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ArtsKC Awards Catalyst Mission & Ovation Grants to Local Arts Organizations

Kansas City Region (November 15, 2019) - ArtsKC - Regional Arts Council announces 31 small to mid-sized nonprofit arts organizations to receive Catalyst Mission Grants and 22 additional nonprofit arts organizations to receive mission support funding from the Ovation Grant category.

ArtsKC Catalyst Mission Grant recipients include theaters, choirs, orchestras, visual art studios and many other organizations dedicated to the arts. Ovation Grant recipients are established nonprofit arts organizations serving a regional audience with performances, programs, and exhibitions.

Catalyst Mission Grant recipients are:

[5 Star Jazz Band](#)
[Art As Mentorship, Inc.](#)
[Arts in Prison](#)
[Band of Angels](#)
[Charlotte Street Foundation](#)
[City In Motion Dance Theater](#)
[Fishtank Theatre](#)
[Fountain City Brass Band](#)
[GuildIt](#)
[ICE Studios School of Dance](#)
[InterUrban ArtHouse](#)
[Just Like You Films](#)
[Kansas Academy of Theatrical Arts](#)
[Kansas City Actors Theatre](#)
[Kansas City Artists Coalition](#)
[Kansas City Boys Choir](#)

[Kansas City Public Theatre](#)
[Kansas City Volunteer Lawyers & Accountants for the Arts](#)
[KC Clay Guild](#)
[KC Contemporary Dance](#)
[KC Melting Pot Theatre Productions, Inc.](#)
[Midwest Music Foundation](#)
[Owen/Cox Dance Group](#)
[Puppetry Arts Institute](#)
[Spinning Tree Theatre](#)
[Spire Chamber Ensemble](#)
[Te Deum](#)
[Theatre for Young America](#)
[Westport Center for the Arts](#)
[Wylliams Henry Contemporary Dance Company](#)
[Youth Symphony of Kansas City](#)

"We are proud to invest in a rich variety of arts organizations in our Catalyst Mission grant category. This group represents a great enterprise in community-building through mutual interests in the arts. The shared activity of creating and witnessing art gives our region points of convergence between all people. These grants would not be possible without the support of our dedicated donors." - Dana Knapp

"We are so excited and honored to receive this grant. Thank you so much for helping us continue our mission." - Isha Williams, Owner & Executive Director, ICE Studios School of Dance

Ovation Grant recipients are:

[American Jazz Museum](#)
[Coterie Theatre](#)
[Folly Theater](#)
[Friends of Chamber Music](#)

[Kansas City Symphony](#)
[Kansas City Young Audiences](#)
[Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art](#)
[Lyric Opera of Kansas City](#)

[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](#)

[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](#)
[Unicorn Theatre](#)

"ArtsKC's support will help ignite a transformational spark by providing innovative arts programs for children across the Kansas City Metropolitan Area. By participating in the arts, children build critical thinking skills, communication, collaboration and creativity - skills that prepare children to be better students and lead more engaged and richer lives." - Martin English, Executive Director, Kansas City Young Audiences

"Our Ovation grant recipients present excellent performances, exhibitions, and programs for over two million people in our community each year, and draw audiences from outside our region as well. We are glad to support their ongoing seasons with funds from our generous donors." - Dana Knapp

Applications were considered by a volunteer committee of community members. View the [full 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 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 for more information and visit www.artskcgo.com, a local arts and cultural events calendar brought to you by ArtsKC.

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