



## **CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION**

**Tuesday, May 27, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

109 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas 75457

*Our mission: to provide effective and fiscally responsible municipal services in a manner which promotes our high standard of community life.*

*Vision Statement Mount Vernon is a caring community committed to excellence and quality of life, aspiring to be the community of choice for ourselves, our children, and future generations – beautiful, clean, vibrant, and safe. We will strive to preserve our heritage, our friendly hometown atmosphere, and celebrate the diversity of all our citizens.*

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### **AGENDA**

#### **Notice of possible quorum**

The members of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon will gather at the Water Treatment Plant located at 408 FM 115, Mount Vernon, TX starting at 5:00 pm for the purpose of touring the water treatment plant to see completed renovations.

**Call to order and announce a quorum is present at City Hall 109 N Kaufman Street Mt Vernon at 6pm**

#### **Invocation and Pledges**

#### **Swearing-in Ceremony**

Swear-in re-elected Council members, Mark Huddleston.

#### **Citizen Participation (3 minutes)**

The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Council from responding to any comments other than to refer the matter to a future agenda, to an existing policy, or to a staff person with specific information. Claims against the City, Council Members, or employees, as well as individual personnel appeals are not appropriate for citizens' forum.

#### **Items to be Considered:**

1. Consider and act upon appointment of Mayor Pro Tem. (one year term)
2. Consider and act upon approval of 2024-2025 Audit. Presented by Mike Ward.

#### **Discussion Items HOT Fund applications**

3. HOT FUND REQUEST APPLICATIONS 2025-2026 BUDGET

#### **Presiding Officer to Adjourn the City Council Meeting**

#### **Notes to the Agenda:**

Items marked with an \* are consent items considered to be non-controversial and will be voted on in one motion unless a council member asks for separate discussion.

The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this Agenda except for discussion-only items.

The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session under Sections 551.071/551.074 – of the Texas Open Meetings Act concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact the City Secretary at 903-537-2252 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I do hereby certify that this Public Meeting Notice was posted on the outside bulletin board, at the front entrance of City Hall located at 109 N Kaufman St., Mount Vernon, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on the following date and time:

**Posted May 23, 2025 by 4:00 p.m. and remained so posted at least 72 hours before said meeting was convened.**

Kathy Lovier, City Secretary

***NOTE:*** The City of Mount Vernon, Texas meets regularly on the second Monday night of each month at 6:00 p.m. The Council follows a printed Agenda for official action. ***Any individual desiring official action should submit his/her request to the office of the City Manager not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the Council Meeting.***

/s/ Kathy Lovier Johnson  
Kathy Lovier Johnson, City Secretary



## Application for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds

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<b>Organization Name</b>	
Rotary Club of Mount Vernon	
<b>Point of Contact</b>	<b>Contact Phone</b>
Pat Wright	903-537-4241
<b>Contact Email</b>	
Wright.patricia46@gmail.com	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Date</b>
Tour de Cypress Bike Ride	April 18, 2026
<b>Project Description (if necessary additional information may be attached)</b>	
<p>Tour de Cypress was organized to attract visitors to Franklin County to discover nature, our community and visit our overnight accommodations, shops, and restaurants. Money earned with the bike tour goes directly back into lunches of love, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Dictionaries for Third Graders, Academic Banquet, and other Rotary youth and civic programs.</p> <p>It is a tour, not a race, and is conducted on the third Saturday of April every year. It has traditionally attracted up to 300 riders. The visitors are treated to a ride through Franklin County and across Lake Cypress Springs in the springtime. Most of the riders come from the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Registration opens online on <b>January 1</b>.</p>	
<b>Estimated Project Attendance</b>	<b>Estimated Overnight Stays in Mount Vernon</b>
350	125

Project Category (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Convention and Visitors Centers	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Restoration and Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Convention Registration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sporting Events
<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising the City	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourist Transportation Systems
<input type="checkbox"/> Promotion of the Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Signage Directing the Public to Sites and Attractions
Amount Requested <b>\$6500</b>	

