



## HISTORIC THEATRE

The Turnage Theatre is listed on the National Register and is the only known place in the United States where two theatres -- a Vaudeville and a palace theatre -- are in the same building.

The Vaudeville theatre was built in 1913 named after an owner C.A. Turnage. In 1929, Turnage added a 432-seat "new" palace theatre to the rear of the building.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Arts of the Pamlico (AOP) is a 501(C)3 organization. It provides cultural opportunities through initiation, support, and presentation of artistic programs in Beaufort & Washington Counties and the surrounding region. Funding for the arts council is comprised of memberships, business sponsorships, private donations, grants, facility rentals, ticket, art & concession sales and endowment income.

A Board of Directors guides the work of the arts council. It is a goal of the AOP to present a wide range of educational, entertainment, and cultural programs, and to encourage the same by advancing and supporting the efforts of local artists, arts organizations and arts businesses throughout the region.

Arts of the Pamlico is based in its Historic Turnage Theatre is located at 150 West Main Street, Washington, NC 27889.

For more information call (252) 946-2504 or visit [artsofthepamlico.org](http://artsofthepamlico.org) or find us on Facebook.



## ARTS & CULTURAL PROGRAMS

- Art exhibits & receptions – Ongoing
- Art exhibit space – student & rental
- Art & Music Outdoor Festivals
- Art sales – 30% commission
- Art Walks in the Harbor District
- Blues & Jazz Music – shows & festival
- Broadway HD Shows on Big Screen
- Children’s programming – Bubblegum Theatre for Youth, art camps, movie events & hands on art/festivals
- Choral – *Affiliate*, performances
- Comedy–shows, workshops & festival
- Community theatre – AOP Players, Community Stage, Bubblegum Theatre & ECU Partnerships
- Concession/Sugar Magnolias Dessertery
- History Tours–Historic Turnage Theatre
- Education partnerships – East Carolina University, Beaufort & Pitt Community Colleges, Beaufort County Schools & Home School outreach, onsite, workshops & internships
- Dance – classes & performances
- Film/Movies/Documentaries & festival
- Music concerts and festivals
- Music jams – traditional & rock
- Natural fiber – *Affiliate*, workshops
- Orchestra – performances
- Photography – Annual Art Exhibit
- Print Shoppe
- Pottery Space
- Rock Music – *Affiliate*, events
- Sewing Shoppe & Costume Sales
- Storytelling – *Affiliate*, Tellabration
- Student art – Annual Art Exhibit
- Traditional Music–*Affiliate*, shows, jams
- Workshops & Classes
- Writers Group–*Affiliate*, events, conference



Vaudeville groups came to the Turnage Theatre on their entertainment circuit. Roy Rogers, pictured above, was one of the famous acts that performed. During the 1920’s silent movies became popular, so the Turnage Theatre decided to show these movies on a regular basis. Later in 1927, movies with sound (called “talkies”) became popular all over the country. There was so much noise from cars on the street that the audience could not hear the sound from the movie. Because of this, C.A. “Cat” Turnage decided to build a second theatre behind the Vaudeville stage so it would be further away from the street. The second part of the Turnage Theatre opened in the early 1930s.

## ART COUNCIL HISTORY

The Arts of the Pamlico is a state-designated arts council and one of the oldest arts councils in the state. The arts council has a 46-year history of serving its rural Eastern NC with its diverse community encompassing a range of incomes, professions and interests.

Housed at the Historic Turnage Theatre this community jewel has become the hub for arts and cultural, community and educational activities.

The Turnage was mortgaged out of foreclosure by the Beaufort County Arts Council in September 2013. It opened to the public at the beginning of January 2014 BCAC changed its name to the Arts of the Pamlico (AOP). In May 2018, AOP paid off the mortgage on the theatre.