

NCAC Meeting
November 5, 2025
Newnan City Hall

The November 5, 2025 meeting of the Newnan Cultural Arts Commission (NCAC) met at the City of Newnan, Council Chambers, with Chair Jaami Rutledge presiding. The meeting began at to order at 12:03 p.m. with the following members present:

Bette Hickman

Bob McKoon

Jaami Rutledge, Chair

Mak Strickland

Gabby White, Secretary

Elizabeth Williams

Nora Ann Wood, Vice Chair

Brent Snodgrass, City Leisure Services Director

Madeline Sain, Wadsworth Auditorium Events Coordinator

Dr. Ronnie Oliver, Wadsworth Concert Director

Phyllis Graham, guest and former Chair of the NCAC

The chair welcomed the attendees. The minutes of the October 1, 2025 meeting were approved with a correction and will be filed. The minutes of the October 15, 2025 proposal meeting were approved as presented and will be filed.

Vice Chair Report: No report

Chair Report: Notes to come throughout. No financial changes.

Continuing Business:

Wadsworth Tribute Concert: 3/7/26

Subcommittee met on 11/4. Steinway piano will be available to use. Commission is just responsible for moving and insurance fees. Dr. Oliver presented a tentative program. Jaami has been in touch with Rebecca regarding invitation/travel arrangements. Currently a 3 show bundle available for purchase for \$75. Individual tickets will be for sale starting at a future date for \$40. Nora Ann is working on getting contact information for former Patrons of the Wadsworth to send notice of the event. If any contact info is known, please send to Nora Ann by 11/21. Bette has former students who like to prepare a physical storyboard to have in the lobby and prepare a live painting at no cost to the Commission. Commission would be sure to acknowledge artists in the program. Bette will put artists in contact with Madeline. Possibly use Newnan Youth Council as volunteers for event. Phyllis will be acting as a point of contact with Bette's former students while she is out of the country.

Newnan Songwriters Festival: 1/30/26 - 1/31/26

Tickets are \$40 for access to all concerts on both days. Madeline and subcommittee are working on picking artists and slotting them at locations/times. Looking to diversify artists. Artist application deadline is 11/30. Friday - Kris Youmans will open and Kevin Kinney is the headliner. Saturday - Doug Kees and John Husley will open and Adam Wright is the headliner. Madeline has a contact who puts stories to music and is looking at having them possibly perform Saturday morning at the regularly scheduled storytime at the bookstore for the younger audience.

Peach State Opera: 2/14/26

Tickets are \$15. Confirmed and contract signed. In need of 14 dancers. Joe Arnotti has contacted Kyle Khan. Still need to find dancers. Also need highschool choir members for final song of the opera.

Caring Communities Foundation Approval:

City has approved and will cut the \$5,000 to open the account. Commission will be able to open donations soon.

2026/2027 Season Updates:

Jaami has a draft schedule from events voted on at the October 15th meeting. Jaami will draft a memo that the commission can sign and send to the City Council Members along with a rack card to encourage support of next season's calendar.

Make More Music Foundation - instead of monetary donation, possibly auction/raffle live art piece created at the Wadsworth and split the proceeds between the commission and Make More Music Foundation.

New Business:

GA Presenters Fall Meeting “Fundraising 101” Presentation

Madeline presented some highlights she learned from this meeting. Will plan to give a full presentation once the meeting is back in a room to accommodate.

Rack card mock up presented. Look into tshirt/merch options.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:26p.m.

Next regular meeting: December 3, 2025, Newnan City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, noon – 1p.m.

Gabby White
Secretary, 2025