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**Sixteen Local Artists Receive Funding For New Work,
Professional Development and Collaboration**
Grants totaling \$21,000 in funding awarded through ArtsKC Fund

Kansas City Metro (Friday, May 22, 2015) - ArtsKC – Regional Arts Council announced today that sixteen local artists have been selected to receive financial support totaling \$21,000 through the ArtsKC Fund, Kansas City’s united arts fund, in the Inspiration Grant category. The sixteen selected awardees include filmmakers Barry Anderson, Gary Huggins, and Timothy De Paepe, ceramicist Emily Connell, visual artists Jonah Criswell, Garry Noland, and Cory Imig, composers AJ Harbison and Zane Winter, musician and composer Peter Lawless, arts professional James Martin, poet and spoken word artist Vincente Perez, choreographer Suzanne Ryanstrati, photographer Sabrina Staires, performance artist Vi Tran, and sculptor Susan White.

Inspiration Grants from the ArtsKC Fund are an investment in human capital, providing direct support to individual artists and arts professionals for projects and activities that have the potential to advance their careers and build their capacity for future work. The leadership investment by the City of Kansas City, Missouri allowed for greater financial support of artists who are residents of Kansas City, Missouri. Directly in line with KCMO’s Arts Convergence Plan, this support will inspire more artists to dream big and develop innovative projects that advance their careers and create greater economic impact.

“ArtsKC strongly believes in our region’s individual artists as entrepreneurs. They represent Kansas City in the national arena, build connections, and brighten our creative landscape. We are thankful to the thousands of donors who support the ArtsKC Fund for their investment in our collective future,” shared Harlan Brownlee, ArtsKC President + CEO.

The ArtsKC Fund provides grants to artists, arts organizations, and arts programming throughout the five county region. ArtsKC Fund support comes from corporations, foundations, individuals, civic support, and workplace giving campaigns. Read the full grant descriptions by clicking [here](#).

About the ArtsKC – Regional Arts Council:

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