

# BREAKFAST FOR THE ARTS

2026 | PRESENTERS & PERFORMERS

## Morning Music

Caleb Smilie

4-H Club Expressive Arts alumni.  
Performs around Concord - catch  
him at Holy Grind Coffee!

## Welcome

Susanna Black

Cabarrus Arts Council Board  
member, professional PR strategist,  
and former news anchor.

## “Cruella De Vil”

GW Carver Elementary School  
Director, Matt Minchew

Director Matt Minchew, CAC  
Advisory Council member, has led  
the GW Carver Elementary  
students in performances for  
education and civic leaders in  
Raleigh, and hometown highlights  
at Cannonballer’s games.

## Invocation

Rev. Donald Anthony

Former Cabarrus Arts Council Board  
Member, Pastor of Grace Lutheran  
Church, Concord

## “Sweet Cabarrus”

Robbie Furr

Current Cabarrus Arts Council  
Board President

## A Vibrant Cabarrus Connected Through the Arts”

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Street Studios

Professional saxophonist and  
Artist Support Grant recipient,  
Dylan is an active part of the  
experimental music scene  
regionally, and has performed as  
a soloist and chamber musician  
in a number of premier venues.

## “Cybersyn”

Dylan Ward

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## Speaker

Page Castrodale

Cabarrus Arts Council Board Member, and Senior Director of Government Affairs with Eli Lilly

## “The Scientist”

Cox Mill Dance Ensemble  
Director, Lindsay Blackburne

This spring, Director Lindsay Blackburne and her students earned 1<sup>st</sup> overall at the NCASA Scholastic Dance Ensemble state competition against schools from across North Carolina, including Schools of the Arts, private, charter, and public schools.

## Speaker

Jim Love

Poet, member of Guerilla Poets, and director of Words to Live by- a mental-health focused performance on May 15 at the Davis Theatre.

## Arts Council Address

Liz Fitzgerald, CAC Executive Director

## “Where Am I Going?”

Old Courthouse Theatre, Nicole Castro

Performing as Charity in Old Courthouse Theatre’s run of “Sweet Charity” in this year’s 50th anniversary season

## Gratitude Video

From the Kids of Cabarrus

## A Moment of Giving

CAC Board Members

## Multicultural Dance Medley

Central Cabarrus Dance Ensemble  
Director, Rosemary Giraldo

Rosemary Giraldo is a Spanish teacher and CAC Advisory council member. She directed these students and many more in a month long celebration for Hispanic Heritage month.

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