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ArtsKC Awards Over \$71,000 in Catalyst Mission Grants to Local Arts Organizations

Kansas City Region (October 29, 2020) - ArtsKC - Regional Arts Council announces that thirty-five arts organizations will receive general operating support totaling \$71,800 in FY21 from their [Catalyst Mission Grant](#) program. ArtsKC granted funds to organizations in five counties - Clay, Platte, and Jackson in Missouri; Johnson and Wyandotte in Kansas.

This support comes when, in past years, organizations utilize this time to prepare for holiday programs and efforts to celebrate the upcoming season. In the wake up of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, our region's arts and culture sector has lost more than \$18 million in financial impact and has culminated in almost 800 arts employees losing their job. Our arts community needs relief now more than ever.

"Supporting the arts is crucial, especially now. Catalyst Mission grants are a big part of our mission to provide direct support to the arts in our community. It is a very important component of what we do as an organization and how we can support arts organizations as everyone adapts to the chaos and uncertainty that arises." - Dana Knapp, President & CEO, ArtsKC



The Catalyst Mission grant is designed to reach a broad range of arts organizations in a competitive process. A volunteer committee, chaired by ArtsKC Board Member Madeline Romious, independently reviewed applications. The committee spent a significant amount of time evaluating the applications before making recommendations to the full ArtsKC Board of Directors, which unanimously approved the grants.

This year's recipients are:

[Art As Mentorship, Inc.](#)
[The Arts Asylum](#)
[Arts in Prison](#)
[Ballet North](#)
[Band of Angels](#)
[The Barn Players](#)
[Charlotte Street Foundation](#)
[Ensemble Iberica](#)
[Fishtank Theatre, Inc \(pictured\)](#)
[Folk Alliance International](#)
[Gem Theater Cultural and Performing Arts Center](#)
[Gurukul Dance Company](#)
[InterUrban ArtHouse](#)
[Kansas Academy of Theatrical Arts](#)
[Kansas City Actors Theatre](#)
[Kansas City Artists Coalition](#)
[Kansas City Chamber Orchestra](#)
[The Kansas City Jazz Orchestra](#)

[Kansas City Latin Jazz Orchestra](#)
[Kansas City Public Theatre](#)
[Kansas City Women's Chorus](#)
[KC Clay Guild](#)
[Mid America Freedom Band](#)
[Midwest Music Foundation](#)
[Musical Theater Heritage](#)
[The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures](#)
[newEar](#)
[Spinning Tree Theatre](#)
[Spire Chamber Ensemble](#)
[StonELion Puppet Theatre](#)
[Te Deum](#)
[Theatre for Young America](#)
[Westport Center for the Arts](#)
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"ArtsKC Catalyst funding is imperative to continuing our services as a producing entity and an artist incubator. It provides validation and endorsement of Fishtank Theatre's place in the Kansas City Arts Community, and we can expand our reach and programs with Catalyst support." - Fishtank Theatre, Inc.

ArtsKC grants are investments in people, programs, and projects that make the arts more accessible, sustain a vibrant and thriving arts community, and support a tradition of excellence, innovation, and entrepreneurship in the arts. ArtsKC grants support visual, dance, music, theater, poetry, and interdisciplinary art. Together, the organizations applying for Catalyst Mission grants represent a great enterprise in community building through shared arts interests. People are brought together by the type and the content of the art, be it old, new, traditional, avant-garde, religious, secular, comedic or tragic; by other commonalities, such as age, race, gender, and geography; and above all, by the opportunity to express themselves in supportive environments. These organizations directly serve over half a million people annually.

ArtsKC annually distributes grants to support the arts in our community. Due to the global pandemic, this cycle of grants proves more crucial and necessary than any other year in recent memory.

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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, and arts programs with professional support and investment, including grants that we award annually. We serve as the voice of the arts regionally by building relationships with government officials and 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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