There’s a fist-pumping vibe circling the region. Kansas City is the home of the World Series champions, a world-class symphony, and the home of one of the top four museums in the country. These victories, milestones, and positions took a huge investment of time and money from Kansas Citians, people from the “dot” (Wyandotte County), Johnson Countians, Northlanders, and others in the five-county region. Now it’s time to keep the fist-pumping going by supporting the annual ArtsKC Fund Campaign.

Each spring ArtsKC raises more than a half-million dollars to invest back into the community through its ArtsKC Fund Campaign. Thanks to generous contributions from individuals, corporate giving campaigns, and foundations, ArtsKC is able to make more than a hundred grants to community-enriching arts organizations each year. These grants sustain our entire arts sector, from our pillar groups to individual artists like Ryan Wilks, Angela Hagenbach, Peregrine Honig, and Hermon Mehari, to name a few.

We also invest in social service groups such as Synergy Services, Arts and AGEing, the Whole Person, and Restart. We exist to unleash the power of the arts and to do that we need to fund the arts that heal; the arts that entertain; the arts that educate; and the arts that help us see the world from a broader perspective.

With your donation to the ArtsKC Fund Campaign, we will continue to make art accessible to all. We will make our communities throughout the region stronger and more vibrant. And we will commit to sustaining artistic excellence and experimentation.

In 2015, ArtsKC awarded more than 140 grants to artists and arts organizations totaling more than $425,000 in financial support. This year our goal is to raise $550,000. Thanks to leadership contributions from the City of Kansas City, MO., Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, Kansas City Power & Light, Bank of Blue Valley, Black & Veatch, Lathrop & Gage, CommunityAmerica Credit Union, David T. Beals III Charitable Trust, Bank of America, and Johnson County, we have already reached $212,000 at the time of publication.

**GOAL!**

**$550K**

**QUARTERLY**

**ARTSKC.ORG/APEРИTIF**

Three events at the homes and luxury addresses of art collectors

**3 EVENTS**

**JUNE 4:** One Light Luxury Apartments rooftop terrace with afterparty at Mosaic, 7 to 10 pm

**JUNE 11:** Hilltop condo of Helen & Frank Wewers in Westside, 5-8pm

**JUNE 25:** 1929 art-filled Tudor home of Dr. Regine Nouhan and John Eck, 6-9pm

**1 CAUSE**

Proceeds to benefit ArtsKC – Regional Arts Council’s mission and community enriching programs

Tickets are $100 per person, RSVP now at www.ArtsKC.org/Aperitif or by calling 816-994-9240

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Help ArtsKC Support Art in the Region by Giving to the ArtsKC Fund Campaign before

JUNE 17, 2016!

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Consider becoming an Encounter member. Your membership fee goes directly into the ArtsKC Fund. The Encounter 2016-2017 lineup is featured on page 3.

Help ArtsKC raise $550,000 for Kansas City’s most exceptional artists, arts organizations, and arts programs.

WHY GIVE TO ARTSKC?
ArtsKC has invested 20 years becoming the 2016 ArtsKC Block Party. ArtsKC is thankful to have the company as a long-standing partner for many donations and investments, as well as employee volunteerism and leadership. Employees volunteer nearly 20,000 hours annually and invest in diverse community programs, including the arts.

KCP&L has served a lead sponsor for both the 2016 ArtsKC Awards Luncheon as well as the ArtsKC Block Party.

The ArtsKC Now Showing program has been a valuable resource for my art career. Now Showing provides venues for artists to exhibit and sell work in relaxed environments: companies, coffee shops, and other places one may not expect to see an art exhibition. Since joining the program last spring, I’ve sold a number of pieces. My exhibit with participating company Parisi Café, located inside of Union Station, was particularly an exciting one for me. Through the program, Parisi Café at Union Station not only graciously invited me to show in their venue, but they also hosted an artist reception for me. In addition, Parisi provided coffee and pastries for the guests, and the staff was incredible. The art sales for the three-month show were fantastic. I sold 19 original paintings!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: JOIN THE CAMPAIGN!
KCP&L has worked with many donors to bring our mission to life, including the 2016 ArtsKC Aperitif event series delivers on your desire to enjoy the arts in a sophisticated and intimate atmosphere at the homes and venues of prominent art collectors. Led by Chair Kim Weinberger of Weinberger Fine Art, the line-up of social gatherings will include original live performances by ArtsKC-supported artists, private art collections, hors d’oeuvres, and libations. The events raise money to support ArtsKC’s mission and vital community-enriching programs.

Artists who will be opening their homes include, Dr. Regina Nouhan and John Eck of Mission Hills along with their co-hosts Dr. Terry Anderson and Michael Henry on June 25; Helen and Frank Wevers’ urban pied-a-terre on the West Side with support of co-hosts Susie and Tom Corbin and Theresa and Dr. Bradley Freilich on June 11; and One Light Luxury Apartments in the Kansas City Power & Light District followed by free entry to Monic Night Club for an after-party on June 4. Aperitif participants will see the combination of classical and contemporary in Nouhan’s and Eck’s collection, which includes works by Anne Lindberg, Etienne Caron, and Barbara Vos. The Wevers’ heavily-influenced Asian collection includes works by Zhu Yijong, Hung Liu, Roger Shimomura, and Luo Zhenhua. One Light Luxury will showcase 25 floors of artwork from five local artists purchased from Weinberger Fine Arts. Tickets are $100 each and available at www.ArtsKC.org/Aperitif. Thanks to our generous hosts and sponsors, your ticket price is entirely tax-deductible.

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN!
To get your company involved contact Faulconer@ArtsKC.org or visit ArtsKC.org/nowshowing

“Deep Space Reef”, Neon acrylic on Masonite, image under black light by Craig Mildrexler.

Special thanks to Parisi Coffee for being a long-time supporter of ArtsKC and our arts community.

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NOW SHOWING, AN ARTISTS’ PERSPECTIVE: CRAIG MILDREXLER

Above: Kim Weinberger, Dr. Regina Nouhan and John Eck; Teresa and Dr. Bradley Freilich; Frank and Helen Wevers, Tom and Susie Corbin; and Michael Henry and Dr. Terry Anderson. Photo by Tom Stehrkiewicz.