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Individual Artists Receive ArtsKC Inspiration Grants

Kansas City, MO (March 19, 2018) ArtsKC – Regional Arts Council announces that 19 individual artists recently received ArtsKC Inspirations grants. The ambitious artists who were awarded grants are using their funding to create new work, pursue professional development, engage with the community and strengthen their artistic skills to advance their work and careers.

Visual, music, theatre, literary, dance and interdisciplinary projects are the primary focus of the work these grantees are doing. A committee of local community members, led by ArtsKC Board Member and [Hint CEO Teri Rogers](#), reviewed and selected the grantees.

“ArtsKC funds artists who rely on our grants to make a professional music recording, buy a kiln and write a book, to name a couple of examples,” said Dana Knapp, ArtsKC President and CEO. “We turn gifts from donors into grants that help artists in very practical ways to advance their creative practices.”

The grant recipients are: flutist [Brian Allred](#), ceramicist [Cydney Ross](#), animator Daniel Chase, musician [Denzel Williams](#), activist-vocalist [Ellie Grace](#), researcher [Kendell Harbin](#), writer [Lisa Maione](#), fiber artist [Lori Lee Triplett](#), poet [MG Salazar](#), composer-performer [Michael Miller](#), sculptor [Miranda Clark](#), painter-writer [Nicole Emanuel](#), wood sculptor [Oliver Clark](#), composer-vocalist [Krista Eyler](#), graffiti muralist [Phil “SikeStyle” Shafer](#), composer-musician [Simon Fink](#), visual artist [Stacey Sharpe](#), choreographer-dancer [Suzanne Ryanstrati](#), and hip-hop teacher [SugEasy](#).

In addition to awarding grants to individual artists so they can bring creative ideas to life, ArtsKC funds small to mid-sized nonprofit organizations that promote community building through programs and larger nonprofit arts organizations that are vital to our thriving, innovative arts community.

View the complete list of [all recent ArtsKC grant recipients](#). Get more details on [application deadlines and guidelines](#).

About the ArtsKC – Regional Arts Council:

ArtsKC is a regional nonprofit arts council that promotes, supports and advocates for the arts for the benefit of our region. We promote the arts for their individual, community and economic benefits. And, we create initiatives including ArtsKCGo.com to help drive audience engagement & participation in the arts. We provide arts organizations, artists & arts programs with professional support & investment through 100+ grants awarded annually. We serve as the voice of the arts regionally by building relationships with government officials & advocating for the development of public funding, all in support of the arts as an economic & social driver.

The mission of ArtsKC - Regional Arts Council is to unleash the power of the arts. Please visit www.ArtsKC.org for more information. And, visit www.artskcgo.com, an ArtsKC [initiative](#), for a local arts and cultural events calendar.