Amplify

13TH ANNUAL ARTSKC AWARDS LUNCHEON

Thursday, February 25, 2016 | 11am-1pm
GRAND BALLROOM, KANSAS CITY CONVENTION CENTER
Featured Artists Holly Ann Schenk & Jeffery C. Porter
Sponsorship and tickets now available for this year’s amplified event!
ARTSKC.ORG/AWARDS
The City of Kansas City, Missouri recently hired a Minneapolis nonprofit developer for the arts called Artspace to conduct a feasibility study to look at the potential of creating a permanently affordable space for the creative sector. The process of finding and converting a space for arts-based professionals or businesses is called creative placemaking in economic development terms.

Artspace is a leader in creative placemaking and artist-led community transformation. The organization runs more than 39 affordable arts facilities in 16 states and hopes to help the Kansas City region further its stronghold as a creative crossroads for artists to prosper in and residents to enjoy far beyond the formal Crossroads Arts District downtown.

When ArtsKC heard Artspace was coming to Kansas City, Missouri to present some of its findings, it saw the opportunity to open up the forum of discussion to other municipal and county officials in the region. Partnering with Mid-America Regional Council, ArtsKC co-hosted a meeting on Oct. 1 where approximately 40 government and civic leaders attended a presentation on Creative Placemaking. This was followed on Oct. 2nd with a Grant Workshop presented by ArtPlace America.

According to Wendy Holmes, keynote presenter and Artspace consultant, blending economic development with affordable art space makes for healthy neighborhoods. Planned and executed correctly, placemaking builds in a permanency of affordability for artists so the popularity of their shops, boutiques, or galleries doesn’t drive them out because of rising rents.

“Kansas City is on target to think of attracting and retaining creative people and artists in multiple pockets of the city beyond the downtown districts,” explains Holmes.

Placemaking ultimately is about looking at the entire infrastructure of a multi-county community and using creative transformation of existing spaces and buildings to serve as a catalyst for more commerce, more art, and more exchanges of energy be it cash, ideas, or economic development as a result of making a place a destination for creative exchange, says Holmes.

To download a copy of the Placemaking presentation, go to the Resources section of ArtsKC.org.
ArtsKC – Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce Terry and Zulema Bassham as Honorary Chairs for the 13th Annual ArtsKC Awards Luncheon to be held on February 25th, 2016 at the Kansas City Convention Center Grand Ballroom. Event Co-Chairs Rachel Merlo and Dale Trott are leading this effort with a bold move to a new location, on a new date, and featuring new award categories to align with ArtsKC’s strategic focus to support, promote, and advocate for the arts.

“We are honored to support the arts and showcase the work of the distinguished award nominees that contribute to making Kansas City a community that we are proud to call home,” shares Terry Bassham, KCP&L CEO. He adds, “Zulema and I are looking forward to celebrating with Kansas City business, civic, and arts leaders early next year.”

“Our event theme this year is amplify, and we are committed to filling our larger venue with diverse performances and an art-infused program,” states Rachel Merlo, Google Community Impact Manager.

“Ultimately the ArtsKC Awards Luncheon is a celebration of the broad and robust arts community in the region. Anyone who hasn’t been to this luncheon is missing an opportunity to connect with the people who bring us creativity and innovation across disciplines,” adds Dale Trott, ArtsKC Board Member and event Co-Chair.

For additional information about the ArtsKC Awards Luncheon or to purchase tickets visit ArtsKC.org/awards.
AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED!
On February 25th 2016, ArtsKC will feature these distinguished individuals, businesses and organizations that are the foundation of our vibrant arts community.

VIRTUOSO
Recognizes an exceptional individual for their dedicated volunteerism in the arts and contribution to the arts community as a whole.

Suzie Aron
John Hoffman
Marilyn Strauss

CREATIVE IMPACT
Recognizes a metropolitan area business that fosters an environment of creativity and innovation, supports local artists or arts organizations, and provides exemplary leadership in the arts community.

Missouri Bank
Hufft Projects
El Dorado, INC

ADVOCATE
Recognizes an elected or public official in the metropolitan area for their outstanding advocacy for the arts.

Katheryn Shields
Carl Gerlach
Allan Gray

INNOVATOR
Recognizes an arts organization that provides educational opportunities to underserved communities and creates innovative partnerships to build unique programs.

UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance Musical Bridges Program
Mattie Rhodes Art Center Afterschool Arts Program
Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art Thinking Through Art Program

EDUCATION
Recognizes a school or district that utilizes the arts as a tool for achieving educational excellence in a K-12 setting.

Shawnee Mission East High School
Blue Springs R-IV School District
Liberty Public School District

ARTSKC FUND EXCELLENCE
Recognizes a company or individual that demonstrates distinction in promoting access, community, and excellence in the arts by raising funds and awareness for the ArtsKC Fund campaign.

BNIM
Johnson County Government
Stinson Leonard Street

One winner will be announced in each category during the ArtsKC Awards Luncheon on February 25th, 2016. www.ArtsKC.org/awards

ARTSKC EVENTS
ARROWHEAD ART COLLECTION
ARTSKC ENCOUNTER
Wednesday, November 11 – 5:30-7:30pm Arrowhead Stadium, Scout Investments Club Level

THE ART OF RESILIENCY
ARTSKC ENCOUNTER
Friday, January 22 – 5:30-7:30pm Synergy Services, Inc.
Youth Resiliency Center

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FIRST FRIDAYS
NOVEMBER 6, 2015
6-9pm, ArtsKC Office
Featured Performer: Diles Mavis Group

DECEMBER 4, 2015
6-9pm, ArtsKC Office

JANUARY 1, 2015
CLOSED

For information on sponsoring a First Friday contact Godfrey Riddle at riddle@artskc.org.

ARTSKC 360
LUNCH N’ LEARN
Friday, December 11, 2015
Noon-1pm, ArtsKC Office

Thursday, January 21, 2016
Noon-1pm, ArtsKC Office

To register for these free Lunch and Learns, visit ArtsKC.org/ArtsKC360

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