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Pat Wright  
Applicant Signature

Pat Wright  
Applicant Printed Name

Rotary Club of Mount Vernon  
Applicant Organization

May 8, 2025  
Date of Application Submission

Company	Description	Cost	Total
JOTS	Toilets	4000.00	4000.00
Assorted companies	Lunch for riders	1400.00	5400.00
Just Sayin	T-shirts	3000.00	8400.00
Just Sayin	Signs, banners,	1500.00	9900.00
Amazon	Custom canopy	300.00	10200.00
Echo Printing	Tract cards,	500.00	10700.00
Map printing	Maps	250.00	10950.00
5S Tents	tent rental	1000.00	11950.00
Sam's Brookshire's	Food, etc for reststops	1000.00	12950.00
Just Sayin	Posters	80.00	13030.00



## APPLICATION FOR HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS

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<b>Organization Name</b>	
THE ALAMO MISSION MUSEUM OF FRANKLIN COUNTY a 501 © 3 non-profit	EIN: 90-018-4247 Federal Number
<b>Point of Contact</b>	<b>Contact Phone</b>
Tiffany Aguilar	903 243-7962
<b>Contact Email</b>	
<a href="mailto:t.c.aguilar@aol.com">t.c.aguilar@aol.com</a>	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Date</b>
OPERATING and MAINTAINING A HISTORICAL MUSEUM WHILE EXHIBITING EDUCATIONAL ARCHIVES, PROMOTING THE ARTS AND HISTORICAL PROPERTIES THROUGH SIGNAGE and BROCHURES and SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTING THE CITY OF MT. VERNON	365 DAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
<b>Project Description (if necessary additional information may be attached)</b>	
A TWO FOLD PROJECT: The maintenance and repairs of the 7 Alamo buildings preserving local Texas archives and treasured artifacts displayed upon demand for travelers to Mt. Vernon, for example, many of whom never realized Texas had over 2,000 pirates, demand expansion and occasional repairs. The historical displays often need maintenance and upgrading as newly acquired items and information flow in, for example, the exciting findings during Mayor Hyman's remodeling.	
According to Justin Bageil, May 19 during his visit to the City, The Alamo Museum, at large within the County, and serving both the City children and adults, qualifies for CITY HOT FUNDS. Any question contact THE TEXAS HOTEL & LODGING ASSOCIATION in Austin, Texas. We look forward to your consideration in this matter.	

ESTIMATED PROJECT ATTENDANCE  
600 – 1,000 THROUGH THE YEAR WITH EVENTS AND TOURS;  
ALSO WEDDING GUESTS, slowed since pandemic

UNLIMITED OVERNIGHT STAYS with annual events with musicians performing at night and also including destination weddings having brought in as many as 120 documented guests

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Convention and Visitors Centers<br><input type="checkbox"/> Convention Registration<br><input type="checkbox"/> Advertising the City<br><input type="checkbox"/> Promotion of the Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Restoration and Preservation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sporting Events<br><input type="checkbox"/> Tourist Transportation Systems<br><input type="checkbox"/> Signage Directing the Public to Sites and Attractions |
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Amount Requested	<b>\$4,100.00</b>
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1.Amount requested (\$ 700 advertising expenses) to pay for advertising, solicitations, promotion programs to attract tourist and convention delegates or registrants. SIGNAGE , NEWSPAPER ADS, FLYERS, BROCHURES, ETC

2.Amount requested: \$ 2,100 for promotion of the arts including a number of musical performances on our 32 foot outdoor stage being planned including entertainer Dale Cummings scheduled again for this fall. Many artists have out of town admirers who follow them..this includes advertising also.

3.Amount requested: \$1,300 for historical restoration and preservation including additional displays being prepared on a regular basis and the props needed such as showcases, shelves, frames, etc.

