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## Ogden's Love Letters

*Be part of history...*

**January 25, 2023 – Ogden, UT** – The Ogden Ar(t)chives Mailbox is a multi-purpose community project started by the Ogden City Poet Laureate, Angelika Brewer. The community is invited to participate in dropping the first submissions into the mailbox at a ribbon-cutting ceremony planned for 6 pm on Friday, February 3, 2023, at the Corner, located at 2501 Washington Blvd. Ogden, Utah.

The mailbox will then be open to the public and used to collect future submissions. Creations on paper or thin two-dimensional works that fit into the submission slot will be accepted. The contents of the mailbox will be a compilation of literary artworks made by the residents and visitors of Ogden City.

"As a writer, I find it interesting how the personal writing of individuals has been a way for historians and researchers to piece together historical timelines and determine facts. Archives of correspondence are often a primary source of information. I thought to myself, *what if the public had an opportunity to tell the stories that will be read by historians about their communities?*" said Angelika Brewer, Ogden's Poet Laureate.

How it works: The mailbox is a metal sculpture with obscured measurements created by Daniel Christensen, with added decorative elements done by Angelika Brewer and her father, Troy Brewer. The mailbox is designed to garnish attention and spark the realization that a person can interact with it. The community can open the door and find a compartment with paper and pens for use and an enlarged "mail" slot for accommodating the potential of oversized submissions. The works can be signed or submitted anonymously.

Each week the Ogden Mailbox social media accounts will post one submission from the mailbox. Submissions collected for the year will be compiled into an annual community art show for the public to enjoy before they are archived in the city records at the Union Station.

Be sure to check out the submissions with the social media accounts below.

Instagram - @ogden\_mailbox

TikTok - @signed.ab

Facebook – Ogden Mailbox

### **Social Media:**

IG - Ogden\_Arts / The\_Corner\_Ogden

FB – OgdenCityArts / TheCorner

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## About Ogden City Arts

Ogden City Arts supports the belief that the arts are an integral part of a healthy culture, providing both intellectual nourishment and social benefit, and that community arts programs provide significant value both to communities and to artists.

Ogden City Arts' mission is to enrich the lives of Ogden residents and visitors by ensuring access to visual, performing, and literary arts and arts education. In supporting arts organizations and independent artists Ogden City Arts works to connect the arts to daily life, education, and economic development.

