

Warren Arts is a grassroots, nonprofit organization with a mission to provide a wide range of performance training and opportunities for all ages in the greater Warren County area and to develop a true long-term performance and arts center for the area.

Since its inception in June 2017, the organization has held five public events. The kick-off event was Warren's Got Talent, a talent showcase of local singers and dancers that acted as a fundraiser for the group to get started.

In November 2017, Warren Arts staged a performance of "A Wonderful Life," a musical version of the beloved Jimmy Stewart classic. The new year brought a one-act comedy called "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon," followed by Neil Simon's hilarious "Barefoot in the Park" in February. After a very short break in the theater, local musician and Warren's Got Talent alum Tyler Morton served as the opening act for

singer/ songwriter and first-time headliner Ray Bishop.

Warren Arts is closing in on its sixth public performance, a high-energy musical for everyone who loves the '80s called "Back to the '80s, the Totally Awesome Musical," written by Neil Gooding. This piece follows the senior year of a group of high school students in the tubular '80s, complete with 25 of your favorite pop hits from the decade.

The show is scheduled to run May 4-6 at the Warren Arts building at 605 Red Road, a school and public performance at the Park Theater on May 10 at 11:30 a.m., and at the DeKalb County Complex in Smithville on May 12. Tickets for the show are \$15 for general admission and can be purchased online at [warrenartstn.ticketleap.com](http://warrenartstn.ticketleap.com).

For more information about Warren Arts or to reserve tickets, patrons can also call 931-474-2787. You can also follow Warren Arts on Facebook @warrenartstn.



Warren Arts has staged several productions in its first year of operation, such as "Barefoot in the Park," pictured above.

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