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Applicant Signature

Tiffany Aguilar

Applicant Printed Name

Alamo Mission Museum

Applicant Organization

05/19/2025

Date of Applicant Submission





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Organization Name	
SRS Auction Services	
Point of Contact	Contact Phone
Joe D Stanley	903 439 9013 or 903 632 5458
Contact Email	
srsauctionse@yahoo.com	
Project Name	Project Date
Auctions in Mt. Vernon TX	Throughout the Year
Project Description (if necessary additional information may be attached)	
We have a number of different type of auctions throughout a year that we advertise in many different ways to bring people to Mt. Vernon, TX! We do a monthly mailout, magazines, newspapers, social media & so much more. All Advertising is very expensive so we greatly appreciate these funds to help advertise these events to bring people to this community	
Estimated Project Attendance	Estimated Overnight Stays in Mount Vernon
300 per auction	10 per auction

Thanks



Project Category (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Convention and Visitors Centers	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Restoration and Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Convention Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Sporting Events
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advertising the City	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourist Transportation Systems
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Amount Requested	

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Applicant Signature

Joe D Stanley  
Applicant Printed Name

SRS Auction Services  
Applicant Organization

5-7-25  
Date of Application Submission



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Organization Name	
Franklin County Youth	
Point of Contact	Contact Phone
Kayla Gentry	9034406206
Contact Email	
fcybsa25@gmail.com	
Project Name	Project Date
Project Description (if necessary additional information may be attached)	
Coders - \$3,000      rental equipment labor - \$5,000.00 Scoreboards - \$10,000 Drying agent for field - \$1,500 Trailer - \$2,000 Turface in bags - to fill in as needed - \$1500.00 All of this is needed to maintain and up keep the facility.	
Estimated Project Attendance	Estimated Overnight Stays in Mount Vernon
55 teams per tournament 2 tournaments 12 children per team	travel from all over Texas and some from Oklahoma. - will stay in SS, MP, Paris

Project Category (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Convention and Visitors Centers	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Restoration and Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Convention Registration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sporting Events
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Amount Requested	

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Kayla Gentry  
Applicant Signature

Kayla Gentry  
Applicant Printed Name

Franklin County Youth Baseball  
Applicant Organization

5/21/25  
Date of Application Submission



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Organization Name	
Franklin County Chamber of Commerce	
Point of Contact	Contact Phone
April Bardwell	9032042546
Contact Email	
chambermvtx@gmail.com	
Project Name	Project Date
Franklin County Chamber Expenses	2024-2025
Project Description (if necessary additional information may be attached)	
See Attached	
Estimated Project Attendance	Estimated Overnight Stays in Mount Vernon

Project Category (check all that apply)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Convention and Visitors Centers	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Restoration and Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Convention Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Sporting Events
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Amount Requested <b>\$5000</b>	

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April B  
Applicant Signature

April Bardwell  
Applicant Printed Name

Franklin County Chamber  
Applicant Organization

5/7/25  
Date of Application Submission

# FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Selected	Date	Type	No.	Payee	Category	Total	Attachments	Action
	12/11/2024	Check	4140	Boeckman and Associates	Taxes & Licenses	\$550.00		
	10/29/2024	Check		Mason Shipp	Stew Expenses	\$300.00		
	10/29/2024	Check	4129	Karen Powers	Stew Expenses	\$200.00		
	10/17/2024	Check	4128	Dorner, Landon	Stew Expenses	\$300.00		
	10/16/2024	Check		William Foster	Gun Drawing	\$1,202.00		
	10/11/2024	Check	4132	William Foster	--Split--	\$1,202.00		
	09/05/2024	Check	4121	First United Methodist Church	--Split--	\$375.00		
	09/03/2024	Check	4120	Key Club	Sponsorship	\$100.00		
	08/29/2024	Check	0243	Texas A&M University-Commerce	Scholarship	\$1,000.00		
	08/29/2024	Check	4115	NTCC	Scholarship	\$1,000.00		
	08/29/2024	Check	4112	University Of Oklahoma	Scholarship	\$500.00		
	08/29/2024	Check	4111	Texas A&M University-Commerce	Scholarship	\$500.00		
	08/29/2024	Check	0242	University Of Oklahoma	Scholarship	\$1,000.00		
	08/28/2024	Check	4113	Boeckman and Associates	Professional Services	\$195.00		
	08/07/2024	Check			Payroll Wage Expenses	\$89.82		
	07/09/2024	Check	4098	American Legion Auxiliary Unit 243	Charitable	\$500.00		



