



Greater Columbus Arts Council

# 2021

## REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

To support and  
advance the arts and  
cultural fabric of  
Columbus.







## VISION

**A thriving Columbus  
where the arts  
matter to all of us.**

## VALUES

### **Cultural Equity**

Our transparent grant making elevates and supports a broad representation of art forms and artists.

### **Cultural Capital**

We are diligent stewards of the public and private support that drives our work.

### **Sustaining Excellence**

We encourage excellence in the fields of the artists and arts organizations that we support, and in their fiscal and governance responsibilities.

### **Building Community**

Our investments connect the people and places of Columbus.

### **Welcoming to All**

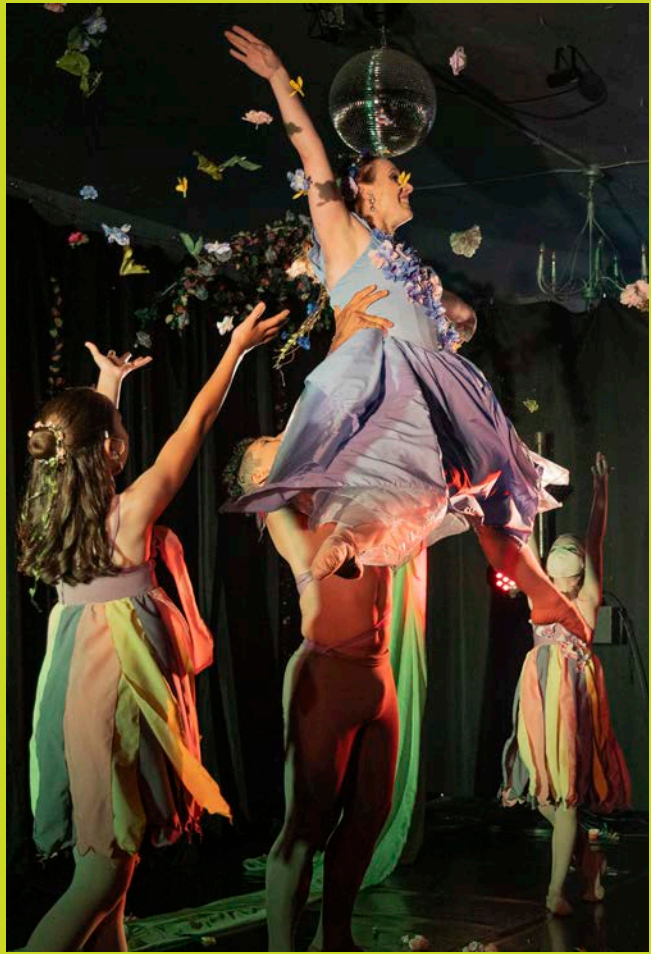
We promote art experiences for those living, working, visiting and learning in our city.

### **Inspired Advocacy**

Communicating the impact of the arts is fundamental to the health and vitality of the creative community.

Backstage at the Lincoln: Columbus Cultural Orchestra.  
Photo credit: Terry Gilliam; courtesy CAPA.

COVER: Opera Columbus' *La Bohème*, Jesus García, Bizhou Chang, Eric McKeever, Patrick Graham, Ivy Zhou, Miguel Pedroz. Photo credit: Terry Gilliam.



Top: Juneteenth 2021 Community Dance with Thioassane West African Dance Institute hosted by the King Arts Complex at Mayme Moore Park. Photo credit: Terry Gilliam.

Center Left: We Amplify Voices (WAV) students in *WE. The Change* program at Hilltonia Middle School rehearsing on the stage of the Southern Theater as part of *Lift All Voices*. Photo courtesy WAV.

Right: OYO Dance's production of *Carmina Burana*. Dancers Alexander Cornejo and Rachel Nace, with Company Tracking students Lucy Mattes and Panthea Maynard. Photo credit: Tom Wehrung.

Bottom Left: Capriccio Columbus, *Christmas with Capriccio*, Larry Griffin & Karrie Horton, conductors and Collin Richardson, accompanist. Photo credit: Byers Photography.

Opposite: Young Taiko drummers at the Asian Festival. Photo courtesy Asian Festival.

Middle: *These Shining Lives* performed by Red Herring Productions. Photo courtesy Red Herring Productions.

Bottom: Summer Jam West 2021 *Pursuing Good Together* muralists Marcus W. Billingsley, Thom Glick, and Lucie Shearer. Photo credit: Rob Colgan.



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# ADVOCATE

## Letter from the Board Chair and President

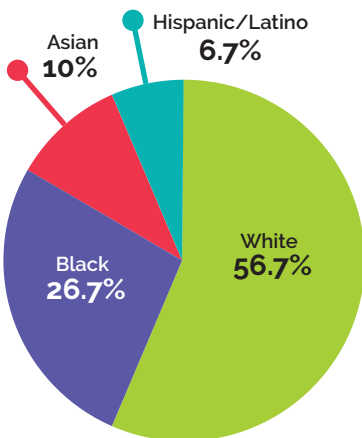
### WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2022

Lourdes Barroso de Padilla  
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[Click to see all current Arts Council board of trustees](#)

### ARTS COUNCIL BOARD 2022 REPRESENTATION



2019 Franklin County Demographics: White 62.1%, Black 23.8%, Asian 5.7%, Hispanic/Latino 5.8%

The Columbus arts community had much to be proud of in 2021; despite continued uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, continued social unrest, ongoing financial hardship and staffing issues. At the same time, while we know our community, our country and the world still has a long way to go on our road to recovery, we want to take this opportunity to celebrate what we accomplished together in 2021 and to share our optimism for 2022.

We continue to be grateful for the stalwart support the Franklin County Commissioners and the city of Columbus provided us throughout this challenging time. In 2021, the county's financial support was essential to our accomplishments. Last year also saw the reemergence of our city funding sources—the bed tax and ticket fees. While these city funds are not back to pre-pandemic levels, the gradual return of events and travel ensured that we were still able to reinvest back into the community at historic levels. In addition, Arts Council reserves accrued over the previous eight years as well as continued pandemic support, provided through PPP loans, helped make these unprecedented funding levels possible.

The following highlights are some of the ways in which we continued to build resiliency in the face of changes brought by the pandemic while also working to prepare the cultural sector for recovery and sustainability:

- >> Our 25 Operating Support grants increased nine percent over 2020 levels to \$6,116,917. The total grants awarded in Project Support grants increased significantly in 2021 to 55 grants totaling \$722,372, a 32 percent increase in dollars awarded.
- >> The Art Unites Cbus effort which began after the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and others at the hands of police in 2020, continued in 2021. The protest murals were exhibited at six locations in the community and the work of the #ArtUnitesCbus Film & Photography grant recipients was displayed in The Loann Crane Gallery at the Arts Council.
- >> The Deliver Black Dreams partnership with Maroon Arts Group and the city of Columbus continued with the installation of two new large-scale murals, one on the south side and one in the Hilltop.
- >> In partnership with the Columbus Museum of Art, the Arts Council hosted our first Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson artist-in-residence, Memphis-based artist Johnathan Payne. We also awarded our second and third Aminah Fellowships to Columbus-based artists Wendy Kendrick and Richard Duarte Brown, respectively.
- >> We leveraged the Columbus Makes Art campaign to launch the Columbus Makes Art Passport, which encouraged Columbus residents to jump back into exploring our city's amazing arts



The Columbus Symphony's Nationwide Picnic with the Pops. *The Music of Queen* – June 12, 2021, Columbus Commons. Photo credit: Randall Schieber.

experiences. Fifty-nine organizations participated and 10,000 Passports were distributed free to the public. It was a resounding success.

- >> The Arts Council helped coordinate the national launch of Wil Haygood's new book, *Colorization: One Hundred Years of Black Film in a White World*. Twelve different organizations participated in the launch with 10 public events that helped reveal Wil's wit and wisdom to a broader cross section of Columbus' population, and which helped kickoff Wil's 25-city nationwide tour.
- >> GCAC presented our first two \$20,000 Artists Elevated awards to Erika Tay Lane, a theater director, writer, and actor and to Quianna Simpson, a dancer and choreographer. Thanks to a \$1 million gift from the American Electric Power Foundation, Bath & Body Works, and many generous individual donors, the GCAC Community Fund endowment that supports these awards grew significantly in 2021.
- >> The board and staff continued to put our inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility efforts at the forefront of our work, infusing it across all administration and program areas and engaging in ongoing training to propel our work. You'll see this work reflected throughout this report, including ensuring that representation on our board of trustees reflects the demographics of Franklin County (see pie chart, page 6).

Through it all, our vision of a thriving community where the arts matter to all of us remains our driving force—guiding our commitment to support and advance the arts and cultural fabric of Columbus every day.

As always, we are grateful to the city of Columbus, Franklin County Commissioners, the Ohio Arts Council and all the individuals, businesses, and community partners who support arts and culture in our region.

Michael Bongiorno  
Board Chair

Tom Katzenmeyer  
President & CEO

## ADVOCATE

Communicate the importance and impact of the arts and the Arts Council.

## SUPPORT, SUSTAIN & ADVANCE

Elevate philanthropy and financial stewardship to support recovery and further the impact of the arts and the Arts Council.

## ENGAGE

Connect organizations, artists, audiences and the community to arts events, education opportunities and resources.

## EMBRACE

Celebrate our common humanity and embed diversity, equity and inclusion into all that the Arts Council does.

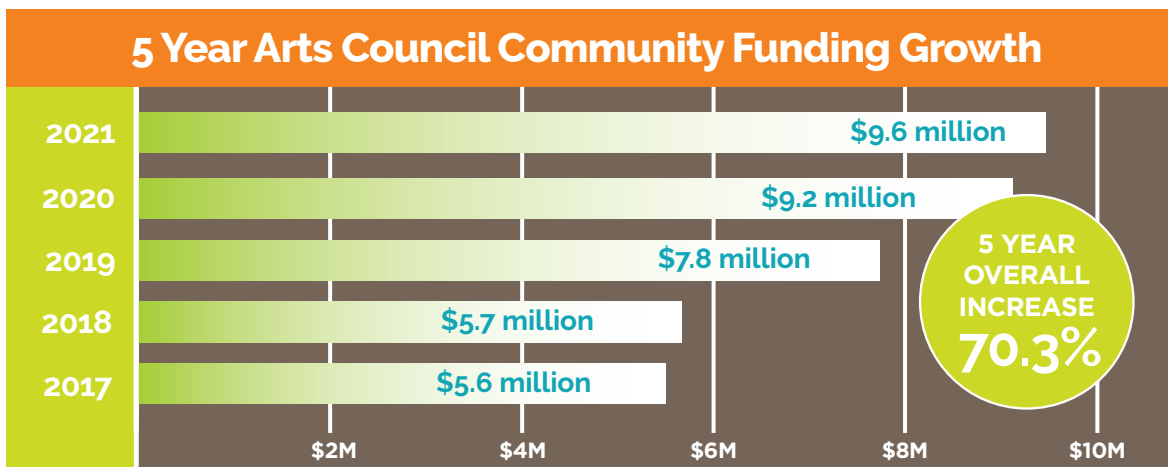
# SUPPORT SUSTAIN ADVANCE

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT & RESOURCES

### Grants & Services

Each year the Greater Columbus Arts Council's Grants & Services team strives to serve artists and organizations with the best possible resources and assistance. In 2021, Grants & Services focused on broadening and deepening services to artists, providing a variety of workshops useful to individuals and organizations, and conducting research to help establish base-line data and improve future services to the community.

- >> A new grants associate was hired with a specific focus on serving and connecting with artists—particularly with younger artists and artists of color.
- >> The OPPArt e-newsletter was re-imagined to be more visual, engaging and to connect to more resources.
- >> Virtual workshops on a variety of topics were conducted and recordings of the sessions were posted on the Arts Council's YouTube channel.
- >> In-person services were provided on a regular basis in the Arts Council's new computer lab to artists without access to and limited knowledge of technology.
- >> New in 2021, GCAC reimbursed six Project Support grantees for new Quickbooks purchases or Quickbooks software upgrades purchased through Tech Soup, a technology service organization providing deep discounts to nonprofits.
- >> For the first time demographic information was collected as part of all grant applications. We view data collection as an essential tool in our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and access. The data collected will serve multiple purposes: to help us understand how we reflect the communities we serve, to utilize data to better serve the needs of our artistic community, and to track our progress in these efforts.



