



# Seattle Parks and Recreation

Response to Arts Funding Statement  
of Legislative Intent

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# Center City Parks Programs



Chess at Occidental Square Park



Dancing til Dusk in Westlake Park



ArtSparks Program: *Holiday Artificial Light*  
by Suzanne Tidwell



Park Concierges



Buskers



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Library Book Cart in Freeway Park



Safe, Active Parks

# Parks Commons Program

## Program Goals:

- to launch new positive uses and family-friendly events in troubled parks;
- to activate parks by building community capacity and civic engagement; and
- to strengthen community presence and ownership of these public spaces.



## Program Outcomes:

- increase positive uses and activities which are supported by the community;
- build community capacity for sustaining positive activities over time; and
- increase community ownership of a park.



## 2011 Accomplishments:

- 59 community events in 8 parks, with attendance of over 3,000;
- For every \$1 in city funds, the community contributed \$4 in cash and labor; and
- Events included picnics & barbecues, concerts, arts and cultural events.



# Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center



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