Selected	Date	Type	No.	Payee	Category	Total	Attachments	Action
	06/04/2024	Check	4090	Ashley Carl	Miss Mt Vernon Expenses	\$100.00		
	06/03/2024	Check	4089	Jana Cook	Miss Mt Vernon Expenses	\$100.00		
	05/29/2024	Check	4088		Miss Mt Vernon Expenses	\$100.00		
	04/26/2024	Check	4085	Ashley Trantham	LOT Expense	\$200.00		
	04/08/2024	Check	4075	H5 BBQ	Meals & Entertainment	\$137.88		
	<del>03/13/2024</del>	<del>Check</del>	<del>4073</del>	<del>Piney Woods Life -Denice Barton</del>	<del>Franklin County Guide Expense</del>	<del>\$1,300.00</del>		
	02/27/2024	Check	4067	Creative Catering	Banquet Expense	\$4,321.40		
	<del>02/22/2024</del>	<del>Check</del>	<del>4070</del>	<del>Piney Woods Life -Denice Barton</del>	<del>Franklin County Guide Expense</del>	<del>\$2,000.00</del>		
	<del>02/22/2024</del>	<del>Check</del>	<del>4071</del>	<del>Piney Woods Life -Denice Barton</del>	<del>Franklin County Guide Expense</del>	<del>\$225.00</del>		
	02/05/2024	Check	4061	NTCC	Banquet Expense	\$1,000.00		
	<del>01/22/2024</del>	<del>Check</del>	<del>4059</del>	<del>Piney Woods Life -Denice Barton</del>	<del>Franklin County Guide Expense</del>	<del>\$2,000.00</del>		

- TOTAL  
\$14,973.10

# Bill Payment List

Item 3.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

January 1, 2024-January 1, 2025

DATE	NUM	VENDOR	AMOUNT
Alliance checking 1332			
07/05/2024	EFT	City of Mount Vernon	-99.77
07/26/2024	4105	AEP-SWEPCO	-110.00
08/01/2024	Aug 2024	CenterPoint Energy Gas	-50.43
09/03/2024		Key Club	-100.00
10/01/2024	4124	Boeckman and Associates	-195.00
09/15/2024	EFT	City of Mount Vernon	-99.77
09/01/2024	EFT	Luiz Sifuentes	-40.00
09/02/2024	MC0215	StraightTalk	-48.87
10/04/2024		Alliance Credit card	-249.15
09/01/2024	EFT	People's	-116.08
08/26/2024		AEP-SWEPCO	-137.16
09/06/2024	MC0216	CenterPoint Energy Gas	-50.63
09/26/2024	4113	Boeckman and Associates	-195.00
09/05/2024		First United Methodist Church	-375.00
12/11/2024	4138	Boeckman and Associates	-195.00
01/04/2024		People's	-116.08
01/08/2024		City of Mount Vernon	-111.31
01/11/2024		Bull Pen Grill	-300.00
01/17/2024		AEP-SWEPCO	-32.63
01/23/2024		CenterPoint Energy Gas	-111.53
Total for Alliance checking 1332			-\$2,733.41
LOT Checking 8968			
09/13/2024	0244	Just Sayin Apparel & Equipment	-416.00
Total for LOT Checking 8968			-\$416.00
TOTAL			-\$3,149.41

