full list of grantees, [linked here](#), and learn more about the incredible work happening across the Central Blue Ridge.

## Presale Tickets: Honey Dewdrops Benefit Concert... Available through Friday, June 26, 2026

The ARCADIA Presents! concert series is in full swing, and we couldn't be more excited! **Hosting these concerts reminds us why we're renovating the building in the first place:** to bring to life a space for folks to connect through meaningful experiences with the arts. As we wait for the paint to dry (ha - we're still a little ways off from that step!), these events give us a chance to start bringing that mission to life.



With that in mind, we invite you to join us for a special ARCADIA Presents! benefit concert featuring The Honey Dewdrops on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30) at Trinity Church. *The performance will run approximately 90 minutes with no intermission.*

### Ticket Information:

- Presale: \$25 /per person, through Friday June 26 - [online ticket link here](#)
- Door: \$30 /per person, cash and card accepted

Proceeds will support ongoing construction costs.

After the concert, continue the evening at Ciders from Mars (121 S. Lewis Street) for a lively after-party. Concert attendees will receive 10% off draft ciders with their ticket. You'll also have the opportunity to meet the musicians and chat with Arcadia Project board members about the exciting renovation work underway.

## Extra, extra, read all about us...

...Arcadia Project's newsworthy events are stacking up!

We're blushing, y'all!

Over the past few weeks, we've received some wonderful press highlighting the 2026 ARCADIA Presents! concert series, the ongoing renovation of the historic theater building, and our campaign to name the future movie theater in honor of Billy Haines.

As word spreads about the Arcadia Project near and far, we're excited to connect with more people who share our belief in the power of culture, creativity, and community. Every story published helps introduce new audiences to our mission and brings us one step closer to creating a vibrant space where people can gather, learn, and be inspired.

Click the pictures or links below:

**Staubton arts scene heats up with new exhibits and music**

*Matthew Condie*  
Executive Director

June 10, 2026, 10:00 AM EDT

**'Echoes of the Lens' exhibit at Staubton Augusta Art Center**

PHOTOGRAPHY

"Echoes of the Lens" brings together work by Sally Mann, Paul Strand, Imogen Cunningham, Ernest Cowley, and Ralph Eugene Meatyard, among others, in a focused presentation of artists who have fundamentally shaped the evolution of photography. Spanning generations and distinct artistic

- [Newsleader: Round-up of local arts programming](#) (paywalled)

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**Arcadia Project working to re-open historic Staubton theater by next year**

*WMAZ-TV*

WMAZ-TV, Staunton, VA

June 10, 2026, 10:00 AM EDT

- [WMRA: All Things Considered Radio Spot highlighting work on the building](#)

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**Gay 1920s-era Hollywood star to be honored in Staubton, Va.**

*Washington Blade*

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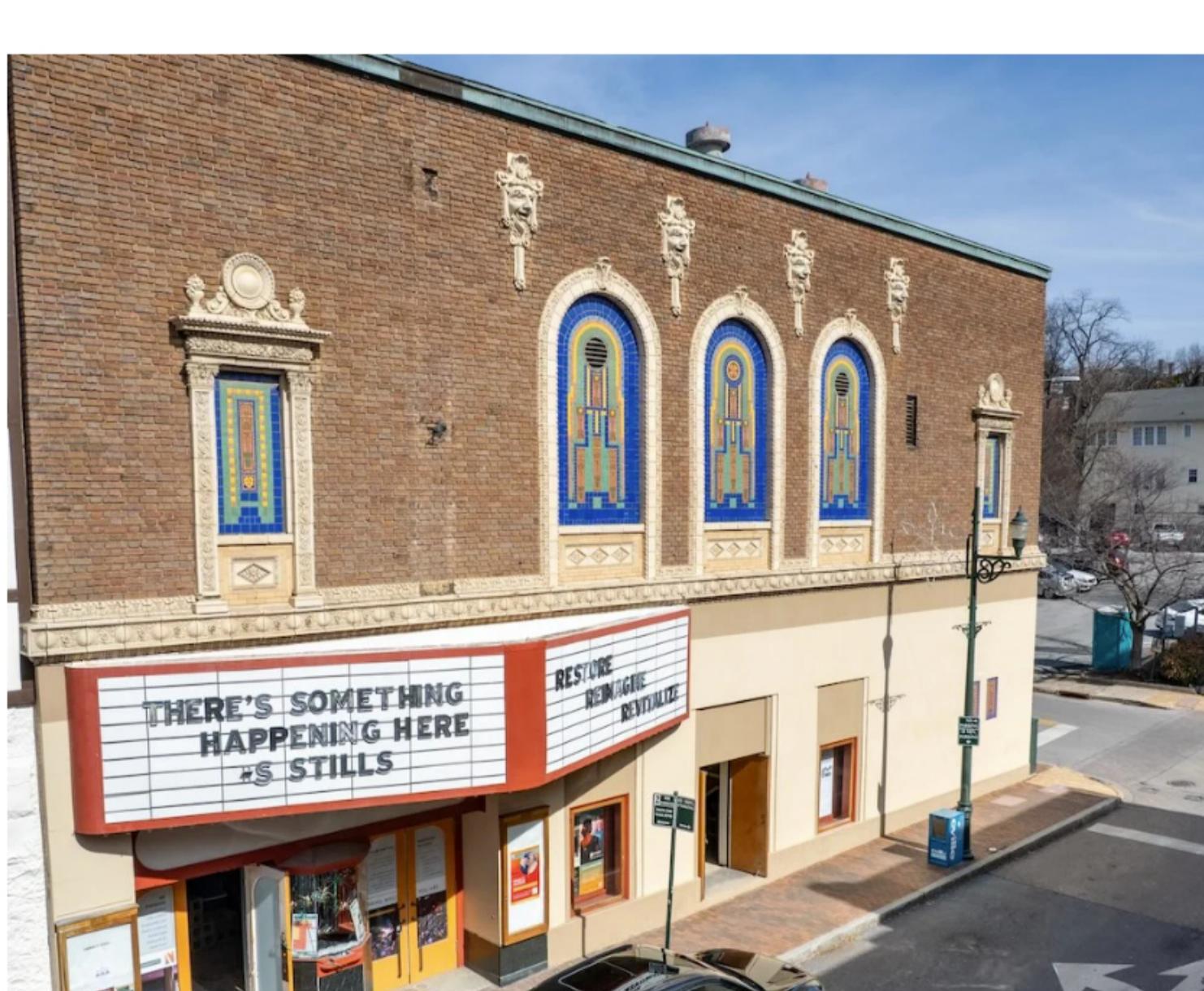
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- [Washington Blade: Gay 1920s-era Hollywood star to be honored in Staubton, VA](#)

## Share our crowdfunding campaign!

Want to amplify our message about our Billy Haines Legacy Circle [crowdfunding campaign](#)? We can add you as a "fundraising partner" – this is the key to making these grass roots fundraisers go viral. Becoming a partner is easy, and we're happy to provide support for those who wish to help get the word out! Send an email to [kate@thearcadiaproject.org](mailto:kate@thearcadiaproject.org) and she will set you up! You will receive an invitation from Arcadia Project (no-reply@givebuttr.com) to initiate the process.

Sharing our posts on [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#) are also incredible helpful! Adding a like ❤️, comment 💬, and share 🔄 the posts on your social media pages get the word to others about what we are doing, sharing our story with a wider audience! We can't thank you enough!



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Have questions? Either respond to this email or write us at [info@thearcadiaproject.org](mailto:info@thearcadiaproject.org)

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