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## **ArtsKC Awards Inspiration & Ovation Grants to Local Artists and Large Arts and Cultural Organizations**

**Kansas City Metro** (Sept. 4, 2018) - ArtsKC – Regional Arts Council announces that 18 local artists will receive financial support for transformative projects via our competitive Inspiration Grant program. The grantees are: [Ani Volkan](#), [Ashley Wheat](#), Ryan Jamaal Davis: [Brass & Boujee](#), [Nick Carswell](#), [Daniel Morel](#), [David George](#), [Emily Connell](#), [Genevieve Flynn](#), [Israel Alejandro Garcia Garcia](#), [Susan Ferguson](#), [Kyle Mullins/Moving Arts](#), [Maria Ogedengbe](#), [Sean Mawhirter](#), [Stacy Busch](#), [Stephanie Roberts](#), [Stephen Paul](#), [Tigerstyle! Crew \(Jeremy Scott\)](#) and [Victoria Botero](#).

Inspiration Grants from ArtsKC provide direct support to individual artists and arts professionals for projects and activities that could advance their careers and build their capacity for future work. Artists represent a variety of disciplines: visual, music, dance, theatre, literature/poetry and multidisciplinary projects.

“ArtsKC invests in our region’s individual artists because they are strong contributors to the creative and economic success of our region,” said Dana Knapp, ArtsKC President and CEO. “We offer two rounds of Inspiration Grants and are currently receiving applications until Feb. 1, 2019, for the second round.”

In addition to the Inspiration Grants awarded, ArtsKC has just announced Ovation grant funding, for the following 22 large arts organizations for fiscal year 2019: [American Jazz Museum](#), [Coterie Theatre](#), [Folly Theater](#), [Friends of Chamber Music](#), [Harriman-Jewell Series](#), [Heart of America Shakespeare Festival](#), [Heartland Men’s Chorus](#), [Kansas City Art Institute](#), [Kansas City Ballet](#), [Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey](#), [Kansas City Repertory Theatre](#), [Kansas City Symphony](#), [Kansas City Young Audiences](#), [Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art](#), [Lyric Opera of Kansas City](#), [Mesner Puppet Theater](#), [Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art](#), [Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art](#), [Johnson County Community College-Carlsen Center](#), [Starlight Theatre](#), [UMKC Conservatory of Music & Dance](#) and [Unicorn Theatre](#).

ArtsKC will also award Catalyst Project grants to mid- to small-sized arts organizations and nonprofits with arts programs in December. The deadline for Catalyst Project Grant applications is Sept. 7.

All ArtsKC grants are awarded based on decisions made by Grant Committees, which are led by ArtsKC board members and comprised of dedicated volunteer professionals across disciplines.

“One of the pillars of ArtsKC is to invest in arts and culture. By supporting individual artists and organizations, both large and small, ArtsKC contributes to the advancement of the arts as core to our community’s strength and vitality,” Knapp said.

### **About the ArtsKC – Regional Arts Council:**

ArtsKC is a regional nonprofit arts council that promotes, supports and advocates for the arts across a five-county region. We promote the arts for their individual, community and economic benefits. And, we create initiatives that drive audience engagement in the arts. We provide arts organizations, artists & arts programs with professional support & investment, including grants that we award 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. Please visit [www.ArtsKC.org](http://www.ArtsKC.org) for more information and visit [www.artskcgo.com](http://www.artskcgo.com), a local arts and cultural events calendar brought to you by ArtsKC.

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