Community funding is the amount of money the Arts Council provides to organizations and projects in the community and includes: Grants & Services, Designated Project Support, Deliver Black Dreams/Arts Unites Cbus, and Film Columbus expenses (see Financials on page 40 for breakdown). The Arts Council is required to direct at least 75% of city revenues and 95% of county revenues to community funding expenses. Community funding continued to grow during the pandemic due to proceeds from the admissions fee, CARES Act funds, increased funding from Franklin County and board designation of unrestricted funds. During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Arts Council directed 100% of County funds to community funding expenses and the board of trustees approved unrestricted funds to be used for grants in the amount of \$200,000 for each year.



# 2021 GRANT TOTALS

# \$7,623,493

TOTAL GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

## 25

OPERATING SUPPORT  
GRANTS

### \$6,116,917

## 55

PROJECT SUPPORT  
GRANTS

### \$722,372

## 440

SUPPORT FOR  
PROFESSIONAL  
ARTISTS GRANTS

### \$430,654

## 83

unique organizations  
and projects supported

FELLOWSHIPS,  
RESIDENCIES &  
AWARDS

### \$178,550

## 477

unique artists  
supported

## 6

THRIVE GRANTS

### \$120,000

## 22

BIG IDEAS GRANTS

### \$55,000

BalletMet. All photos by Jennifer Zmuda

Bottom: BalletMet dancers Lisset Santander,  
David Ward, and Jim Nowakowski.

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Thioissane West African Dance performs *One Never Knows the Growth From a Seed Planted*. Photo credit: Terry Gilliam

## THRIVE

The Arts Council continued the Thrive program in 2021 with three new award recipients: Thioissane Institute, Two Scoops National Performance Art Company and Urban Strings Columbus. This multi-year grant program is designed to support organizations led by and serving people of color. Organizations receive \$10,000 in unrestricted funding for two years, \$5,000 to work with a consultant in the second year, and are connected to subject matter experts and each other. Organizations also have the opportunity to be a paid mentor to an incoming Thrive organization in their third year. 2020 Thrive recipients All People Arts, Maroon Arts Group and State of the Arts Productions continued their participation in the program and received \$15,000 each in their second year.



Young people enjoy an exhibition at All People Arts South Side gallery. Photo courtesy All People Arts.



As of today, we are really proud that each and every programming event at APA is completely free, and that would simply not be possible without the support of GCAC. We have expanded programming, hired staff and impacted countless people through our art kits, workshops, exhibitions, and the Walt Neil Mural League. Art is changing lives on the South Side!

**ALL PEOPLE ARTS**

## BIG IDEAS

The Big Ideas program was launched in late 2019 with the goal of uplifting artist ideas and projects that bring all art forms out into the community. A total of 22 Big Ideas grants were awarded in 2021.



### THE WHOLE PICTURE PROJECT

Artist Kirsta Benedetti designed a community-engagement project to empower new American women to tell their stories. The project was conducted in conjunction with researchers to create an interview process that gathered stories focused on cultural and identity creation and personal resilience. Using audio, video and photographs, The Whole Picture Project harnessed the unique power of storytelling and portraiture to bring honor to each new American profiled and build connections between people of different cultures.

Artist Kirsta Niemie Benedetti completing her portrait installation of Yamuna. Photo credit: Aaron Sheldon.



The workshops GCAC offers have helped us to grow our nonprofit organization with regard to financial software, planning and taxes. Thank you for supporting our mission to provide a platform for diverse women & girl artists and cultural workers as a means of equity and community sustainability.

**EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR FREEDOM , WOMEN&GIRLS' FEST**

**AMINAH BRENDA LYNN ROBINSON  
FELLOWSHIP AND RESIDENCY**

In 2021, the Arts Council and the Columbus Museum of Art (CMA) presented the second- and third-annual awards for the Aminah Robinson Fellowship programs, one of two programs created to support African-American, professional visual artists and honor the legacy of the beloved Columbus artist and MacArthur Fellow. Columbus artists Wendy Kendrick and Richard "Duarte" Brown were the 2021 and 2022 (announced in December 2021) Fellowship recipients respectively. The first residency participant, Johnathan Payne, was in Columbus June-August, 2021 living and working in Aminah Robinson's home and studio. In addition to artmaking Payne, who describes himself as a "southern, African-American queer" artist, participated in several community events, and his work was presented in Columbus College of Art & Design's Beeler Gallery in August.

In October, Aminah's house was put on Ohio's registry of Historic Places and a marker was installed out front, signaling to the world the importance of Aminah, her life and her home to Columbus and the Shepard neighborhood.



Wendy Kendrick in the art studio that is part of Aminah's home. Photo courtesy Columbus Museum of Art.



Welcome reception for Johnathan Payne. L to R: Nannette Maciejunes, Toni Smith, Deidre Hamler, Johnathan Payne, Carol Genshaft, Tom Katzenmeyer. Photo courtesy Columbus Museum of Art.



Blessing Drummers in Aminah's studio. Photo courtesy Columbus Museum of Art.



We appreciate GCAC's leadership in establishing a baseline for measuring progress in the diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts that our board and leadership team have prioritized.

**FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY & BOTANICAL GARDENS**

## CAPACITY BUILDING

**22**  
workshops  
and one board  
introduction  
event with  
a total of  
**386**  
participants.

The Arts Council helps with capacity building for arts organizations and artists by personal, group and one-on-one assistance, making connections between organizations and artists to Arts Council networks, and by sharing best practices and resources.

In 2021, the Arts Council conducted 22 workshops and one board introduction event with a total of 386 participants.

Workshop topics included project support workshops, the federal Shuttered Venue grant program, taxes for artists, accounting/insurance to manage risk, crisis communications, art accessibility for people with disabilities led by Art Possible Ohio and LGBTQIA: Pronouns & Allyship lead by Equitas.

In October, the Arts Council invited organizational grantees and members of young professional, leadership, affinity and cultural heritage groups to participate in a virtual event. Twenty organizations and 52 individuals signed up for the opportunity to meet and explore possible engagement. Over the past two years, this event has helped to place a total of 20 new members on arts boards and committees, enabling more diverse representation for those organizations.



BalletMet's Edwaard Liang. Photo credit: Chiun Kai Shih.

## RAYMOND J. HANLEY AWARD

Dancer, choreographer and BalletMet Artistic Director Edwaard Liang was selected as the 13th recipient of the Raymond J. Hanley Award. The annual award from the Raymond J. Hanley Fund at The Columbus Foundation is given to an artist who has demonstrated a high level of achievement while working at least five years in the arts in any discipline. The award money of \$15,000 is given without restriction, so that the artist can use it to further their career as needed.

A former dancer with New York City Ballet and Nederlands Dans Theater, Liang joined BalletMet in 2013 and has built an international reputation as a choreographer. Over the last decade, he has created work for the Bolshoi Ballet, Houston Ballet, Joffrey Ballet, Kirov Ballet, New York City Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Shanghai Ballet, Singapore Dance Theatre and Washington Ballet.



**During the darkest times of the pandemic, support from the Greater Columbus Arts Council went above and beyond any of our expectations. The Arts Council never stopped trying to make sure that the artists and the organizations that they work for could survive. Because of this support, we are in a position to start the process of coming back to live performances on our city's stages.**

**SUE PORTER, BALLETMET**



**The grant was a much-needed morale boost during a very difficult year. It gave me the artistic fuel I needed to continue making work.**

**EMMA KINDALL, SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS GRANT RECIPIENT**



I am so honored every time I am lucky enough to get this grant. It is the wind in my wings to live in a city that offers such support. Out of the development that the grant allowed, I was able to make a new body of work that exhibited in New York, Chicago and here at home.

MELISSA VOGLEY-WOODS, SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS GRANT RECIPIENT

## ARTISTS ELEVATED

In November the Arts Council announced the inaugural recipients of the Artists Elevated awards, a \$20,000 cash award focused on providing substantial funds to Columbus-based artists who have been working professionally for at least three years. The awards are intended to provide a more meaningful investment in moving an artist forward in their career.

The two inaugural recipients are Erika Tay Lane, a theater director, writer, actor and mentor and Quianna Simpson a dancer and choreographer with more than 30 years' experience studying traditional West African dance, music and culture. Simpson's award was underwritten by Bath & Body Works.

The Artists Elevated awards are supported by the Arts Council's endowment, the GCAC Community Fund, at The Columbus Foundation. In the fall the Arts Council announced a gift of \$1 million from the American Electric Power Foundation to the community endowment fund, which supports the awards.



Erika Tay Lane. Photo credit: Ursual Marioth.



Quianna Simpson. Photo credit: Terry Gilliam.



Arts Council Public Forum. L to R: Tom Katzenmeyer, Michael Bongiorno, Charlene Brown, Erika Tay Lane and Quianna Simpson. Photo credit: Alan Jazak.

## PUBLIC FORUM

The Arts Council's 2021 Public Forum was presented in partnership with WOSU Public Media. It was the Arts Council's first truly hybrid event featuring a live streamed program in conjunction with an in-person studio audience at the new WOSU Ross Community Studio. Moderated by long-time broadcaster Charlene Brown, Arts Council Board Chair Michael Bongiorno and President and CEO Tom Katzenmeyer engaged in a discussion with the inaugural Artists Elevated recipients Erika Tay Lane and Quianna Simpson.



WOSU Ross Community Studio. Photo courtesy WOSU.



GCAC has been an essential supporter of CXC since the beginning, and I don't know that we would be the same popular, innovative festival without that partnership. Especially during the past couple of difficult years, GCAC's assistance and flexibility allowed us to reimagine our event, making it one of the most successful online cartoon festivals in the country.

JEFF SMITH, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, CARTOON CROSSROADS COLUMBUS



Opera Columbus' *Don Giovanni*, Victor Cardamone, Meghan Kasanders, Amber R. Monroe, Carl DuPont, Jorell Williams, Aryssa Leigh Burrs, Miguel Pedroza. Photo credit: Terry Gilliam.



\*Data on growth in earned revenue (see page 15), contributed revenue, volunteers, school children and audience attendance from 2020 Operating and Project Support final reports, the funding cycle for which the Arts Council has received all final reports.



The support and funding from the Greater Columbus Arts Council has helped Gateway Film Center to weather the pandemic, reopen safely, and invest in our future.

GATEWAY FILM CENTER



Being a disabled artist, art is one of the few activities that brings joy to my life. This grant allows me to continue working in a situation where funding is extremely difficult.

PAUL WILBUR, SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS GRANT RECIPIENT



Red Herring Theater not only benefits from GCAC's financial support, but we have grown to rely on its innovative programs to build our audience base and gain organizational capacity. The GCAC staff is passionate about the arts in Columbus and tireless in its support of Columbus artists.

RED HERRING THEATER



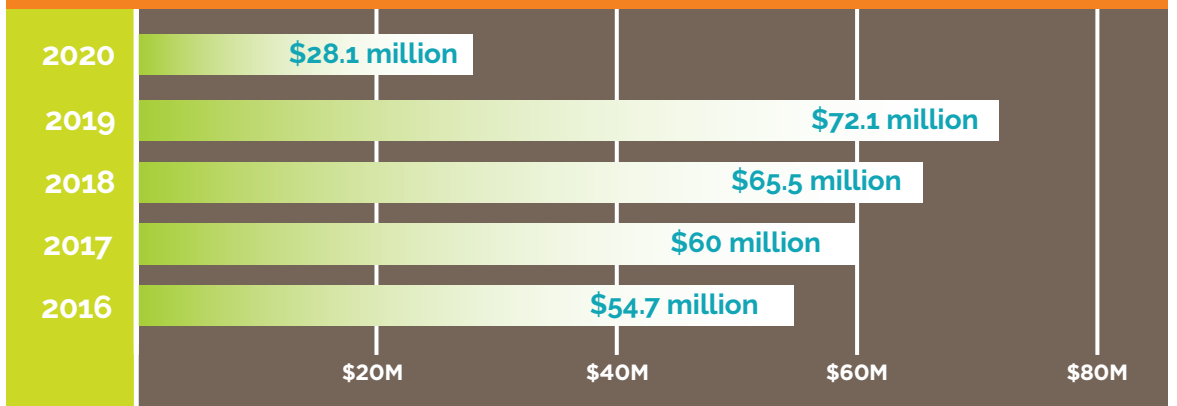
This grant has given me the space and time to write free from distraction or household responsibilities. An unexpected benefit is that I'm now able to host a monthly write-in for Asian American writers in The Nest's conference room.

