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ArtsKC Events

Arts Legislative Day at the Missouri State Capitol

Advocate for the Arts by Joining ArtsKC in Jefferson City this February! **Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 7:30am to 6:30pm**

Registration includes round trip transportation to Jefferson City, snacks, beverages, lunch and a special toast on the way home. [More information.](#)

ArtsKC 360° Tour

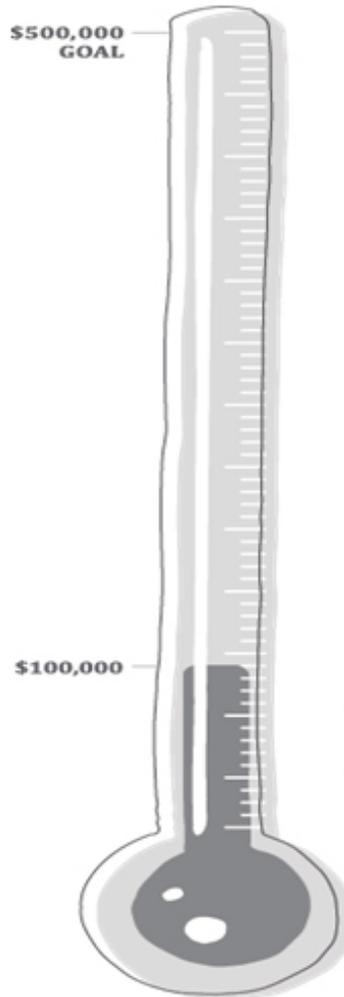
Learn how you or your business can support the arts! **Wednesday, February 25, 12pm to 1:15pm**

Join us for a complimentary lunch and tour of ArtsKC's mission, work, and vision. Network with fellow arts enthusiasts, visit the Crossroads Art and Design District. [More information.](#)

ArtsKC Fund Lunch 'N' Learn

Interested in being involved with the ArtsKC Fund 2015 Campaign? **Thursday, March 5, 11:45-1pm**

Hear about recent successes of ArtsKC Fund grant recipients, updates for the 2015 Campaign, and new ways your company can get involved from ArtsKC Fund Manager Lydia Zacharias and your fellow corporate arts supporters! [More information.](#)



ArtsKC Fund 2015 Campaign All for Art. Art for All.

Help ArtsKC achieve our historic \$500,000 goal for the ArtsKC Fund 2015 Campaign!

The ArtsKC Fund, Kansas City's United Arts Fund, provides grants to individual artists, arts organizations, and arts programs throughout our five-county region. These grants are the lifeblood of emerging artists and social service-oriented arts programs. They provide vital mission support to our most treasured arts organizations, and help outreach programs inspire our most vulnerable populations to imagine hopeful futures.

An investment in the ArtsKC Fund ensures three main things:

- That all residents in the Kansas City Region have access to the arts.
- That the entire community benefits from a vibrant and thriving arts scene, whatever their individual level of arts participation.
- That our traditions of artistic excellence as well as innovation and entrepreneurship in the arts are sustained for generations to come.

Over the past eight years, the ArtsKC Fund has provided 719 grants totaling \$3.1 million in funding. This year's campaign will run from now through June 15. **Donations can be made online at ArtsKC.org/CampaignSupport.** You can help us reach our historic \$500,000 campaign goal by making a donation, starting a workplace giving campaign at your office, or working with your company to secure a corporate contribution or sponsor an ArtsKC Fund event. Contact Lydia Zacharias at Zacharias@ArtsKC.org or (816) 994-9223 for more information!

Letter from the CEO: A Valentine's Gift

Some of you may know that my wife Linda and I met while dancing. For us, dancing was the way we connected and it

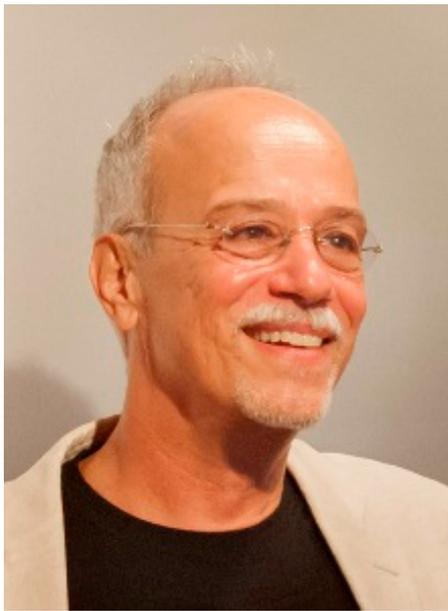


fostered a life-long love between the two of us. There is something magical about dancing with someone that you truly care about. The day-to-day cares that surround you can melt away as you find yourself totally in the moment, focused on your partner, and moving to the music. The feeling of moving as one and being totally present for your partner is one that in some sense defies explanation. It is an exhilarating experience and one that I often wish more people would have the opportunity to enjoy.

This Valentine's Day, in the spirit of #giveart, consider giving your partner the gift of dance. There are many places to take ballroom dance and many good instructors across the metropolitan area. This year, Linda and I plan to attend the [Valentine's Day Boogie Ball](#). Presented by *Culture through Ballroom Dance*, the event raises money to bring Ballroom dance to children throughout school districts in the Kansas City area. Learning to dance with a partner builds confidence and interactive social skills that can last a life time. Go to www.boogieball.info to learn more.

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OPENING TONIGHT: Tim Forcade, *Discovered in Light* Now through March 25th

Visual artist, Tim Forcade's large scale photographs, *Discovered in Light*, are on display at ArtsKC, opening during tonight's First Friday! Forcade (pictured at left) is a multimedia artist with over 40 years experience employing painting, theatrical lighting, projectors, electronic systems, variable speed motors, computers, video and of course photography to create imagery inspired by light in all its forms. His works have been published, collected and exhibited nationally and internationally.

