The Art of Teaching

At the heart of Ryman Arts’ success over 25 years is the consistent high quality of the program built on our commitment to excellent teaching.

Fifteen artists teach at the two campuses. All are phenomenal teachers. An endowment gift made ten years ago by the Sharon D. Lund Foundation partially underwrites them and an annual award for teaching excellence.

Education Manager Rebecca Tuyzman notes, “Faculty and students here form a relationship different from the traditional dynamic. Teachers take a genuine interest in the students as people and artists. Without any pressure of tests or grades, teachers can focus on individual artistic development. Our faculty are often the first professional artists our students ever meet. Ryman Arts is an artistic oasis from the sometimes harsh reality of high school. Relationships are formed here that last long past the end of the school year.”

One way we support faculty is through the annual Sharon D. Lund Master Teaching award. It is named in honor of one of our co-founders and provides an annual $2,500 stipend to one of our part-time faculty to pursue a professional development project of his or her choosing. Projects have included traveling to study art in Italy, doing research for a graphic novel, taking intensive studio classes in a specialty area, and working in Japan on an international exhibition.

The first award recipient David Schoffman, reflected, “I am a better teacher, a more accomplished artist and a more nuanced thinker since making my pilgrimage to Italy ten years ago. Ryman Arts’ dedication to excellence is not limited to its students. Each year one of our teachers is given the opportunity to pop their own hood and change their tired oil. This humbling and invigorating enterprise is unique.”

Teens—even those with talent and motivation—need a guiding hand to navigate the challenging journey to adulthood and a life in the arts. An extraordinary teacher can make all the difference. We are grateful to our fine faculty, and to supporters like the Sharon D. Lund Foundation who share our commitment to excellence.
Creative Industry Leaders Support Young Artists

This spring began with two events highlighting the tremendous support of influential creatives.

On April 19, Ryman Arts celebrated our 25th Anniversary at Power Up presented by The Edison and honored Co-Founders and Disney Legend Marty and Leah Sklar for their 25 years of visionary leadership. Actress Jill Whelan energized the crowd as emcee for the evening. Event Co-Chairs Barbara Jacobs and Jeff Ganter welcomed guests with Ryman Arts President Wayne Hunt. Walt Disney Imagineering Chief Creative Executive Bruce Vaughn led the tribute to Marty and Leah.

Guests were moved by our premiere of the Ryman Arts 25th Anniversary video and heartfelt testimonial by recent graduate Martha Fernandez and her mother Marlene. Entertainment included aerialists, tap dancers, stilt walkers, alumni sketch artists, and the sounds of Bluez Express.

Just a few weeks later, on May 9, our gallery friends from three top Laguna Beach Galleries—Sue Greenwood, Carla Tesak and Michael and Kelsey Irvin teamed up for The Amazing Steals Art Auction held at saltfineart in Laguna Beach. Auctioneer Mark Thomas led the lively bidding. With drinks provided by Jon Madison and gourmet pizza from The Wine Gallery, this year’s Amazing Steals was our most successful to date.

Thank you to all of our friends and supporters for joining us this spring to celebrate Ryman Arts!

Leadership Changes on our 25th Anniversary

The Ryman Arts Board of Directors recently elected a new slate of officers to lead us into the future, including a new President, Wayne Hunt.

Throughout our first 25 years, Marty Sklar has been an inspirational leader and served as President for most of that time. He and his wife, Leah, along with Sharon Disney Lund, Lucille Ryman Carroll and Buzz and Anne Price, founded Ryman Arts to educate young artists while honoring the legacy of artist Herbert D. Ryman.

Newly-elected Board President Wayne Hunt said, “We are especially grateful to Marty and Leah Sklar for their vision and leadership, creating a legacy we will continue to build upon. The tremendous momentum built over 25 years, along with our powerhouse Board and strong staff, promises a bright future.” Wayne Hunt has served on the Board of Ryman Arts since 2006. He founded Hunt Design in 1977 and is an Adjunct Professor at Art Center College of Design.