SAYURI AYERS, SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS GRANT RECIPIENT



Visitors to the fall 2021 Wex Open House watch members of Ohio State's Department of Dance and the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company performing in the Wexner Center for the Arts galleries, with the art of Jacqueline Humphries as a backdrop. Photo credit: Kathryn D Studios.

## Earned Revenue



As may be expected, Arts Council grantees' revenues fell dramatically during the pandemic's resulting closures and restricted ticketing and admissions. Despite those strained circumstances they continued to serve the central Ohio community, and managed to increase contributed revenue despite intense competition for donations. Operating Support organizations continued to connect school children to quality arts education experiences through long-standing partnerships.



A result of the grant is [an] increase in my level of confidence as an author. To know that someone believes in your work on a professional level is such a boost of confidence and a push to keep going to reach my goals of promoting literacy for children.

KIMBERLY DAVIS-PETERS, SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS GRANT RECIPIENT

# ENGAGE & EMBRACE

advocacy & promotion

## ART COLUMBUS MAKES COLUMBUS ART

The Art Makes Columbus campaign depends on tremendous generosity from our media and community partners and throughout the pandemic their support has been critical to the vibrancy and visibility of the campaign. Dedicated marketing partnerships resulted in 52 interviews on CD92.9, 22 interviews on WSNY, 26 CityPulse articles and 26 Columbus Underground articles all featuring Columbus-based artists and organizations. In 2021 media partners contributed a total of \$369,722 in-kind support to the Art Makes Columbus campaign.



Learn more about  
Donte Woods-Spikes

Feb 5, 2021; Columbus, OH, USA; Local activist and filmmaker Donte Woods-Spikes on the corner of High and Spring streets where his billboard is shown.  
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Artists of Columbus series participant  
Lance Johnson. Photo credit: David Toth.



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Artists of Columbus series participant  
Mansee Singhi. Photo courtesy the artist.

## 2021 RESULTS

**937 stories**  
generating 1.6 billion  
potential impressions

**18 new artists**

**\$5.4 million**  
in publicity value

**\$127,430**  
earned in Google Ad grants,  
generating 407,727  
impressions.

**305,458**  
Facebook impressions

**109,103**  
Instagram impressions

**124,596**  
Twitter impressions

**308,584**  
Web page views

**29,615**  
video views



**ART COLUMBUS MAKES MAKES COLUMBUS ART**

ColumbusMakesArt.com  
#artmakescbus

**I AM STEPHANIE ROND. PAINTING IS MY ART.**

As a street artist, gallery artist and dollhouse-sized gallery owner, Stephanie Rond is intimately connected to the creative conversations in Columbus. She knows artists in Columbus look out for each other, helping the entire community thrive, and there's no place she'd rather make her art.

Photo: Meghan Robinson

As *Down Breaks* is a collaboration between visual artist and poet Cyndra Arooch. The model for the work is Columbus-based fiber artist Celeste Makise Stewart and her two pups. The artwork is on the north facing wall of Puffysocks Bakery.

Stephanie Rond's artwork *Echoes of Kindness* is in the SOUTH neighborhood, visible from Hudson on a west facing wall of a building on Summit Street.

In the Short North Arts District, *You Are Hardwired to Be Kind* by Stephanie Rond resides at 20 E. Lincoln St. by the Sharon Weiss gallery.

Find public art and Columbus artists at [ColumbusMakesArt.com](http://ColumbusMakesArt.com)

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Learn more about Stephanie Rond

**ART COLUMBUS MAKES MAKES COLUMBUS ART**

ColumbusMakesArt.com  
#artmakescbus

**I AM LISA McLYMONT. MIXED MEDIA IS MY ART.**

Through the years, I've found many opportunities to directly influence development of our community, and have been fortunate to inspire and to be inspired by many others. The sheer amount of creativity that Central Ohio is steeped in has a huge influence on my desire to continue exploring and sharing my own ideas.

Photo: Lisa Ly

The east side of Ramping House at 310 E. Hudson hosts a new mural designed and painted by Lisa to be completed in spring of 2021.

Lisa designed and led the team in creating the first *Deliver Black Dream* mural, which was painted in November 2020. The mural can be seen along Fifth Avenue, a few blocks west of Cleveland Avenue.

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Learn more about Lisa McLymont

**ART COLUMBUS MAKES MAKES COLUMBUS ART**

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**I AM ADAM HERNANDEZ. PAINTING IS MY ART.**

Borrowing techniques and subject matter from graffiti, ancient mythology and abstract painting; Adam Hernandez likes to describe his art as a kind of "ghetto hieroglyphics." Originally from the Bronx, Hernandez now calls Columbus home and he has made his mark on the public art scene.

Photo: Brennan Kufrees

Located on N. Pearl St. between Lincoln and Bollinger, in the Short North, Adam Hernandez's "Be The Light" mural was commissioned by Wood Companies and the Short North Alliance.

When Jackie O's Pub & Brewery opened a Columbus location they hired Columbus-based artist Adam Hernandez to bring his distinct style to the east face of their new building at 171 N. Fourth St. In November Hernandez added "Bobcat Godmask" to the downtown Columbus landscape.

Photo: Adam Hernandez

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Learn more about Adam Hernandez

Through a partnership with Orange Barrel Media, IKEs throughout the city were used to showcase Columbus Makes Art artists who create public art in Columbus.

Charlotte Belland



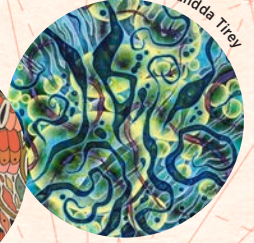
This was SO fun! The kids enjoyed it too. Felt good to get out and explore our city and reconnect with some of the organizations that make our city great.

**JULIE G. – VISITED 30 SITES**

Cassidy Marietta



Amanda Tiley



DonCee Coulter



In the fall, the Arts Council leveraged the Columbus Makes Art campaign to help organizations get people back in the door by launching the Columbus Makes Art Passport. During September and October, 10,000 printed passports were distributed to encourage people to visit and engage with 59 cultural organizations. People enjoyed this in-real-life opportunity to experience the arts, many citing that they discovered new organizations and experiences in the process. Passports were validated at participating locations with stickers featuring work by 23 Columbus-based artists, and validations earned participants prizes. Prizes included signed prints purchased from artists, tickets to events, restaurant gift cards and many other fun incentives. The program drew participants from more than 40 zip codes in Ohio. The 2022 Art Makes Columbus Passport is planned for September and October.



It was like opening a new present at Christmas each time I'd discover someplace new.

**CYNDY B. – VISITED 44 SITES**



This was such a fantastic idea! The audience members who came for the passport sticker would never have known about us otherwise...and so proud of the art and cool places they'd experienced.

**COMO DANCE**



Raquel Rosendo



Dana Frost Grubbe applying more ink to a printing plate at Phoenix Rising Printmaking Cooperative. Photo credit: Karen Albanese Campbell.



We loved, Loved, LOVED this program! It was exactly what the community needed after COVID—an incentive to get people out into art venues again! The program was creative, easily understood and FUN!

**RED HERRING THEATER**



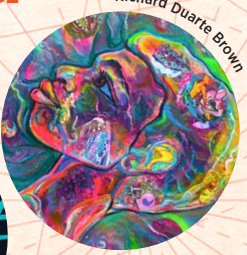
So many "new to Phoenix Rising" visitors learned about us and some even signed up for workshops or returned and bought art at our Nov. 6 sale.

**PHOENIX RISING PRINTMAKING COOPERATIVE**

Adam Hernandez



Richard Duarte Brown



# COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP AWARDS



## THE 2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS WERE:

The Community Arts Partnership Award winners were celebrated with a video in 2021 hosted by Angela Pace. Click above to watch.



**Dionne Custer Edwards**  
Arts Educator

Photo credit: Katie Gentry



**Johnny Riddle**  
Emerging Arts Leader Award

Photo credit: Erica Aaron



**Marilyn Brown**  
Michael B. Coleman  
Arts Partner Award

Photo credit: Shellee Fisher



Corey Landis and the Finer Things perform at Land-Grant Brewing Co. during Franklinton Friday. Photo courtesy of Franklinton Arts District

**Land-Grant Brewing**  
Company Employer Award

## Dale E. Heydlauff COMMUNITY ARTS INNOVATION AWARDS

In its second year, the Dale E. Heydlauff Community Arts Innovation Awards honor the creative, and innovative ways in which our community has kept people connected to the arts during the pandemic or addressed important social issues in our community. The \$2,500 award was increased in 2021 to \$5,000 for each recipient through a generous gift from Dale Heydlauff.



**Donte Woods-Spikes**  
for Art & Empathy Talks

Photo credit: Donte Woods-Spikes



**The Lincoln Theatre**  
for PATTERNZ Summer  
Arts Camps

PATTERNZ Camp participants.  
Photo courtesy Lincoln Theatre.

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## STREET PERFORMER PROGRAM AND STATS

Since 2014 the Arts Council has provided matching funds to six community partners to pay artists to perform and add vibrancy to the city's markets and outdoor public spaces. Partners include: Capital Crossroads' Pearl Market, Columbus Commons, Gay Street Sunlight and Moonlight Markets; Greater Columbus Convention Center; John Glenn International Airport; North Market; Short North Arts District. Despite continued periods of shut downs and restrictions, the program continued this year.

### STREET PERFORMER PROGRAM 2021 Stats

**93 artists\***  
**131**  
performances  
**356**  
hours of performance  
**\$21,533**  
paid to artists  
\*unique artists



KaTanya Brewer performs in the Short North Arts District. Photo credit: Katy Hines.



Receiving the grant took a lot of pressure off me to pay for my costumes out of pocket. I also felt more respected and confident as an artist that GCAC found my art meaningful enough to give me money for it.

**ROXANNE KNEPP, SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS GRANT RECIPIENT**



Terrance Charles performs at the North Market. Photo courtesy North Market.



The Ramblers perform at Pearl Market. Photo courtesy Capital Crossroads.



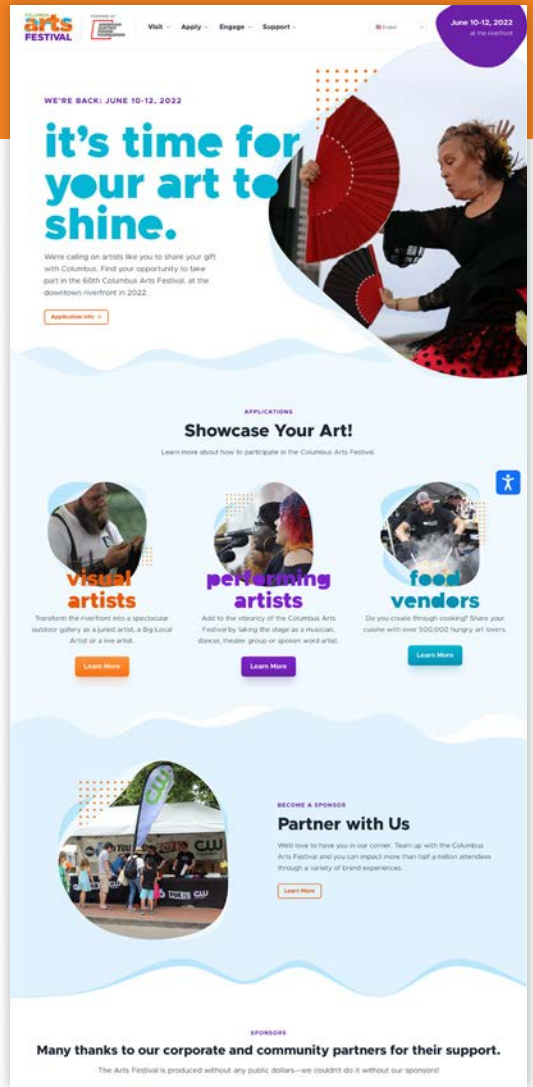
Because of this grant, I was able to afford unexpected and career-halting repairs to my only performance bow.