# Expenses by Vendor Summary

Item 3.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

January 1, 2024-January 1, 2025

VENDOR	TOTAL
	32,903.32
AEP-SWEPCO	279.79
Alliance Credit card	2,010.78
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 243	600.00
Ashley Carl	100.00
Ashley Trantham	200.00
Boeckman and Associates	4,696.94
Bull Pen Grill	300.00
CenterPoint Energy Gas	212.59
Cindy Arnett	80.00
City of Mount Vernon	744.55
Creative Catering	4,321.40
Dorner, Landon	300.00
First United Methodist Church	750.00
H5 BBQ	137.88
IRS	2,919.71
Jana Cook	100.00
Just Sayin Apparel & Equipment	416.00
Karen Powers	700.00
Key Club	200.00
Luiz Sifuentes	40.00
Mason Shipp	300.00
Mt Vernon Oasis Fellowship	1,000.00
NTCC	2,000.00
Paypal	11.13
People's	580.40
Piney Woods Life -Denice Barton	10,514.50
StraightTalk	48.87
Texas A&M University-Commerce	1,500.00
Texas A&M University-Texarkana	1,000.00
Texas Workforce Commission	24.45
Toby Godfrey	500.00
University Of Oklahoma	1,500.00
William Foster	2,404.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$73,396.31</b>

May 8, 2025

Mount Vernon City

Hotel/Motel

Funds

109 N. Kaufman

Mt. Vernon, Texas 75457

Dear HOT Funds Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for support by the Mount Vernon City Hotel/Motel Funds. The Franklin County Chamber has been extremely busy with the re-opening of businesses, tourists inquiring about birding/nature trails, event bookings, museums, hotel/motel accommodations, restaurants, events occurring during the year, ribbon cuttings, and so muc more!

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, a 501 (c) (6), is requesting \$5,000.00 from the Mount Vernon City Hotel/Motel Funds to help support the chamber's advertising, promotional and operational budget which has been proven to have a meaningful economic impact and promotes tourism into the city. A contribution from the City Hotel/Motel Funds will give some of the support we need to continue these promotional, event and advertising campaigns. The goal of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce is to encourage a strong local economy and quality of life by promoting a receptive business climate for the industry and tourism which complements and enhances your need for increasing the city's hotel occupancy tax revenues.

The Franklin County Chamber plans on continuing the Clay Sporting Event, The Amazing Race, the Stew Contest at Key Clubs Country Fest, Tablescape Competitions for the Arts Alliance, Corn Hole Tournament at Spring into Downtown Main Street Event, Miss Mount Vernon Pageant, Chamber Banquet, LOT Scholarships to MVISD, Community Service Scholarships to MVISD, and any future event to promote the City of Mount Vernon and bring in tourism and tax dollars. The Chamber continues to support new lodging & hotel "heads in beds" to promote tourism and impact our economy.

The chamber promotes all activities in Franklin County to draw people to the City of Mount Vernon and to spend the night and shop. Multi-day events, rodeo's, school events, and the sporting complex tournaments meet all the requirements for HOT Funding, while adding local

sales tax & other tourism dollars throughout the year. The chamber has been able to find lodging, restaurants, shopping and activities for groups coming to these venues. Supporting the chamber also enhances the Quality of Life in Franklin County, which new businesses and companies look for when they consider new locations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

April Bardwell, Chamber Admin  
Christina Brown, Chamber President  
Franklin County Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 554  
Mt. Vernon, Texas 75457



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Mount Vernon Music Assn.	
Point of Contact	Contact Phone
Mark Miller	903-563-3780
Contact Email	
mountvernonmusicfx@gmail.com	
Project Name	Project Date
MVH Hall painting + 20th Season	Summer 2025
Project Description (if necessary additional information may be attached)	
We are requesting funds to support our 20th season of public events, which draw audience from as far as 100 miles away and to assist with funding a much needed paint job on the exterior woodwork of our historic concert venue, Mount Vernon Music Hall.	
Estimated Project Attendance	Estimated Overnight Stays in Mount Vernon
500+	10



