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## **Thirteen Individual Artists Receive ArtsKC Inspiration Grants**

Kansas City, MO (May 17, 2019) ArtsKC – Regional Arts Council announces that 13 individual artists recently received ArtsKC Inspiration grants. These ambitious artists 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 Dr. Derald Davis, reviewed and selected the grantees. Davis is the Assistant Superintendent of Equity, Inclusion and Innovation for Kansas City Public Schools.

“ArtsKC Inspiration Grants empower artists to fulfill their creative goals,” said Heather Beffa, ArtsKC Grants Manager. “This opportunity prompts imaginative people to push themselves with projects that represent risk, growth and change. These grants could not exist without the crucial support of our donors and the thoughtful input of our committee members.”

The grant recipients are: painter [Amaranthine Artist / Allison Bowman](#), graphic novelist [Flannery Cashill](#), installation artist and sculptor [Renée Cinderhouse](#), choir director Danielle Enriquez-Fowler, artist and arts organizer [Brandon Frederick](#), dancer and choreographer [Tristian Griffin](#), painter [Jenny Hahn](#), poet [Sheri Hall](#), painter [Armin Mühsam](#), director and actor [Amy O'Connor](#), filmmaker-musician [Mikal Shapiro](#), curator [Sandra Van Tuyl](#), and sculptor [Susan White](#). View images and descriptions of these projects [on our website](#).

In addition to awarding grants to individual artists so they can bring creative ideas to life, ArtsKC funds arts programs and nonprofit arts organizations that are vital to our thriving, innovative arts community. View the complete list of [all recent ArtsKC grant recipients](#).

### **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](http://www.ArtsKC.org) for more information. And, visit [www.artskcgo.com](http://www.artskcgo.com), an ArtsKC initiative, for a local arts and cultural events calendar.