**ANN MANDIC-NOWAK, SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS GRANT RECIPIENT**

# COLLABORATION & SHARING

## COLUMBUS ARTS FESTIVAL

While there was no Arts Festival in 2021, the Arts Council took the time to redesign the Festival website to offer a more responsive design, improved user navigation and a more streamlined application process for artists, performers and other vendors. The new site also features an accessibility app that assists people with different visual needs in navigating websites and provides real-time modifications based on a user's individual needs.



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COLUMBUS  
**arts**  
FESTIVAL

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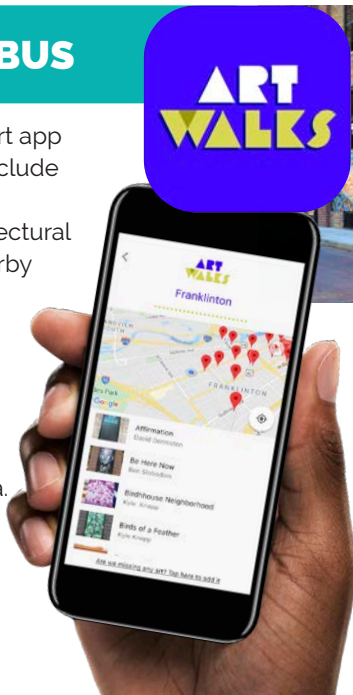
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## ARTWALKS COLUMBUS

ArtWalks Columbus, the new public art app launched in late 2020, expanded to include a partnership with Columbus Public Health, which added significant architectural sites in downtown Columbus and nearby neighborhoods. In 2022, ArtWalks 2.0 will launch with additional features including user profiles, filters for types of art and a favorites gallery. The ArtWalks Columbus app is made possible with additional support from Can't Stop Columbus and Novvia.

Download the ARTWALKS app to explore public art on your mobile device!



Be The Light by Adam Hernandez.  
Photo credit: Lacey Luce.



Buy Me Roses by Mandi Caskey.  
Photo credit: Lacey Luce.

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## #ARTUNITESCBUS EXHIBITIONS

Six additional exhibitions of the mural boards created during the protests of 2020 were installed in the fall of 2021 in partnership with educational institutions including Capital University, Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Denison University, Ft. Hayes Metropolitan Education Center and The Ohio State University. The exhibitions helped continue the ongoing dialogue needed for our community to confront systemic racism. Thanks to the generosity of donors, including the city of Columbus, American Electric Power Foundation, Engie, The Ohio State University, Huntington, Easton Community Foundation and Cardinal Health, the Arts Council will publish a book titled *Art, Activism & Action*. This publication will serve as a platform for both the thoughts and feelings of Columbus Black creatives around the continued fight for social equity and as a tool to keep the conversation and action moving forward.



*Say Their Names* by Julia Barrett on view at the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Photo courtesy Columbus Metropolitan Library.

#ArtUnitesCbus mural by Jade Davis. Photo courtesy Denison University.



#ArtUnitesCbus murals on view at the Beeler Gallery at Columbus College of Art & Design. Murals by (clockwise from top left): Bryan Christopher Moss, Sean Fink, Unknown Artist, Unknown Artist, Hakim Callwood, Niko Latham and Raul Ernesto Bermudez. Photo credit: Ty Wright; courtesy of Beeler Gallery.



Greater Columbus Arts Council has been a beacon of hope for small organizations such as CBIFF, they see the potential we have to bring Black independent film to the city of Columbus.

**COLUMBUS BLACK INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**



The grant funds benefitted me tremendously in making new work and traveling to a new area where I had the opportunity to display my work to a new audience.

**ALISSA OHASHI, SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS GRANT RECIPIENT**

## DELIVER BLACK DREAMS

Developed by Marshall Shorts and led by Maroon Arts Group in partnership with the Arts Council and the city of Columbus, The multifaceted racial equity campaign, Deliver Black Dreams, continued in 2021 to use public art as a launch point for a sustained and future-oriented approach to achieving racial equity in Columbus—one that helps the community reimagine and design a city where everyone can live abundantly. Deliver Black Dreams seeks long-term change in the culture and a future where Black people and those who love them are free to choose their destiny and free from oppression.

The first phase of the campaign is based in visual expression and has employed Black artists to create public art and engaged young people and new artists. Two more murals were installed in 2021, one on Wilson Road south of Fisher in the Hilltop by artists Shelbi Harris-Roseboro and Marcus William Billingsley and another on Frebis Avenue just west of Alum Creek on the south side designed by Marshall Shorts. Both murals were created with assistance from young artists and a number of community volunteers.



*Dare to dream. Dare to win.* Mural located on Frebis Avenue just west of Alum Creek. Designed by Marshall Shorts. Photo credit: Justin Jean.



*Write it. Paint it. Do it.* Mural located on Wilson Road, south of Fisher. Designed by Shelbi Harris-Roseboro and Marcus William Billingsley. Photo credit: Jami Goldstein.



Wil Haygood at the Lincoln Theatre. Photo credit: Terry Gilliam.

### WIL HAYGOOD

In October Columbus-native Wil Haygood kicked off a 25-city national tour in Columbus for the launch of his new book *Colorization: One Hundred Years of Black Film in a White World*. The Arts Council helped organize a series of 10 public events in partnership with 12 arts organizations to help bring Wil's wit and wisdom to the people of Columbus.

## THE LOANN CRANE GALLERY AT GCAC

With the move into a new, accessible office the Arts Council created a public gallery to focus on work by artists from historically marginalized communities. The Arts Council presented three exhibitions in 2021: *#ArtUnitesCbus Film & Photography*, featuring the photographs and films of the 12 recipients of the #ArtUnitesCbus Film and Photography awards; *Entangled Threads*, in partnership with the King Arts Complex, showcasing the work of five Columbus-based fiber artists; *Necessary Habits*, in partnership with Goodwill Art Studio & Gallery, featuring 18 of the artists of The Art Studio.



*Entangled Threads* on view at gallery. Photo credit: Lacey Luce.



*Matilda* from *Necessary Habits* graces the front window at the gallery. Photo credit: Lacey Luce.



Teri Dashfield, *Power to Black Men in Medicine* from the #ArtUnitesCbus Film & Photography Exhibit. Photo credit: Teri Dashfield.



The Columbus Music Commission, also known as Music Columbus, is dedicated to connecting music makers, music commerce and the community to engage in creating, performing and promoting great music for Columbus and the world.



Photo courtesy Music Columbus.

The third annual Gift of Music drive collected 845 instruments for school children in Columbus City Schools, area charter schools, TRANSIT ARTS, Arts & College Preparatory Academy, KIPP, Music Loves Ohio and other area music programs. Shown above, Music Columbus executive director Bruce Garfield with some of the donated instruments.



Photo courtesy Music Columbus.

In 2021, Music Columbus introduced Earn As You Learn, a summer internship program, paying nine student interns \$15 per hour and placing them with mentors at recording studios, radio stations, retailers, app developers and the Music Commission to obtain hands-on training.





# FILM COLUMBUS<sup>★</sup>

Film Columbus awarded two fellowships to Columbus-based filmmakers: a \$20,000 grant for a Columbus film project to Joshua Clark and a \$2,500 award for script development to Corey Aumiller. These awards are the first large-scale awards specifically for film given by the Arts Council.

Two Columbus-based feature films were released to wide acclaim in 2021. Both films have received impressive reviews in notable publications like *The New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times*. In addition, both films used Columbus and Ohio-based musicians for the majority of their soundtracks.



Photo courtesy Film Columbus.

Jon Sherman's film *They/Them/Us* premiered at Dances With Films in Los Angeles in September and was acquired by Gravitas Ventures for distribution. The film was released in theaters nationwide in January and is now available for purchase on all major streaming platforms.

*Poser*, from local production company Loose Films, was one of six films chosen for the prestigious narrative feature competition at Tribeca Film Festival.



Photo courtesy Film Columbus.

Film industry professionals, brand experts, state legislators and community members met in October to help develop an economic and educational marketplace for film and related industries in fall of 2022.



Screenshot courtesy Gateway Entertainment.

Film Columbus was a sponsor of the *Rise Above – Emerging Voices in Entertainment* event which took place online during the week of the Sundance Film Festival (no affiliation) in January. Multiple webinars were led by film commissioner John Daugherty including a highly publicized session with Danny Glover, Lenny Wilkins, Gus Newport and many more. Webinars are available to watch at the Gateway Entertainment YouTube channel.

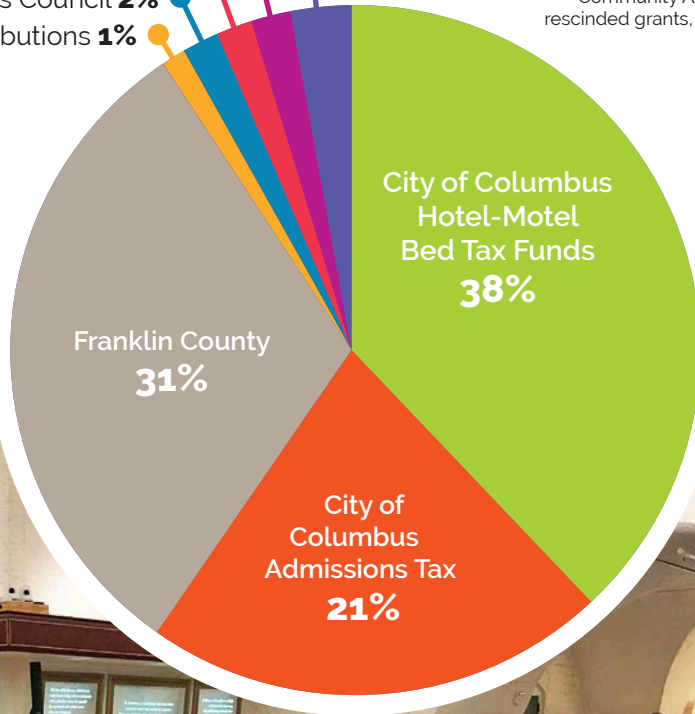
[Click to go to Gateway Entertainment YouTube channel.](#)

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# ARTS COUNCIL 2021 REVENUES

Columbus Arts Festival **2%**  
 PPP Loan Forgiven **2%**  
 Ohio Arts Council **2%**  
 Contributions **1%**  
 Other\* **3%**

\*Other Revenue - Columbus Makes Art sponsorships, AUC/DBD sponsorships, other funds provided from the city of Columbus, Community Arts Partnership Awards, rescinded grants, in-kinds, fiscal sponsor revenues and interest.



Fort Hayes High School Dance Ensemble, Columbus perform at the OhioDance Concert during the Ohio Statehouse Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting 2021  
 Photo courtesy OhioDance.