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Amount Requested	

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Applicant Signature

Mark T. Miller  
Applicant Printed Name

Mount Vernon Music Assn.  
Applicant Organization

5-19-2025  
Date of Application Submission

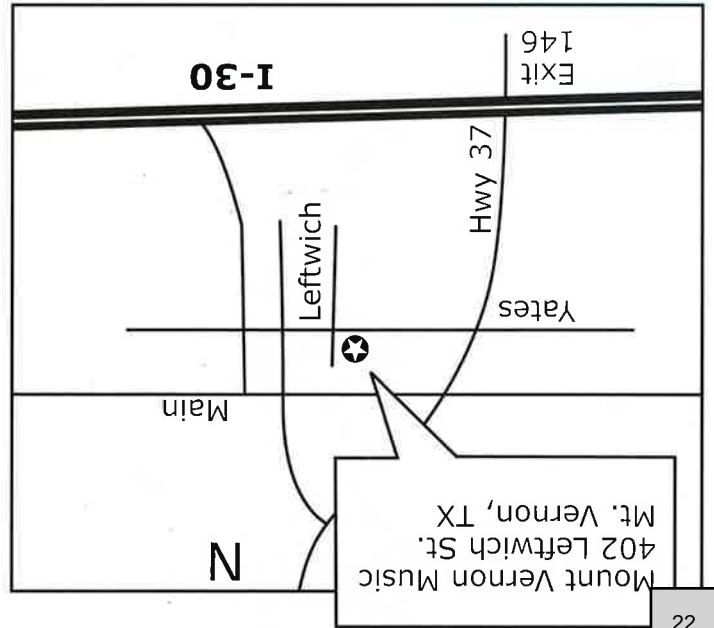
MOUNT VERNON MUSIC



2024-2025 SEASON

COMMON  
PURPOSE

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Dear Friends,

Although (or because?) we humans have never in history been more dominant as a species, it can be hard to look past our differences and disagreements. Even a quick glance at the programming you see here reveals a dizzying assortment of music from starkly divergent backgrounds. Yet in creating music, these composers find a connection to the better angels of our humanity, just as we do when we hear their creations. Somehow, like the pelicans pictured, we are heading in the same direction. From laughter to grief to consoling beauty to exuberant joy, music connects with us all in deep and profound ways.

Thank you for sharing this experience with us, and for your support that makes it all possible. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Mark Miller  
President, Mount Vernon Music

## I. GINNY MAC TRIO

**Sunday, September 1, 2024 at 2:30 pm**  
*Mount Vernon Music Hall*

Fort Worth native Ginny Mac has toured with Brave Combo, Asleep at the Wheel, The Texas Playboys and more. But her vocal and keyboard skills are equally likely to transport you to a sidewalk café in Paris as the plains of West Texas. Don't miss Ginny and her trio as they open MVM's 19th Season.



Ginny Mac

## II. SMILES INCLUDED

**Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 7:30 pm**  
*St. Rita Catholic Church, 12521 Inwood Rd., Dallas, TX 75244*  
**Sunday, November 24, 2024 at 2:30 pm**  
*Mount Vernon Music Hall*

There are pieces of music that warm our hearts and pick us up through their sheer beauty, or by offering a new slant on a beloved melody, while others are created just to tickle our funny-bone. Enjoy music from the lighter side, with string quartets by Joseph Haydn, Florence Price, Paul Hindemith and more.

**Mark Miller and Andres Bravo**, violins; **Ute Miller**, viola; **Laura Ospina**, cello



Florence Price



Paul Hindemith

Item 3.



### III. UNEXPECTED TREASURES

**Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 7:30 pm**  
Mount Vernon Music Hall  
**Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 2:30 pm**  
Steinway Piano Gallery of Fort Worth  
510 Commerce St., Fort Worth, TX 76102

Don't be put off if you don't recognize any of the titles – or composers – in this program! This musical menu is one deliciously beautiful musical delicacy after another, including piano quartets by Joaquin Turina and Louise Adolpha Le Beau, Arnold Bax's Quintet for oboe and strings, and "Calvary" by Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson. With pianist **Evan Mitchell** and oboist **Sharon Lacey**.



Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson



Louise Adolpha Le Beau

### IV. PIANO SUPERLATIVES

**Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 7:30 pm**  
Steinway Piano Gallery of Plano  
5813 Preston Rd. #570, Plano, TX 75093  
**Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 2:30 pm**  
Mount Vernon Music Hall

With masterworks demanding the utmost in piano virtuosity, we bring together Johannes Brahms and Edvard Grieg, and salute their mutual respect for each other's work. With **Evan Mitchell**, piano. Edward Grieg *Piano Concerto*, Johannes Brahms *Piano Quintet*.



Evan Mitchell

### V. ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS

**Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 7:30 pm**  
St. Mark's Anglican Church  
2024 S. Collins St., Arlington, TX 76010  
**Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 2:30 pm**  
Mount Vernon Music Hall

Richard Strauss created his radiant *Metamorphosen* in 1945 to process his grief after what he called "the most terrible period of mankind." MVM presents this gorgeous music together with an arrangement of the beloved *Pastoral Symphony* by Beethoven's contemporary Michael Gotthard Fischer. With MVM Scholarship Award winners.

**Mark Miller** and **Andres Bravo**, violins; **Ute Miller** and **Matt Sinno**, viola; **NN** and **Noemie Golubovic**, cello; **Jack Unzicker**, bass



Ludwig van Beethoven



Richard Strauss

### VI. FAMILY CONCERT

**Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 11:00 am**  
Mount Vernon Music Hall

*The Tortoise and the Hare*, Camille Saint-Saëns' *Carnival of the Animals*, and *Rumpelstiltskin* gets a musical update with help from Mozart! With MVM Scholarship Award winners.





## VII. FROM SORROW TO JOY: MUSICAL MESSAGES

**Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 6:30 pm**  
Daphne Prairie, 4020 FM 1896  
Mt. Vernon, TX 75457

**Sunday, May 25, 2025 at 2:30 pm**  
The Old Frankford Church  
17400 Muirfield Dr, Dallas, TX

From Shostakovich's eighth string quartet, dedicated "to the victims of fascism and war," to a virtuoso duo about testing one's limits on the ski slope, to musical portraits of some of our country's most beautiful shoreline, this program has tales to tell. Come hear them in an extraordinary concert on the magnificent Daphne Prairie just outside Mt. Vernon. Composers include Sally Beamish, Jesse Montgomery, Svante Henryson and more. With MVM Scholarship Award winners.



Svante Henryson



Jesse Montgomery



Sally Beamish



Dmitri Shostakovich

# MOUNT VERNON MUSIC

*Because music  
belongs to all of us.*

Events may be subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Please visit [www.mountvernonmusic.org](http://www.mountvernonmusic.org) for latest information about upcoming events.

MVM memberships start at \$25 and are good for the entire season from June 1 through May 31. Membership supports all of Mount Vernon's outreach work and gives members substantial ticket discounts. Purchase tickets, become a member, or make a donation, please visit [www.mountvernonmusic.org](http://www.mountvernonmusic.org).



**MVM Youth Outreach** programs bring clinics by expert brass, woodwind and percussion players into middle and high schools to help students improve their skills, and MVM's professional performance teams visit East Texas schools to present musical stories.



With **Musical Lifelines**, Mount Vernon Music brightens the lives of people in long-term care facilities with performances by professional musicians throughout East Texas.



**MVM's Scholarship** helps young people pay for music studies, funding private lessons, music camps, or instruments and equipment. Applicants experience preparation of music to concert level for financial assistance and performance opportunities.



May 5, 2025

Mt. Vernon City Council,

The Franklin County Arts Alliance appreciates the opportunity to apply for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds. Our focus is to fulfill our mission statement of promoting cultural arts within the community. We continue to acquire new artists to display and sell their art in our gallery. FCAA manages the only frame shop in Mt. Vernon, Winnsboro and Mt. Pleasant. Painting and drawing classes are available for children and adults as well as special art events for the community and surrounding communities to participate in.

Specific events that we have planned are outlined in the attached page titled "Estimated Expenses for 2025-2026.

We remain a non-profit, volunteer based organization with one part time employee. Commission on art sales, memberships and rentals are our primary sources of revenue and we need financial assistance to continue to offer these services to the community.