Marty Sklar said, “I am so pleased that Wayne Hunt has agreed to become our new President and lead us as we embark on ‘the next 25.’ I have worked with Wayne professionally and as a member of our Board Executive Committee. I know he will be the energetic, thoughtful and skilled leader who will take Ryman Arts into even greater service to the talented youth of Southern California.”
Letter from Diane

Transitions
Recently we moved our Ryman Arts office. After almost twenty years in the same cramped location, we were ready for a change. We needed more space, we wanted to be more accessible for students and alumni, and we wanted more options for collaboration. We are thrilled with our new location at Maker City LA, a hub of creative enterprises and co-working spaces at The Reef on the corner of Washington Blvd. and Broadway in South Los Angeles.

However, the transition has been a bit unsettling as we adjust. A few times on the drive to work, I made a left turn off the freeway towards our old office, rather than a right turn. Colleagues’ voices on the phone echo in the open space with concrete floors; catching a snippet of conversation causes momentary distraction. Unpacking files, I find a typed memo from the 1990s with handwritten notes from my predecessor Marshall Ayers, and reflect on our early history. Strangers wander in, curious about what Ryman Arts is, and we each share what we do. These interruptions force us to reconsider how we work, creating new relationships and patterns.

This fresh start is also rejuvenating. Our furniture arrived last week (thank you Ahmanson Foundation!) and we are settling in day by day. One of our newest colleagues, Ana Garcia, no longer has a makeshift work surface, but a real desk along with everyone else. We are pleased to present a much more professional home for Ryman Arts. At age 25, we are growing up!

As disorientation gives way to ease in our new space, I reflect on the value of transitions. Disruption can be unsettling at first, but exciting new possibilities await us. Your steadfast support gives us the confidence to keep growing.

Thank you and come visit!

Diane Brigham
Executive Director
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In partnership with L.A. Children’s Museum, the “Herbert D. Ryman Living Masters Program” begins with one class of 12 students in a warehouse studio shared with Inner-City Arts. Later, the program moves to the Otis-Parsons campus in MacArthur Park.

University of Southern California School of Fine Arts Dean Ruth Weissberg offers USC studios as a new home for the classes.

Shane Prigmore graduates from the “Living Masters Program.” Today, Shane is a successful animator whose credits include Coraline and How to Train Your Dragon.

Endowment is established.

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A Brush with Disney featuring commercial and fine artwork of artist Herbert D. Ryman is published.

Diane Brigham becomes new Executive Director.

The first National Endowment for the Arts Artworks grant is received.

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Ryman-Cardillo Foundation launches Ryman Arts as its new name with a graphic identity by alumnus, Insung Kim from Hunt Design.

Ryman Arts Alumni Association elects first leadership board, Oscar Magalhaes (Ryman ‘93) becomes the first Alumni Representative on the Ryman Arts Board of Directors.

UP TO $499 continued

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Willard Reese
Marsha & Ace Remas
Catherine Ritenour
Kathleen Robinson
Jeff Rosen
Chris R. Runco
Nick Runear
Michelle Ruvalo-Jones
Debbie Saale
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Susan Zavala
Rosalie Zwain

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STUDENT
Gary Raskin & Mary Devlin
IN HONOR OF TONY BAXTER
Chapter at the Park of Disneyana
Fan Club

2010
Ryman Arts holds Inaugural Big Draw LA - a month long celebration of drawing.

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Animation Research Library
Knott's Berry Farm
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Ten Years of Sharon D. Lund Master Teaching Artists

2006: David Schoffman
Study trip to Italy

2007: Robin Palanker
Master classes in technique

2008: Lauren Richardson
Create digital resources for teaching and purchase related equipment

2009: Malaika Zweig (Latty)
Study Spanish

2010: Chuck Huang
Travel to study Vermeer

2011: Holly Boruck
Artist residency in the Czech Republic

2012: Carolyn Castaño
Research travel in Mexico City

2013: Marc Kompaneeyts
Travel to Greece to do research for a graphic novel on mythology

2014: Ichiro Irie
Travel to Japan to collaborate on an exhibition

2015: TBA

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July 15: Disneyana Fundraising Dinner
July 18: Student Exhibition at CAAM Closing
August 22: Semester Begins at California State University, Fullerton
September 13: Semester Begins at Otis College of Art & Design

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