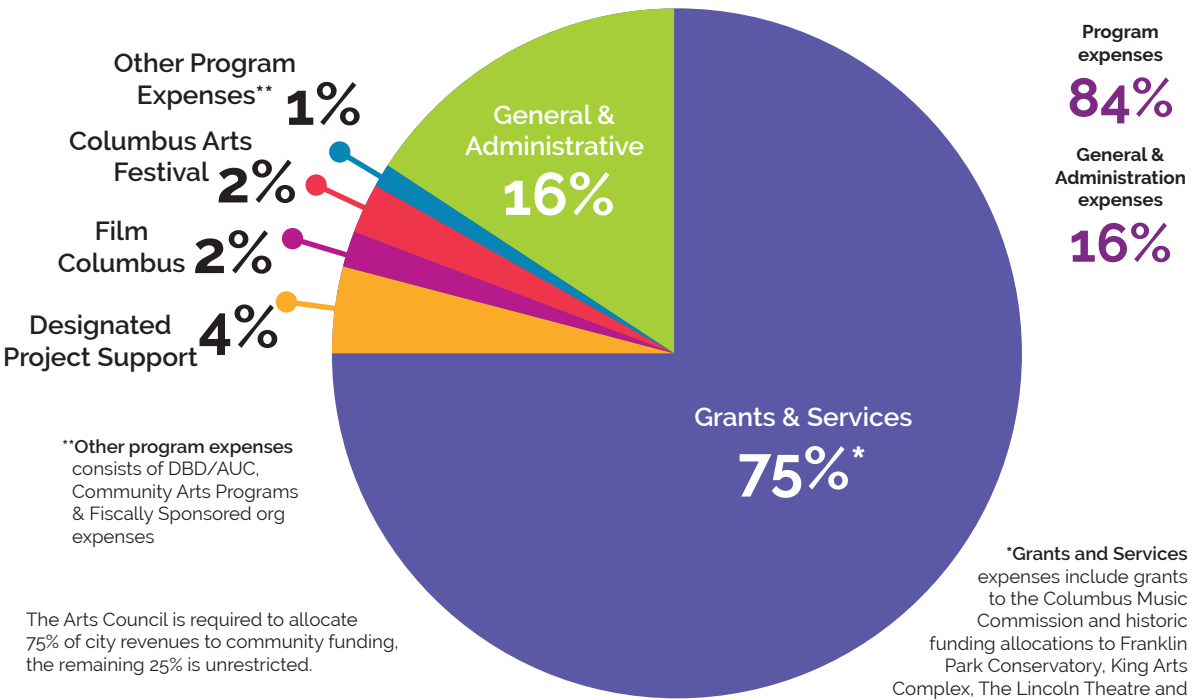
Funding from GCAC has been vital to the growth and development of the VIVO Music Festival. GCAC not only supports us through funding, the grant process itself makes us a better organization by challenging us to think in new ways, by providing new ideas and suggestions, and by reminding us to focus on the myriad ways the arts can impact our community.

VIVO MUSIC FESTIVAL



Columbus Gay Men's Chorus performing with Flaggots Ohio at the ABBA performance. Photo courtesy Columbus Gay Men's Chorus.

## ARTS COUNCIL 2021 ACTUAL EXPENSES



The Arts Council is required to allocate 75% of city revenues to community funding, the remaining 25% is unrestricted.



Not having to worry about the almost two months of art studio that this grant covered allowed me to spend more on tools that are helping me to learn even more new skills that are supporting my career as an artist.

**JULI SASAKI, SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS GRANT RECIPIENT**



Through thick and thin, GCAC has been a highly valued partner in our efforts to serve our communities during a global pandemic and a national racial reckoning. GCAC leadership inherently understands the importance of connection and reflection in coping with and processing the events of the past year and a half.

**WEXNER CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

## Operating Support

The Operating Support program provides a stable source of financial support for core arts and cultural organizations that are well-managed, firmly established, have significant impact and broad community engagement.

Organization	Grant
Actors' Theatre of Columbus	\$ 46,019
BalletMet	\$ 426,031
CAPA	\$ 431,819
CATCO	\$ 201,687
Columbus Children's Choir	\$ 68,864
Columbus Children's Theatre	\$ 188,689
Columbus Gay Men's Chorus	\$ 72,374
Columbus Landmarks Foundation	\$ 60,939
Columbus Museum of Art	\$ 422,916
Columbus Symphony Orchestra	\$ 440,724
COSI	\$ 436,271
Friends of the Conservatory	\$ 414,013
Gateway Film Foundation	\$ 372,744
Glass Axis	\$ 92,342
Jazz Arts Group	\$ 267,915
King Arts Complex	\$ 173,989
Lincoln Theatre Association	\$ 56,358
Ohio Designer Craftsmen	\$ 155,739
Ohio History Connection	\$ 318,332
Opera Columbus	\$ 216,327
ProMusica Chamber Orchestra	\$ 250,922
Shadowbox Live	\$ 378,398
Short North Stage	\$ 146,603
Thurber House	\$ 102,510
Wexner Center for the Arts	\$ 374,392

**25 Grants**  
**Totaling \$6,116,917**

## Project Support: Annual Seasons

Project Support: Annual Seasons provides unrestricted financial support for arts organizations presenting a full season of public activities

Organization	Grant
All People Arts	\$ 12,000
Capriccio Columbus	\$ 18,000
Chamber Music Columbus	\$ 22,500
Columbus Dance Theatre	\$ 24,000
CoMo Dance	\$ 3,600
Columbus Printed Arts Center	\$ 4,800
Eclipse Theatre Company	\$ 9,600
Friends of Early Music	\$ 23,040
Global Gallery	\$ 3,600
Imagine Productions of Columbus	\$ 4,200
MadLab	\$ 28,200
Maroon Arts Group	\$ 28,800
National Veterans Memorial and Museum	\$ 24,000
Opera Project Columbus	\$ 19,440
Oyo Dance Company	\$ 7,440
Red Herring Productions	\$ 21,348
ROY G BIV Gallery for Emerging Artists	\$ 22,500
Six String Concerts	\$ 11,640
The Fuse Factory Electronic and Digital Arts Lab	\$ 9,360
Thiossane Institute	\$ 7,200
Wild Goose Creative	\$ 24,000
Xclaim Dance	\$ 7,200

**22 Grants**  
**Totaling \$336,468**



Remembering The One, Remembering Them All exhibit on display in the National Veterans Memorial and Museum's Great Hall. Photo courtesy National Veteran's Memorial and Museum.



Actors' Theatre of Columbus' production of *The African Company Presents Richard III*. Photo credit: Kyle Long Photography.

## Project Support: Events, Festivals, Short Series

Provide support for a broad range of arts and cultural projects, including events, festivals and short series.

Organization	Application/Title	Grant
934 Gallery	2021 Monthly Programming and Festival	\$ 12,000
Asian Festival	2021 Asian Festival	\$ 21,600
Cartoon Crossroads Columbus	2021 Fall Festival	\$ 22,800
Cbus Libraries	Cbus Is Lit:Mural Dedication Party	\$ 1,500
Columbus Black International Film Festival	Columbus Black International Film Festival: 5 years 50 films	\$ 5,520
Columbus Civic Theater	The Great Gatsby	\$ 15,600
Columbus College of Art & Design	Beeler Gallery: Reimagining The Gallery	\$ 15,600
Columbus Fashion Alliance	Fashion Is Art: Designer & Artist Exhibit, Event	\$ 15,600
Columbus GospelFest	2021 Columbus GospelFest - All Disabilities Fest	\$ 13,200
Columbus Jewish Community Center	2021 JCC Cultural Arts Series	\$ 18,000
Converging Arts Columbus	Astronomer Dreaming	\$ 6,960
Education Foundation for Freedom	Columbus Women&Girls' Fest	\$ 9,624
Evolution Theatre Company	Three shows for 2021	\$ 11,640
Film Council of Greater Columbus	Columbus International Film and Animation Festival	\$ 2,160
Franklinton Arts District	Franklinton Friday Art Hop & Music Series	\$ 6,000
Harmony Project Productions	And We Rise: Harmony Project 2021 Series	\$ 21,600
Healing Broken Circles	Beyond The Walls: Restorative Arts Performance Series	\$ 7,200
Hixon Dance	Hixon Dance 14th Season	\$ 16,200
Julie Whitney-Scott*	10th Annual Columbus Black Theatre Festival	\$ 5,900
Kaleidoscope Performing Arts	Tasher Dosh (Kingdom of Cards)	\$ 3,600
Leticia Vazquez-Smith*	2021 Day of the Dead Columbus	\$ 6,800
Ohioana Library Association	2021 Ohioana Book Festival	\$ 21,600
OhioDance	2022 OhioDance Festival	\$ 20,640
Ohio Prison Arts Connection*	Bridging the Distance	\$ 6,000
Short North Alliance	Short North Arts District Summer Artist Series	\$ 15,600
Spotlight Columbus	South Asian Theater Festival 2021	\$ 6,000
Summer Jam West	Summer Jam West - Pursuing Good Together	\$ 15,600
Sunday at Central	2021/22 Chamber Music Season	\$ 7,200
Susan Petry*	Land, Sugar, Bone, and Other Illustrations	\$ 7,000
Vaud-Villities Productions	Vaud-Villities 2021-2022 Show Season	\$ 16,200
VIVO Music Festival	VIVO Music Festival 2021	\$ 18,000
We Amplify Voices	Lift All Voices	\$ 9,360
Westerville Symphony at Otterbein University	Music at the Columbus Museum of Art	\$ 3,600

\*Fiscally-sponsored projects

**33 Grants  
Totaling \$385,904**

**55 Project Support Grants  
Totaling \$722,372**

# Thrive

Thrive supports organizations led by and serving people of color through unrestricted funding and resources.

Recipient	Grant
All People Arts	\$ 15,000
Maroon Arts Group	\$ 15,000
State of the Arts Productions	\$ 15,000
Thiossane Institute*	\$ 25,000
Two Scoops National Performance Art Co.*	\$ 25,000
Urban Strings Columbus*	\$ 25,000

**6 Grants  
Totaling \$120,000**

\*New grant recipients in 2021. Grant amount includes two years of funding.



CATCO production of *Mr. Burns, a post-electric play*, (bottom) Eli Brickey as Bart (Top – From L to R) Brian Gray as Homer, Oluchi Nwokocha as Marge, and Shauna Marie Davis as Lisa. Photo courtesy CATCO.



Columbus Children's Theatre's virtual production of *SUPERHEROES: With Great Power Comes Ordinary Responsibility* gave audiences a look into what the life of a superhero is like when they aren't saving the world. Photo credit: Kelsey Hopkins.



MadLab's *Let's Hope You Feel Better*, by Samantha Oty. Performers (Left to Right): Sean Taylor and Sha-Lemar Davis. Photo credit: Steve Malone Photography.



Summer Art Workshop at Columbus Museum of Art. Photo credit: Amber Wacker.

## Big Ideas

Big Ideas grants uplift artist ideas and projects that bring all art forms out into the community.

Organization/Project	Application/Title	Grant
Alexandra Clark-Stilianos	<i>SLIP- a hybrid installation and dance performance</i>	\$ 2,500
Aries Owens	<i>Chair Chat</i>	\$ 2,500
Barbara Fant	<i>Black Women Rise Poetry Collective</i>	\$ 2,500
Brandon Smith	<i>Bless It!</i>	\$ 2,500
Brett Davis	<i>Columbus Alternative Art Book Fair</i>	\$ 2,500
Chineze Okpalaoka	<i>About-Face</i>	\$ 2,500
Christopher Tennant	<i>Monster Car</i>	\$ 2,500
Claudia Owusu	<i>Ampe Study; or Leap into the Sky, Black Girl</i>	\$ 2,500
Donte Woods-Spikes	<i>Storytelling Camp</i>	\$ 2,500
Karen Campbell	<i>Just Walls: Art for People who Wait (working title)</i>	\$ 2,500
Kirsta Benedetti	<i>The Whole Picture Project</i>	\$ 2,500
Mansee Singhi	<i>Echoes of Ramayana - Untold tales of Women</i>	\$ 2,000
Michelle Hartway	<i>HERstory in Motion</i>	\$ 2,500
Michelle Solomon	<i>NAC-Southside Project</i>	\$ 2,500
Paisha Thomas	<i>Paisha Thomas, Storyteller</i>	\$ 2,500
Rodolfo Vazquez	<i>Latino Columbus Arts Weekend.</i>	\$ 2,500
Sonda Staley	<i>Into the Breeches by The Tipping Point Theatre</i>	\$ 2,500
Tasha Lomo	<i>A Seed of Red Sand: A Showcase</i>	\$ 2,500
Terri Albanese	<i>A Garden of Gratitude - Thanking our Wounded Healers</i>	\$ 2,000
Tom Ferrell	<i>Surface</i>	\$ 2,500
Victor Dandridge	<i>Comic Book</i>	\$ 2,500
William Strickler	<i>The Wednesday Sessions: Guest Artist Edition</i>	\$ 2,500

**22 Grants**  
**Totaling \$55,500**



Two young guests enjoy posing with Black Panther at the *Marvel Universe of Super Heroes* Exhibition. Photo Credit: Anna Trankina/COSI.

## 2021 Fellowships and Artist Awards

Since the Arts Council's Individual Artist Fellowship program was established in 1986 to recognize outstanding local artists, hundreds of awards in a variety of disciplines. Programs have included visual arts, crafts, film and video, creative writing, music composition and choreography/movement arts.