Sincerely,

  
Linda Hammond, President  
Franklin County Arts Alliance





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All applications must be submitted to City Hall (109 N. Kaufman St) by **12:00 PM on Wednesday, May 21, 2025**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applications will be **reviewed by the City Council at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 27, 2025**.

<b>Organization Name</b>	
Franklin County Arts Alliance (FCAA)	
<b>Point of Contact</b>	<b>Contact Phone</b>
Linda Hammond, President	903-588-5549
<b>Contact Email</b>	
franklincountyarts@gmail.com	
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Date</b>
Musical Events, Art Programs/Events and Classes	September 2025 - August 2026
<p>The Hunt Brothers Band from Guthrie, Oklahoma, will present a bluegrass courtyard concert in October. The 2024 concert had approximately 50 in attendance. "The C", Dale Cummings, will be back with his entertaining 60's, 70's and 80's musical entertainment and keeps the crowd on their feet. We are requesting assistance with the cost of hiring these groups, advertising and refreshments for both events. A few of the other events planned for the year include the Tablescape Contests, Christmas Tree on the Square, Painting With Friends, and Children's Summer Art Day. We continue to strive to develop new events and programs for adults and children.</p> <p>In addition to displaying and selling art for numerous artists, FCAA hosts art classes throughout the year for children and adults in an effort to promote the awareness of and love for art.</p> <p>An estimated list of expenses has been attached.</p>	
<b>Estimated Project Attendance</b>	<b>Estimated Overnight Stays in Mount Vernon</b>
400	20

Project Category (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Convention and Visitors Centers <input type="checkbox"/> Convention Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising the City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promotion of the Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Restoration and Preservation <input type="checkbox"/> Sporting Events <input type="checkbox"/> Tourist Transportation Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Signage Directing the Public to Sites and Attractions
<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>\$3,925</b>

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\_\_\_\_ Linda Hammond \_\_\_\_  
Applicant Printed Name

\_\_\_\_ Franklin County Arts Alliance \_\_\_\_  
Applicant Organization

\_\_\_\_ May 5, 2025 \_\_\_\_  
Date of Application Submission

## Estimated Expenses for 2025-2026

### Hunt Brothers Band Courtyard Concert

Cost of hiring band	\$1000
Advertising	\$40
Refreshments	\$200
Décor	\$100

### “The C” Dale Cummings

Cost of entertainer	\$200
Advertising	\$30
Refreshments	\$150
Décor	\$75

### Children’s Summer Art Day

Advertising	\$30
Class Supplies	\$200
Refreshments	\$75

### Tablescapes benefiting local non-profits (2 per year)

Advertising	\$50
Refreshments	\$300
Prizes	\$800

### Christmas Tree Contest on the Square

Advertising	\$40
Refreshments	\$75
Trophies	\$50

### “Painting With Friends” type Art Class for Adults (3 per year)

Advertising	\$30
Refreshments	\$225

### 4-H Art Show

Refreshments	\$75
Prizes	\$180

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,925</b>
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Organization Name	
Franklin County Historical Association	
Point of Contact	Contact Phone
Lauren Lewis	512-905-4172
Contact Email	
fchaoffice@gmail.com	
Project Name	Project Date
Dupree Park Maintenance and Repairs	2025-2026
Project Description (if necessary additional information may be attached)	
We are requesting \$17,500 for extensive fence repairs along the park, maintenance to recently cleared trails and open spaces, and general upkeep and improvements to the park. The fencing along the park's west side will need total replacement, and repairs will need to be made along additional perimeters. We recently invested over \$10,000 in trail and open space clearing that will need to be maintained as well as the walking paths. The park is open to the public 365 days a year from dawn to dusk, and in addition to hosting local and visiting wildlife enthusiasts, it is also used during school field trips and for Franklin County Library programs.	
Estimated Project Attendance	Estimated Overnight Stays in Mount Vernon
thousands of visitors throughout the year	unknown

Project Category (check all that apply)	
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Lauren Lewis

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Applicant Printed Name

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Applicant Organization

May 23, 2025

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