His recent large-scale photographic works were created by discovering or building situations where source objects recede or vanish revealing compositions in object affected light. His work has been described as color field photography -- a true synthesis between photography and painting. [Learn more about his work.](#)

“Digital process enables me to separate image from object without the limits imposed by physicality,” shares Forcade. “The heart of each shoot centers on locating or building situations where the light is likely to take over and the objects recede or disappear. I use cameras, optics, and light to provide the ground for each image.”

In addition to checking out Forcade's opening show, please join [Jonathan Brice Lyman](#), Kansas City Art Institute graduate, as he live-sketches in our space.

Q + A: Corporate Partner, [JE Dunn](#)

How does JE Dunn do arts in KC?

Over the years JE Dunn has sought involvement with dozens of art and art-related organizations in the Kansas City area. The Dunn Family Foundation and employees in Kansas City are proud to contribute to organizations such as The Nelson-Atkins Gallery Foundation, the Kansas City Ballet, the UMKC Conservatory of Music, and Starlight Theatre, to name a few. We have also been so fortunate to build, renovate, and expand many of the incredible buildings in Kansas City that serve the arts, such as the Todd Bolender Center for Dance & Creativity (home of the Kansas City Ballet), the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, the Nelson-Atkins Bloch building, the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, and several projects at Starlight Theatre.

Why does JE Dunn support the arts?

For JE Dunn, supporting the arts means maintaining and promoting the value that artistic expression brings to a community. Artists make our world more vibrant and bring people together around different and changing mediums. As JE Dunn strives to contribute to the communities we work in by building impactful projects, supporting artistic growth in those communities goes hand in hand.

How does JE Dunn bring the creativity of art into the workplace?

Innovation and creativity are central to the way JE Dunn operates. Whether it's using Building Information Modeling (BIM) to digitally build a project in three dimensions, or using solar panels to simultaneously reduce a new building's carbon footprint and take advantage of a renewable energy supply, innovation and creativity are always happening on JE Dunn projects. We're delighted to see that same innovative spirit reflected in the arts that enrich our communities, and we are thrilled to support and grow that creative passion.



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aperitif We couldn't pick just one and you shouldn't have to either!

apéritif(n): A sampling enjoyed before a meal to stimulate or arouse the appetite

Let ArtsKC be your aperitif to the arts! Join us for a series of exclusive parties designed to tempt you with new collections, exciting performances by ArtsKC Supported artists, and lively libations. Be welcomed into the homes and hot spots of our generous hosts for a series of parties that incorporate an eclectic mix of venues, artists, and entertainment specifically designed to appeal to diverse groups of arts enthusiasts.

All proceeds from ArtsKC Aperitif benefit the mission of ArtsKC – Regional Arts Council to “unleash the power of the arts.”

Tickets are \$99 each. Buy yours now at ArtsKC.org/Aperitif. We'll be updating this page with information about event featured visual and performing artists, so check back as these party details unfold.

Questions? Contact Godfrey Riddle at Riddle@ArtsKC.org.

ArtsKC Fund Catalyst Grant Recipient Launches Music Directory

Based in Kansas City, MO, **Folk Alliance International (FAI)** works to support, showcase, and advocate for the international folk music community. Their annual conference welcomes 2500 artists, presenters, agents, and many others that work in the folk music field. Along with the conference, FAI features a music camp with instruction for guitar, banjo, fiddle, ukulele, bass, harmonica, vocal training, song writing, and so much more. **This conference is one of the five biggest music conferences in North America and begins this month right here in KC! More information is available at FolkAlliance.org/Conference.**



Recently FAI has expanded their programming to include jazz, blues, Latino, and gospel styles for the Winter Music Camp. They have also added focus to African American, Latino, and LGBT artists of words and music. Through events, including panels, workshops, and showcases, FAI has worked to explore the historical impact made on both folk music and the community.

With the help of an [ArtsKC Fund Catalyst Grant](https://ArtsKC.org/FundCatalystGrant), FAI has worked to create the [Greater Kansas City Music Directory](https://GreaterKansasCityMusicDirectory.org). The directory is a full-range guide to music and music-related resources in the Kansas City area. This month the organization will celebrate the launch of their published directory that coincides with a searchable database online. The publication will feature a wide range of music genres, industries, and services. This free resource will be available at industry conferences,

Staff Picks: [Bev Hessefort](#), Staff Accountant



Winter time is upon us, which means it's time to enjoy a few more indoor events before Spring fever hits. Lucky for us, Kansas City has a plethora of opportunities to engage in the arts.

[Arvest Bank Theatre at The Midland](#) is one of my favorite places to watch bands perform. This venue provides premium entertainment to its guests while maintaining its historic ambiance. In one word, it is breathtaking. Over the next few months, you can see performances from 80's stars such as [Tesla](#), [John Mellencamp](#), and [Rick Springfield](#). I'm sure to make an appearance at one of these shows. A little hint – I “Don't Talk to Strangers” and just might be “Jessie's Girl.”

If you're looking for some family-friendly events, the [Nelson-Atkins Museum](#) of Art has some fun and heart-warming options in February. Chinese acrobats will be taking the stage for the Chinese New Year in Atkins Auditorium on February 13th. There are three show times, 5 pm, 5:30 pm and 8 pm. Tickets are not required for this event. Space is available first come, first served so don't be late! On Saturday, February 28th at 1:30 pm, the Kansas City Boys Choir and the Kansas City Girls Choir will be performing in an afternoon of songs and inspiration. This event is also free but seating is limited.

There are simply so many things to do and see in Kansas City so, please, get your friends, get your family or just get yourself out and about.

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