Recipient	Application Title	Award
Quianna Simpson	Artists Elevated Award	\$ 20,000
Erika Tay Lane	Artists Elevated Award	\$ 20,000
Edwaard Liang	Ray Hanley Award	\$ 15,000
Roger Beebe	Visual Arts Fellowship	\$ 10,000
Matelli Graves	Visual Arts Fellowship	\$ 10,000
Hannah Parrett	Visual Arts Fellowship	\$ 10,000
Benedict Scheuer	Visual Arts Fellowship	\$ 10,000
Wendy Kendrick	Aminah Robinson Fellowship (local)	\$ 15,000
Johnathan Payne	Aminah Robinson Residency (national, partial payment)	\$ 12,500
Corey Aumiller	Film it in CBUS Creation Awards	\$ 2,500
Joshua Clark	Film it in CBUS Creation Awards	\$ 20,000
Ras Jahlan Ben-Levi	Neighborhood Arts Connection Fellowship	\$ 10,000
Jessica Naples Grilli	Neighborhood Arts Connection Fellowship	\$ 5,000
Emily Bailey	Expand Your Horizon-Incubation Program Fellowship	\$ 1,000
Julie Yvette Brice	Expand Your Horizon-Incubation Program Fellowship	\$ 1,000
Sterling Carter	Expand Your Horizon-Incubation Program Fellowship	\$ 1,000
Karen Hewitt	Expand Your Horizon-Incubation Program Fellowship	\$ 1,000
Najiyah Muqtasid-Denham	Expand Your Horizon-Incubation Program Fellowship	\$ 1,000
Brianna Rhodes	Expand Your Horizon-Incubation Program Fellowship	\$ 1,000
Eric Rollin	Expand Your Horizon-Incubation Program Fellowship	\$ 1,000
Jordan Sandidge	Expand Your Horizon-Incubation Program Fellowship	\$ 1,000
Daniel Sinclair	Expand Your Horizon-Incubation Program Fellowship	\$ 1,000
Jermaine Smith	Expand Your Horizon-Incubation Program Fellowship	\$ 1,000
Tylur Starks	Expand Your Horizon-Incubation Program Fellowship	\$ 1,000

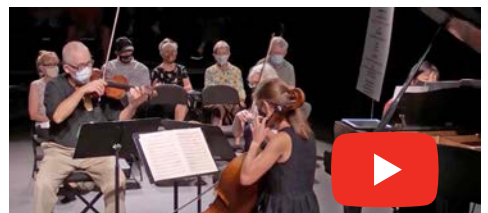
**24 Awards  
Totaling \$171,000**



Paul Busse Garden Railway completely transforms how visitors experience the Grand Mallway. This exhibit features nine G scale model trains that travel through four enchanting botanical landscapes themed after the Wild West, fairytales, European villages, and animal habitats. These landscapes include 51 structures made from collected plant material that defines the Paul Busse style. Photo courtesy Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens.



Kenzie Coyne from Hello Luna performs at The Hidden Drive-In, a socially distanced pop up concert series by Columbus Songwriters Association that was created in parking lots all around the city of Columbus. Photo courtesy Columbus Songwriters Association.



Due to COVID, Sunday at Central was shared online. David Niwa, Violin; Belinda Reuning-Burge, Viola; Grace Sommer, cello; Mariko Kaneda, piano. Screenshot courtesy Sunday at Central. Click above to see it.



## Dresden

In 1995, the Arts Council launched an artist Exchange with Dresden, Germany, a Columbus Sister City. Each year, this program sends two Columbus artists to Dresden and hosts two German artists in Columbus, each for up to 90 days. In addition to a small stipend, Columbus artists are provided with airfare, lodging and an art studio. Columbus artists Joshua Penrose and George Rush were able to travel to Dresden in 2021 after travel restrictions stalled their 2020 plans. To learn more about the artist exchange and artists, visit <https://dresden.gcac.org/about>

Recipient	Grant
Joshua Penrose	\$ 4,500
George Rush	\$ 3,050

**2 Grants  
Totaling \$7,550**



Columbus Modern (CoMo) Dance Company  
*Mother's Day Tea in the Sculpture Garden*  
Cayla Roberts (left) and Kimberly Taylor (right)  
Photo credit: CoMo Dance.



The Columbus Symphony Masterworks - *Variations on Romanticism* featuring pianist Claire Huangci at the Ohio Theatre. Photo credit: Corinne Mares.



In fall 2021 Columbus Landmarks launched the Building Arts Studio at Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center. Students enrolled in the Construction Management Program receive hands-on preservation education and training to prepare them for careers in the high-demand historic building trades. Photo courtesy Columbus Landmarks.



A COSI Educator takes science out of COSI and directly to early childhood learners in the community through the Curbside COSI Connects program. Photo credit: Kevin Seymour/COSI.



Juneteenth 2021 Community Dance with Thiosane West African Dance Institute hosted by the King Arts Complex at Mayme Moore Park. Photo credit: Terry Gilliam.



Columbus Dance Theatre, *Dancers Making Dances*. Dancers: Erika Alloway, Luke Ciminillo Delamotte, Deonte Hansel, and Alexandra Napoli. Photo credit: John Ray.



Gallery Players/JCC of Greater Columbus, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Photo credit: Jerri Shafer.

# Support for Professional Artists: Individuals

Support for Professional Artists: Individuals assists artists in making new art and marketing to a broader audience.

Recipient	Grant
Christine Abbott	\$1,000
Abeer Abo-Shihata	\$ 991
Jennifer Adams	\$ 967
Turner Adornetto	\$1,000
Andre Alexander	\$ 837
Laura Alexander	\$1,000
James Allison	\$1,000
Domonique Alston	\$ 791
Joseph Amadio	\$ 995
Cynthia Amoah	\$1,000
Phillip Anjum	\$ 951
Janine Anthony	\$ 949
Rebecca Arday	\$ 990
Marcia Armstrong-Burrows	\$1,000
Katrina Arndt	\$ 995
Sandra Aska	\$1,000
Dylan Auerbach	\$1,000
Alysha Auerbach	\$1,000
Erik Augis	\$1,000
John Auker	\$1,000
Sayuri Ayers	\$1,000
Danielle Ayres	\$1,000
Benjamin Bachert	\$ 700
Talle Bamazi	\$1,000
Mary Barczak	\$1,000
Raygan Barrett	\$ 915
Catherine Beach	\$1,000
Zachary Beery	\$ 908
Dorian Bell	\$1,000
Ethan Benavidez	\$1,000
Lauren Benjamin	\$1,000
Caroline Bennett	\$1,000
Chelsea Bennett	\$ 997
Seneca Bing	\$1,000
Erin Birum	\$1,000
Aaron Bishara	\$1,000
Joel Blaeser	\$ 986
Edmund Boateng	\$1,000
Carrie Boerio	\$ 986
Michelle Boerio	\$ 946
Sophia Bolton	\$ 680
Janelle Bonfour-Mikes	\$ 441

Recipient	Grant
Richard Borg	\$ 992
Ousama Bounouara	\$1,000
Isaiah Boyd	\$1,000
Alisha Boykin	\$ 724
Roger Brackins	\$ 800
Timothy Brennan	\$1,000
Jacklyn Brickman	\$1,000
Stephanie R. Bridges	\$ 850
James Brittan	\$1,000
Charles Burger Jr.	\$1,000
Christopher Burk	\$ 523
Nichole Burton	\$ 700
David Bynum	\$1,000
Hakim Callwood	\$1,000
Kaisa Cameron	\$1,000
Joshua Carey	\$1,000
Khaila Carr	\$ 850
Ashley Carroll	\$1,000
Nicole Carter	\$1,000
Christian Casas	\$ 966
Jamie Ceasar	\$1,000
Juan Chamochumbi	\$1,000
Sukanya Chand	\$ 785
Leiland Charles	\$1,000
Joseph Charlton	\$1,000
Madeline Ciampa	\$ 998
Nella Citino	\$1,000
Antoine Clark	\$1,000
Heidi Clifford	\$1,000
Emily Cline	\$ 938
Emily Cmar	\$1,000
Jeffrey Collins	\$ 996
Daniel Colvin	\$1,000
Andrew Comers	\$ 400
Denzill Cooper	\$1,000
Sam Corlett	\$1,000
Jose Alexander Cornejo	\$ 406
Lydia Cornett	\$1,000
Stephanie Cousino	\$ 750
Tommy Cox	\$ 296
Nicki Crock	\$ 600
Catherine Cryan Erney	\$ 65

Recipient	Grant
Miles Curtiss	\$1,000
Nick D'Andrea	\$1,000
James Dailey	\$1,000
Marie-Clunie Damus	\$1,000
Teri Dashfield	\$1,000
Katie Davis	\$1,000
Twyana Davis	\$1,000
Kimberly Davis-Peters	\$ 800
Gabriel Day	\$1,000
Cassandra De La Rosa	\$ 919
Jacci Delaney	\$1,000
Kito Denham	\$ 150
Regan Detwiler	\$ 811
Rocco Di Pietro	\$1,000
Gus Dieker	\$1,000
Joseph Dixon	\$ 955
Matthew Dixon	\$ 910
LaToya Dowdell-Burger	\$1,000
Kyle Downs	\$1,000
Jessica Driscoll	\$ 860
Jennifer Dunlap	\$1,000
Felicia Dunson	\$1,000
Patrick Durkin	\$1,000
Andrew Eberly	\$1,000
Rubble Ejigu	\$ 877
Jonathan Elliott	\$ 960
Christine Fashion	\$1,000
Caeleigh Featherstone	\$1,000
James Filmore	\$1,000
Tiandra Finch	\$1,000
Willie Flowers	\$1,000
Julian Foglietti	\$1,000
Mark Fohl	\$ 460
Staci Friedman	\$ 991
Dana Frost	\$ 900
Lisa Gain	\$1,000
Sean Gardner	\$1,000
Mona Gazala	\$ 986
Nate Gelfand	\$ 914
Tabitha Gibson	\$1,000
Alanna Gibson	\$1,000
Carlos Giles	\$ 748

Recipient	Grant
Daric Gill	\$1,000
Brianna Gluszak	\$1,000
Bev Goldie	\$1,000
Antonio Gonzalez	\$1,000
Scott Gordon	\$1,000
Diandra Gordon	\$1,000
Maya Gordon	\$1,000
Lea M. Gray	\$ 963
Tavian Gray	\$ 966
Vinchesica Gray	\$1,000
Scott Greene	\$1,000
Jacob Greene	\$ 781
Benjamin Grover	\$1,000
Ibeliz Guadalupe	\$1,000
Michael Guinane	\$ 895
Anthony Hagood	\$ 859
Sarah Hahn	\$ 925
Amber Elison Hall	\$1,000
Holly Hammeren	\$ 828
Keith Hanlon	\$1,000
James Harker	\$ 981
Colette Harrell	\$1,000
Brittany Harris	\$1,000
Susanna Harris	\$1,000
Samantha Harthoorn	\$1,000
Cora Helton	\$ 750
James Henry	\$ 600
Marlon DeQawn Henson	\$ 995
Adam Hernandez	\$1,000
Geren Heurtin	\$1,000
Karen Hewitt	\$ 300
Gabrielle Hill	\$ 997
Josh Hindmarsh	\$1,000
Laura Hiner	\$ 987
Oriana Hirschberg	\$ 681
Samuel Hoar	\$ 926
Katie Hofacker	\$1,000
Maxwell Holden	\$ 985
Caroline Hong	\$ 500
Jessie Horning	\$1,000
Barbara Houf	\$1,000
Ciara Ijames	\$ 915

