The Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association (CAA) is a 501(C)3 non-profit formed in February 2001 to address the need for a cultural commission in the rapidly growing community of Highlands Ranch. The CAA provides a central organization from which educational, artistic, musical, theatrical, and dance events are provided to the over 97,000 Highlands Ranch residents and surrounding communities. The CAA produces its own events and also collaborates with and assists other organizations in producing events whose primary purpose is to enlighten and entertain the public.

Events
In 2018, the Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association (CAA) was thrilled to offer an eclectic slate of 37 exciting events to the residents of Highlands Ranch and surrounding communities, support arts programs, outdoor education, and subsidize the Douglas County Art Encounters program. The CAA calendar of events have become recognized as staples in Highlands Ranch for everyone from children to seniors alike. Low-cost programs including the Winter Cultural Series, Highlands Ranch Days, Nutcracker Highlights, and Classical Music Series; free events such as the Classic Car Show, Oktoberfest, Summer Concert Series and Culture on the Green Series, and July 4th Concerts; educational programs like Hooked on Fishing and Ladies’ Fishing on the Fly; and entertaining programs like Family Magic Show, Comedy Night, and Jazz at the Mansion offer people in Highlands Ranch and the surrounding areas access to high quality cultural programming close to home and in a family-friendly environment.

Public Art
For the eleventh year, the CAA participated in Art Encounters and placed eight outdoor sculptures in Highlands Ranch. The CAA continued the use of the Otocast mobile app, which provides narrated audio guides and pictures to increase engagement with the art and encourage people to explore and discover the art in a new way.

The Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) supports cultural events and programs in Highlands Ranch through a generous grant. A penny sales tax on every $10 purchase within the seven county region (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson counties) supports nearly 300 institutions that provide unique cultural and scientific experiences for millions of people each year. Learn more about the SCFD at www.scfd.org.

Art & Education Programs
In 2018, the Highlands Ranch Community Association offered over 410 art and education classes that were supported by the CAA. These art, pottery, dance, drama, and music classes allow people of all ages to explore their creativity. Classes start at age 2½ and continue to adult. Special classes targeted to the home-school population help fulfill school district requirements as well as provide an opportunity for these students to connect with one another.

Senior Engagement
The CAA has partnered with Encore Creativity to produce the Highlands Ranch Encore Chorale for those 55 years of age and older. The group has grown to 116 members and in 2018 held two performances for the community that drew over 2,000 attendees. Art, dance, and pottery classes targeted for the senior audience have been popular as well.

Backcountry Wilderness Area
The CAA continues to support science-based education in HRCA’s Backcountry Wilderness Area, providing kids the opportunity to learn about a variety of ecosystems and habitats, experience live animal encounters, interact with wildlife, and express themselves creatively. CAA supported summer camps and programs, including those that allows kids the chance to participate in an age-appropriate, hands-on nature program that offers education on wildlife, plants, geology, and outdoor safety.
**Therapeutic Recreation**
The CAA has placed a strong focus on diversifying events and programs to ensure that all attendees feel welcome and accommodated. With this in mind, the CAA has increased support of the Therapeutic Recreation (TR) Department to be more inclusive of families with special needs. In addition to funding the entertainment for TR’s Halloween “Spooktacular” Dance. The CAA has also started adapting large community events for special needs families so that they can experience events in a way that meets their needs. At Highlands Ranch Days, the CAA created a space at the event for special needs families to access refreshments and food, as well as get out of the heat and to prevent sensory overload. The CAA was thrilled to offer four sensory-friendly cultural events in 2018 including a Princess Tea, Hooked on Fishing, Highlands Ranch Days, and Nutcracker Highlights, and plan to work with the Colorado Ballet in 2019 to produce a sensory friendly performance.

**Colorado Gives Day**
For the third year, the CAA participated in Colorado Gives Day, an annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. The CAA was thrilled to increase the numbers of donors for 2018 by 63 percent and the contribution total by 48 percent!
Donate to the Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association to ensure that a plethora of cultural programs continue to educate and stimulate our community’s interest and passions. The Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association (CAA) is supported in part by Community Partner donations, ticket sales, and the Scientific and Cultural Faculties District (SCFD). Your tax deductible contribution to the CAA makes it possible to provide first-class cultural performances to enlighten and entertain the public.

For more information and to see how you can make a difference in the cultural experiences in your community, please visit www.HRCAonline.org/CAA.

Join us for these exciting 2019 events

**Art Encounters**
- **Outdoor Sculptures**
  - June 2019 - May 2020

**Winter Cultural Series**
- Jan. 10 - Lamont Jazz Orchestra
- Jan. 24 - Ballet Ariel
- Feb. 7 - Denver & District Pipe Band
- Feb. 21 - Opera Colorado

**Cultural Shows**
- Family Magic Show - Jan. 18
- Chinese New Year - Feb. 2
- Comedy Night - March 8
- Fiesta For All - Mar. 20
- Dueling Pianos - April 5
- Curtain Call at the Mansion - Nov. 7
- Nutcracker Highlights - Nov. 16

**Educational Fishing Events**
- Hooked on Fishing - May 18
- Ladies' Fishing on the Fly - Aug. 30

**Culture on the Green Series**
- May 25, June 28, July 26

**Summer Concert Series**
- June 6, 13, 20, 27
- July 4, 11, 18, 25

**Classic Car Show**
- June 8

**July 4th Concerts**
- July 4

**Jazz at the Mansion**
- Aug. 24

**Summer's Sunset Concert**
- Aug. 24

**Highlands Ranch Days**
- Sept. 5, 6, 7

**Oktoberfest**
- Sept. 21

**Classical Music Series**