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**40 CENTRAL INDIANA ARTISTS AND ARTS ADMINISTRATORS
AWARDED \$10,000 CREATIVE RENEWAL ARTS FELLOWSHIPS**

***Innovative Lilly Endowment program administered by the Arts Council
of Indianapolis invests \$400,000 in newest class of Creative Renewal Arts
Fellows***

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, December 16, 2019 – Forty central Indiana artists and arts administrators have been named the newest class of [Creative Renewal Arts Fellows](#), receiving \$10,000 grants to help them recharge and renew their creativity. Made possible through generous support from Lilly Endowment, the [Creative Renewal Arts Fellowship program](#) is administered by the Arts Council of Indianapolis and fellows are selected through a competitive application process.

The 2020-2021 class of 40 Creative Renewal Arts Fellows was selected from a field of more than 180 applicants. The program is juried by an independent, external panel comprised of national arts leaders who are identified and invited by the Arts Council. The newest cohort of Fellows join an impressive alumni network of [470 artists and arts administrators](#) who have participated in the program since 1999. The incoming Fellows also represent the Arts Council's and Lilly Endowment's shared commitment to diversity, equity, access, and inclusion with 43% of the new Creative Renewal Arts Fellows representing artists and arts administrators of color.

“We are excited to congratulate the 2020-2021 class of Creative Renewal Arts Fellows -- all of whom are having important, innovative, and transformative arts impact in our community,” said Julie Goodman, president and CEO of the Arts Council of Indianapolis. “This program represents such an extraordinary investment in the artistic and cultural health and vibrancy of our city. By investing in the creative renewal and reflection of our artistic talent, we advance the creativity of Indianapolis and central Indiana. We remain grateful to Lilly Endowment for their incredible vision, inspiration, and continued investment in this incredible program as part of their broader strategic commitment to renewal.”

Building on its Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program that was established in 1987, Lilly Endowment Inc. approached the Arts Council of Indianapolis in the late 1990s with an interest in making innovative grants to help rejuvenate and retain the city's creative talent. The collaboration inspired the Creative Renewal Arts Fellowship, a program designed to recharge artists and arts administrators by awarding two-year, \$10,000 grants. Twenty years later, the program has infused nearly \$4.1 million into the Indianapolis arts community through fellowships engaging 470 professionals working in music, dance, theatre, literature, visual arts, and arts administration.

The program is one of five renewal programs supported by Lilly Endowment which also funds renewal programs for teachers, pastors, artists, human service workers, and youth workers so they can take time away from their work to replenish physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual resources.

Meet the 2020-2021 Creative Renewal Arts Fellows:

ARTS ADMINISTRATION

Jean-Luc Howell - Newfields
Christopher Bryn Jackson - Newfields
Brian Mancuso - Indiana State Museum
Shauta Marsh - Big Car
Christina O'Grady - The Children's Museum of Indianapolis
Scott Shoemaker - Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art
Suzanne Sweeney - Indiana Repertory Theatre

LITERARY ARTS

Callista Buchen - poet
Chris Forhan - poet
Margaret Kimball - creative non-fiction
Christian Moody - fiction
Tatjana Rebelle - spoken word
Crystal Rhodes - playwright and author
Dan Wakefield - memoirist

DANCE

Lalah Hazelwood - modern dance
Ronne Stone - African dance

PERFORMANCE ARTS/THEATRE

Ryan Artzberger - actor
Claire Dana - scenic artist
Devon Ginn - performance art
Laura Glover - lighting design
Daniel Martin - actor

MUSIC

Diop Adisa - hip hop
Becky Archibald - chamber
Gregory Dugan - classical
Patrick Fata - classical
Mina Keohane - jazz
Sandra Lomax-Ewing - jazz

VISUAL ART

Gina Baird - painter & sculptor

Jeffrey Dalton - ceramicist

Mirvia Eckert - painter

Valerie Eickmeier - painter

Amy Falstrom - painter

Mab Graves - painter

Katie Hudnall - sculptor/designer

Craig McDaniel - visual writer

Katrina Murray - ceramic sculptor

Polina Osherov - photographer

Nicole Powell - painter

Ashley Robinson - furniture designer

Susan Tennant - sculptor

About Lilly Endowment Inc.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is a private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family — J.K. Lilly Sr. and sons Eli and J.K. Jr. — through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. While those gifts remain the financial bedrock of the Endowment, the Endowment is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff, and location. In keeping with the founders' wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion and maintains a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana. To learn more, visit lillyendowment.org.

About the Arts Council of Indianapolis

The Arts Council of Indianapolis is a nonprofit service organization dedicated to fostering meaningful and equitable engagement in the arts by nurturing a culture where artists and arts organizations thrive. The Arts Council allocates public funding to arts and cultural organizations through the City of Indianapolis Annual Grants Program; offers fellowship opportunities including the Creative Renewal Arts Fellowship, the Robert D. Beckmann, Jr. Emerging Artist Fellowship, and the DeHaan Artist of Distinction Award; provides programs, services, and technical assistance for artists and arts organizations; manages the city's public art program including the Public Art for Neighborhoods initiative; supports arts education and arts integration in partnership with Indianapolis Public Schools; and owns/operates the Indianapolis Artsgarden, Gallery 924, and IndyArtsGuide.org. For more information, visit indyarts.org.

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