Recipient	Grant
KaTanya Ingram	\$1,000
Michelle Ishida	\$1,000
Rebecca Jadway	\$1,000
Monaé James	\$ 457
Joseph Jamison Jr.	\$ 580
Ryan Jefferson	\$ 659
Ronald Jenkins	\$1,000
Jonathan Johnson	\$ 910
Lance Johnson	\$ 755
Tracey Johnson	\$1,000
Kathryn Johnson	\$ 500
Ericka Johnson-Settles	\$ 995
Beth Kagel	\$1,000
Andrea Kaiser	\$1,000
Angela Kamanga	\$1,000
Milan Karcic	\$ 600
Michael Kash	\$1,000
Roberta Kayne	\$1,000
Kim Keffer	\$1,000
Linda Kernohan	\$1,000
Micah Kesselring	\$ 399
Shahid Khan	\$1,000
Emma Kindall	\$ 934
Steven King	\$1,000
Susan King	\$1,000
Jordan Kirk	\$1,000
William Klein	\$1,000
Rose Klockner	\$1,000
Roxanne Knepp	\$ 889
Ellen Knolls	\$1,000
Jules Knowlton	\$ 802
Zachary Koors	\$ 930
Josh Krajcik	\$1,000
Ruvane Kurland	\$1,000
Denise Lancaster	\$ 991
Lee Lander	\$ 924
Cora Lange	\$1,000
Linda Langhorst	\$1,000
Nickolaus Larsen	\$1,000
Deb LaTonzea	\$ 985
Bryce Laughlin	\$1,000
Christine Lault	\$1,000

Recipient	Grant
Karen LaValley	\$1,000
Jessica Lawing	\$1,000
Brittany Lawson	\$1,000
Sydney Lawson	\$1,000
Robert Lech	\$ 987
Kyle Lemstrom	\$ 866
Marian Lerner	\$ 498
Megs LeVesseur	\$ 908
Brenda Lloyd	\$1,000
Alisha Loar	\$ 994
Todd Loe	\$1,000
Shayla Loe	\$1,000
Jeannine Lonardo	\$ 950
Troy Lopes	\$ 850
Calista Lyon	\$1,000
Hope Madden Wolfington	\$1,000
Melissa Maher	\$1,000
Cory Mahoney	\$1,000
Celeste Malvar-Stewart	\$1,000
Elizabeth Mandic-Nowac	\$1,000
Tonya Marie	\$1,000
Fredrik Marsh	\$1,000
Kelli Martin	\$ 977
Larry Martin	\$1,000
Miracle Mathis	\$ 600
Rachel Maynard	\$ 396
Lily McBride	\$1,000
Jennifer McConnell Doron	\$ 928
Jennifer McCracken	\$ 950
James McDevitt-Stredney	\$ 750
Michael McEwan	\$ 998
Allison McGovney	\$1,000
Brandon Mckee	\$ 819
Raymond McKenzie	\$1,000
Tatiana Melnikova	\$1,000
Max Messick	\$ 986
Nicole Miller	\$1,000
Julie Miller	\$1,000
Cody F. Miller	\$1,000
Darren Miller	\$ 978

## Support for Professional Artists: Individuals (cont'd)

Support for Professional Artists: Individuals assists artists in making new art and marketing to a broader audience.

Recipient	Grant	Recipient	Grant	Recipient	Grant
Elizabeth Miller	\$1,000	Paula Perkins	\$ 440	Aaron Sheldon	\$1,000
Hannah Minner	\$1,000	Aaron Peters	1,000	Ann Silverman	\$1,000
Johari Mitchell	\$ 980	Dawn Petrill	990	Mario Slagle	\$1,000
Arta Moayeri	\$1,000	Danielle Poling	\$1,000	Dan Slutz	\$ 979
Christopher Mohler	\$ 916	Lauren Pond	\$1,000	Phillip Smedley II	\$ 997
Jordan Molli	\$1,000	Ronnette Porch	\$ 947	Lydia Smith	\$1,000
Heather Moore	\$ 700	Tracy Powell	\$ 880	Claire Smith	\$1,000
Shameaca Moore	\$1,000	Xuena Pu	\$1,000	Danielle Smith	\$ 825
Lee Mora	\$1,000	Sharone Putter	\$ 993	Briseus Smith	\$1,000
Sheri Morgan	\$1,000	James Quartey	\$1,000	Shaun Snow	\$1,000
Kristin Morris	\$1,000	Hassan Qureshi	\$1,000	Carol Snyder	\$1,000
Kurt Mueller	\$ 495	Kyla Rafert	\$ 994	Scott Spears	\$ 988
Vicki Murphy	\$ 998	Tammi Rager	\$1,000	Anne Spurgeon	\$1,000
Jennifer Murray	\$1,000	William Randall	\$1,000	Vera Stanojevic	\$ 810
David Myers	\$1,000	Rachel Reese	\$1,000	Tylur Starks	\$1,000
Andrea Myers	\$1,000	Claudia Retter	\$1,000	Ann Starr	\$ 500
McLane Nagy	\$1,000	Mark Rhodes	\$1,000	Lexie Stoia	\$ 570
Eric Nassau	\$1,000	Nate Ricciuto	\$1,000	Alex Stroup	\$ 667
Ardine Nelson	\$1,000	Elaine Richardson	\$1,000	Spencer Stultz	\$1,000
Somsai Ngamsanith	\$ 882	Sam Rietenbach	\$1,000	Gale Suver	\$ 500
Annie Nicholson-Burley	\$1,000	Nikkia Riles	\$ 150	Nita Sweeney	\$1,000
Orishaebuka Nnani	\$1,000	Frederick Ripley	\$1,000	Meredith Swortwood	\$ 319
Michael Vincent Nobel	\$1,000	Armando Roman	\$1,000	Stephen Takacs	\$1,000
Ken Nurenberg	\$1,000	Holly Romano	\$ 956	Robert Tavani	\$1,000
Robert O'Grady	\$ 993	Stephanie Rond	\$1,000	Ryan Taylor	\$1,000
Chaz O'Neil	\$ 836	Sydney Rose	\$1,000	Brett Taylor	\$1,000
Ademola Ogunyemi	\$1,000	Peter John Ross	\$1,000	Fariha Tayyab	\$1,000
Alissa Ohashi	\$ 886	Ethan Rucker	\$ 800	Ira Tecson	\$ 590
Chineze Okpalaoka	\$1,000	Anne Russell	\$1,000	Christopher Tennant	\$ 951
Mike Olenick	\$ 992	Laura Sanders	\$1,000	Sheila Terry	\$1,000
Kazuo Oliver	\$1,000	Esther Sands	\$1,000	Paisha Thomas	\$1,000
Marcus Onuba	\$ 800	Rikki Santer	\$1,000	Kamisha Thomas	\$ 920
Bryan Ortiz	\$1,000	Lina Sasaki	\$ 849	Jonathan Thomas	\$ 997
Claudia Owusu	\$ 800	Juli Sasaki	\$1,000	Andrew Thompson	\$1,000
Christina Paolucci	\$1,000	Benedict Scheuer	\$1,000	Elizabeth Trapp	\$ 908
Emma Parker	\$1,000	Alexis Schoessow	\$1,000	Whitley Trusler	\$ 970
Hannah Parker	\$1,000	Mireya Schoo	\$ 500	Lawrence Tuber	\$1,000
Hannah Parrett	\$ 639	Donald Scott	\$1,000	Jorge Vales	\$1,000
Israel Pate	\$1,000	Stacie Sells	\$ 475	Zach Van Horn	\$ 985
Kelleyanne Pearman	\$1,000	Ludie Sénatus	\$1,000	Mitch Vicieux	\$ 876
Ariel Peguero	\$1,000	Benjamin Shaheen	\$1,000	Agostina Vidable	\$1,000
Timothy Perdue	\$1,000	William Sharp	\$1,000	Barbara Vogel	\$1,000

## Support for Professional Artists: Groups

Support for Professional Artists: Groups assists groups of artists who create together on a permanent basis in making new art and marketing to a broader audience.

Recipient	Grant
Melissa Vogley Woods	\$ 995
Camille Vogley-Howes	\$ 990
Koen Vrij	\$1,000
Samuel Wagner	\$ 750
Carol Wallenfelsz	\$1,000
Mary Ward	\$1,000
Nicholas Warndorf	\$ 765
Pamela Watson	\$1,000
Kristina Weaver	\$1,000
Kimberly Webb	\$ 995
Michael Weigman	\$ 744
Thomas Wells	\$ 877
Karin Weston	\$ 995
Bradley Weyandt	\$1,000
Wynter Whiteside	\$ 935
Paul Wilbur	\$1,000
Alyssa Williams	\$ 991
Quatric Williams	\$ 989
Evan Williams	\$1,000
Benjamin Willis	\$1,000
Rowan Winterwood	\$ 625
Jessica Wooden	\$1,000
Victoria Woods	\$1,000
Donte Woods-Spikes	\$1,000
Qamil Wright	\$1,000
Helen Wright	\$1,000
Wendy Yeager	\$ 999
Zachary Yocum	\$1,000
Regina Zehner	\$1,000
Kristen Zermeno	\$1,000
Mark Zonakis	\$1,000
Norah Zuniga Shaw	\$1,000

**408 Grants**  
**Totaling \$378,377**

Recipient	Grant
Bonfire Comics	\$ 1,398
Best Foot Back	\$ 1,750
Bazaar Ritual	\$ 842
North to Nashville	\$ 1,750
Sex Tide	\$ 1,713
Small Songs	\$ 1,725
Dave Buker and the Historians	\$ 1,750
The Castros	\$ 1,750
GYMFEA	\$ 1,649
Chamber Brews	\$ 1,724
Hello Luna	\$ 1,750
Honey and Blue	\$ 1,750
Forever Strange	\$ 1,750
The Columbus Koto Ensemble	\$ 1,750
Faz	\$ 1,750
The Cordial Sins	\$ 1,743
WYD	\$ 1,300
Devin Henry Music	\$ 1,468
October Ember	\$ 1,750
The Smithery	\$ 1,750
Talisha Holmes Ensemble	\$ 1,750
Ingram Street	\$ 1,750
Son of Dribble	\$ 1,200
The Bittertones	\$ 1,750
Mezclado	\$ 1,500
Garbage Greek	\$ 1,575
Pet Rabbits	\$ 1,750
Spirit of the Bear	\$ 1,750
Flight of Fancy Aerial	\$ 1,750
Men of God's Heart	\$ 1,371
Waves de Aché	\$ 1,719
Patrick McLaughlin Band	\$ 1,600

**32 Grants**  
**Totaling \$52,277**



*I have four exhibitions in the works for 2022, largely because of the artwork made with and documentation taken with equipment and supplies from GCAC from 2021. All of these curators and organizers found my work online and contacted me. As someone who has spent two decades searching for and applying to opportunities, it is absolutely an unexpected and wonderful benefit to now be contacted and invited to share my work. Thank you for making this resource available to Columbus artists! It is invaluable.*

**JACKLYN BRICKMAN, SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS GRANT RECIPIENT**

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Visitors to the Ohio Craft Museum's Fall Open House tried their hand at indigo dyeing. Photo credit: Kim Nagorski.



Participant exploring Painting on Glass, Summer Intensive Class, Glass Axis Photo credit: Alexandra Fresch.



Vaud-Villities Productions, *Santa's Workshop* youth performers from left to right: Madelynn Warner Bircher, Tay Noble, Mike Stone, (Santa.) John Allard, and Gracie Barton. Photo courtesy Vaud-Villities Productions.



Columbus Women&Girls' Fest at Maroon Arts Box Park. Photo credit: John Ray.



Without funding from GCAC, CCC would not be able to offer free programming directed to high-need communities, [and] we would not be able to present concerts in exceptional venues or perform for local events that benefit our singers and the community. Most importantly, we would not be weathering the pandemic with the confidence that CCC will be the "Voice of the City" for years to come.

**COLUMBUS CHILDREN'S CHOIR**



The financial support received from the Great Columbus Arts Council is vital for the survival of local regional theaters and arts organizations. It kept many of us alive during 2020 and now again in 2021.

**EVOLUTION THEATRE COMPANY**



Vocalist Sydney McSweeney with Byron Stripling and the Columbus Jazz Orchestra at The Southern Theatre for *Come on Get Happy: The CJO Swings the Great American Songbook*. Photo credit: Stephen Pariser.



With the cost of sheet music covered by the grant, I was allowed to enter more competitions as well as perform more. Since I was in more competitions and performances, I had more visibility in the music world which led to more conducting opportunities.

**ANTOINE CLARK, SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS GRANT RECIPIENT**



HBCU Chorale Showcase at the Lincoln Theatre. Photo credit: Terry Gilliam; courtesy CAPA.



