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2015 ArtsKC Fund Campaign Raises $519,000!

Kansas City, MO (July 30, 2015) – ArtsKC announced that the 2015 ArtsKC Fund Campaign has raised an historic $519,000, the agency's largest campaign since 2008.

Since the inception of the Campaign in 2007, the ArtsKC Fund has raised more than **$4.1 million** and provided more than **600 grants** to local artists, arts organizations, and arts programs in the five-county region. The ArtsKC Fund Campaign is supported through individual donations, foundation support, corporate contributions, and workplace giving campaigns from the across the metropolitan area. The 2015 Campaign achieved an **overall increase of 43% from last year** thanks in part to the City of Kansas City, Missouri which invested $50,000 for grants to Kansas City, MO artists.

2015 ArtsKC Fund Campaign Chair Don Dagenais stated, "The ArtsKC Fund offers crucial financial support for many of our artists and smaller arts organizations in town. Our goal this year was to increase the Fund so that we could extend more of a helping hand to these important players in our cultural community. **The significant increase we were able to realize this year will enable ArtsKC to help these talented people undertake even more of their good work, which so enriches many peoples' lives throughout the area**."

"We are thrilled with the success of this year's campaign and are inspired by the outpouring of support from the community," said Lydia Zacharias, ArtsKC Fund Manager. "I am so thankful to the employee campaign managers, volunteer leaders and donors who make this possible. This kind of support is an important investment in our cultural legacy," shares Zacharias.

Campaign leaders, volunteers, donors and ArtsKC Fund grant recipients celebrated the success of the campaign on Thursday evening, July 30th on the rooftop lounge of the Barkley building in the Crossroads. The agency has set a goal of $550,000 for the 2016 ArtsKC Fund Campaign. Incoming 2016 ArtsKC Fund Campaign Chair Steve McDowell stated, "As chair of the 2016 Campaign, I look forward to building on last year's outstanding success to help implement new initiatives as well as sustain our current community programs. We will continue to need – and, I am confident, receive – the support of the Kansas City community."

About ArtsKC – Regional Arts Council:
The mission of ArtsKC - Regional Arts Council is to unleash the power of the arts. Our work brings together people, resources, and ideas to build a community of great dreams and vigorous life, where everyone participates in and benefits from the arts. We are an advocate

for the arts. We lead. We imagine. Please visit our website www.ArtsKC.org for more information.