This grant really helped us expand our online presence during a time that it was essential for any band to keep going.

**ETHAN SCHENDEMAN, SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS GRANT RECIPIENT**



Central Ohio Hot Jazz Society monthly free community *Hot Jazz Jam and Dance*, at the Rambling House in Columbus, gives musicians and dancers of all ages and abilities the chance to give it a shot on the bandstand and dance floor in a supportive environment. Photo courtesy Central Ohio Hot Jazz Society.

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31

	Budget 2022	Actual 2021	Actual 2020	Actual 2019
<b>REVENUE</b>				
City of Columbus Hotel-Motel Tax	\$5,402,000	\$4,893,663	\$3,111,907	\$7,202,688
City of Columbus Admissions Tax	3,610,000	2,793,801	1,524,008	1,038,474
City of Columbus - Film & Music Commissions	—	—	—	200,000*
City of Columbus - CARES Act	—	—	1,558,337	—
City of Columbus - Other	—	50,000	86,000	—
Franklin County	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	2,000,000
Columbus Arts Festival	1,027,940	222,830	332,206	1,263,379
SBA PPP Loan Forgiven	—	220,562	258,830	—
Ohio Arts Council	220,000	241,092	141,892	263,949
Advancement Fund	20,000	28,710	20,300	31,500
Contributions	20,000	144,436	559,884	35,557
Columbus Makes Art Sponsorships	20,000	47,500	50,000	140,000
Deliver Black Dreams/Art Unites Cbus Sponsorships	—	50,000	—	—
Film Columbus Sponsorships	36,000	—	—	—
Other Grant Revenue	—	9,068	3,480	12,717
Community Arts Partnership	100,000	30,000	23,585	128,801
Public Art Contracts	—	—	—	13,900
Fiscal Sponsor	—	7,253	34,427	56,555
In-Kind	—	102,500	67,175	86,119
Other	8,500	48,179	42,594	69,026
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$14,464,440</b>	<b>\$12,889,594</b>	<b>\$11,814,625</b>	<b>\$12,542,665</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>COMMUNITY FUNDING</b>				
Grants & Services	\$10,193,431	\$8,759,994	\$7,986,430	\$6,660,761
Designated Projects	985,960	516,785	964,216	1,160,758
Deliver Black Dreams/Arts Unites Cbus	130,685	95,458	106,277	—
Film Columbus	242,000	200,444	175,610	—
<b>Total Community Funding</b>	<b>\$11,552,076</b>	<b>\$9,572,681</b>	<b>\$9,232,533</b>	<b>\$7,821,519</b>
<b>PROGRAMS</b>				
Community Arts Programs	\$31,500	\$22,285	\$20,000	\$60,007
Columbus Arts Festival	1,027,940	272,475	362,027	1,160,361
Fiscal Sponsor	—	10,100	31,127	80,174
<b>Total Program Funding</b>	<b>\$1,059,440</b>	<b>\$304,860</b>	<b>\$413,154</b>	<b>\$1,300,542</b>
<b>Total Community Funding &amp; Programs</b>	<b>\$12,611,516</b>	<b>\$9,877,541</b>	<b>\$9,645,687</b>	<b>\$9,122,061</b>
<b>GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATIVE</b>				
Advocacy	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$39,375
Administrative Salaries & Contracted Services	1,160,782	1,035,921	1,009,821	945,360
Payroll Taxes & Employee Benefits	338,212	333,562	328,670	332,891
Accounting & Legal	38,000	29,580	37,756	31,531
Community Arts Partnership/Special Events	99,500	63,268	36,327	112,368
Conferences, Travel, Local Expenses	23,000	3,372	4,788	10,279
Office & Equipment Rental	152,295	142,846	138,870	112,986
Office Supplies, IT Services & Insurance	102,749	88,330	147,773	96,883
Utilities/Building Maintenance	28,267	28,250	14,423	8,875
Advertising/Public Information	90,000	15,864	23,222	27,489
Memberships, Publications, & Misc.	28,520	39,505	26,785	24,854
Depreciation & Amortization	33,573	34,819	22,635	15,675
Bad Debt Expense	—	—	10,654	—
<b>Total General &amp; Administrative</b>	<b>\$2,142,898</b>	<b>\$1,863,317</b>	<b>\$1,849,724</b>	<b>\$1,758,566</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$14,754,414</b>	<b>\$11,740,858</b>	<b>\$11,495,411</b>	<b>\$10,880,627</b>
Gain/(Loss) on Investments	—	\$101,850	\$46,950	\$92,720
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(289,974)</b>	<b>\$1,250,586</b>	<b>\$366,164</b>	<b>\$1,754,758</b>
<b>BEGINNING NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$7,235,577</b>	<b>\$5,984,991</b>	<b>\$5,599,340</b>	<b>\$3,844,582</b>
<b>Transfer of Film Columbus Net Assets</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>\$19,487</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>ENDING NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,945,603</b>	<b>\$7,235,577</b>	<b>\$5,984,991</b>	<b>\$5,599,340</b>
<b>Program Expenses as a % of Total Expenses</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>84%</b>

\*The Arts Council was the fiscal sponsor of the Film and Music Commissions in 2019 and prior years. Starting in 2020 Film Commission programs were absorbed by the Arts Council. Both the Film and Music Commissions are now supported by proceeds from the admissions fee.



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ProMusica Chamber Orchestra's SummerFEST 2021 at Franklin Park Conservatory & Botanical Gardens. Photo credit: Rick Buchanan.



Nyla Nyamweya singing *Proud Mary* in Shadowbox Live's *Leather & Lace*. Photo credit: Tommy Feisel.



The support from GCAC has ensured that we have the production and administrative resources needed to get back to creating innovative productions and programming at Shadowbox Live. With their help, we have been able to return to our mission of engagement, enrichment, and entertainment for our community.

But GCAC's support goes beyond financial need. Their staff also provides advice and services that support all areas of our organizations—marketing, media & community relations, administration, and development.

#### SHADOWBOX LIVE



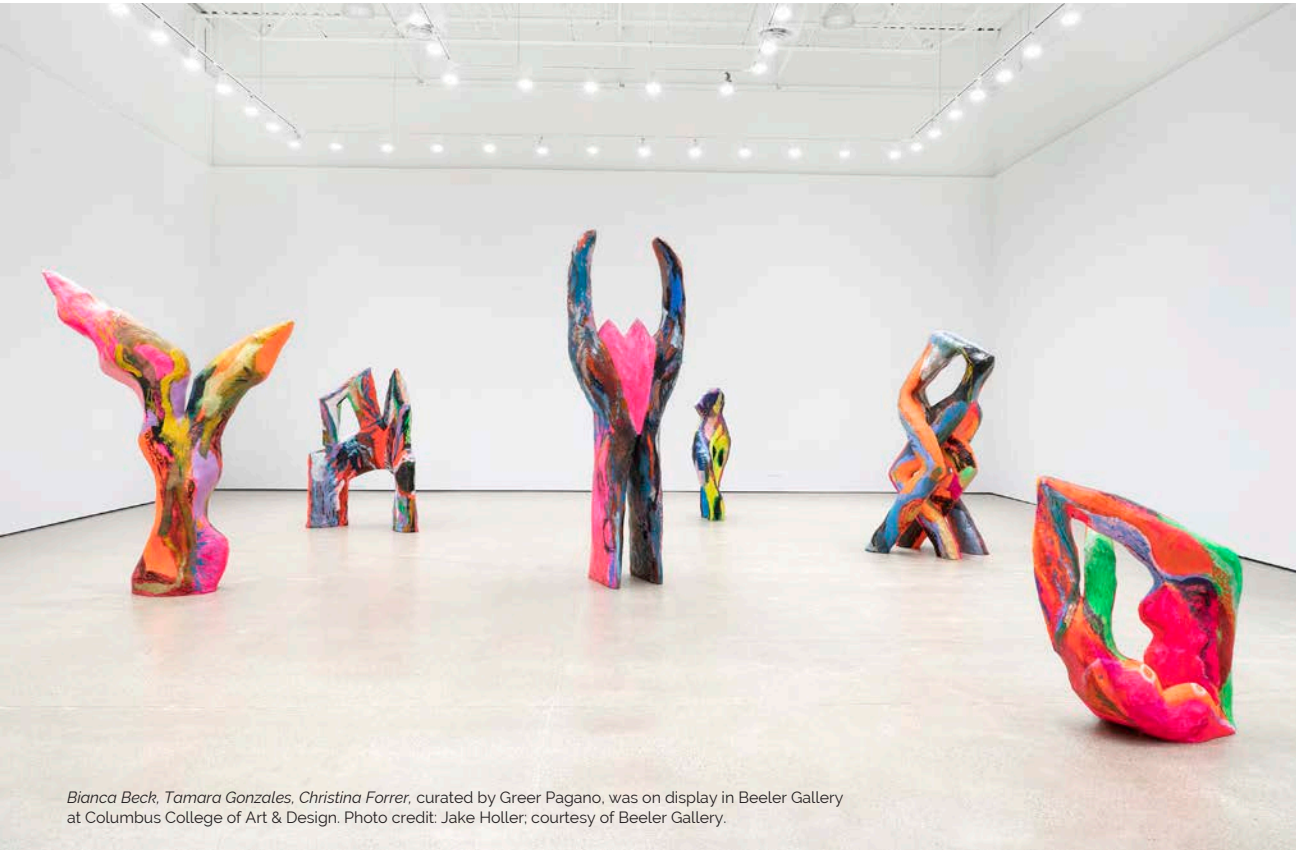
Short North Stage's production of *Sister Act*, cast featuring Amber Knicole. Photo credit: Jennifer Zmuda.



Local award-winning Affrilachian storyteller Lyn Ford entertained kids and adults alike during a summer family fun night on the Thurber House lawn, which also included activities, picnicking, a raffle, a shaved ice truck, and more. Photo courtesy Thurber House.



Franklinton Fridays/Opening receptions in the ROY G BIV Gallery. Photo courtesy ROY G BIV Gallery.



*Bianca Beck, Tamara Gonzales, Christina Forrer*, curated by Greer Pagano, was on display in Beeler Gallery at Columbus College of Art & Design. Photo credit: Jake Holler; courtesy of Beeler Gallery.



Photo courtesy Asian Festival.



Family grabs a photo with Princess Presto and Super Why! during Storybook Village at Ohio Village. Photo courtesy Ohio Village.



Members of Ohio State's R & P: Rhythm and Paint student club offer painting kits to visitors outside Mershon Auditorium during the Wex Open House (September 2021). A plywood cube from GCAC's #ArtUnitesCbus, a black lives matter initiative is on view on the plaza in the background. Photo credit: Kathryn D Studios.



During one of the most challenging moments in CATCO's history, when live theatre could no longer safely be produced, GCAC support has meant the freedom to innovate, experiment, transform, survive, and even thrive.

CATCO



We are so grateful to the Arts Council for being a lifeline for art during an extremely challenging year. In addition, the council's innovation with the arts passport brought new faces and a fun challenge to our performance.

LAURA PUSCAS, DIRECTOR OF COMO DANCE



The [GCAC] staff and board should be commended for their quick response to supporting the arts organizations and artists working in Columbus. They also simplified the application process, allowing staff to focus more closely on the immediate needs of the working artists. GCAC continues to be the backbone of the culturally rich and diverse arts landscape that makes Columbus an amazing place to visit, live and work.

GLASS AXIS



Hanif Abdurraqib standing in front of the People's Mural of Columbus, coordinated by Cbus Libraries. Artists: Bryan Moss (primary), Hakim Callwood (assistant). Photo credit: Donte Woods-Spikes.



Grand opening celebration of Wild Goose Creative's new space. Photo credit: Jamie Hoy.



Empowered with the Greater Columbus Arts Council's support, Cbus Libraries created a transformative event that celebrated Columbus Black literary, visual, musical, and culinary arts. Without GCAC support, the celebration would not have been nearly as robust and successful.

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Visitors to the Wexner Center galleries viewing a black light painting in the nationally noted exhibition *Jacqueline Humphries: jHQ1*, the first large-scale museum exhibition of the artist's work. Photo credit: Kathryn D Studios.