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70 nonprofit arts and cultural organizations receive \$1.4 million in funding from City of Indianapolis' 2020 Annual Grants Program

INDIANAPOLIS—The City of Indianapolis and Arts Council of Indianapolis today announced grant funding totaling \$1.4 million to support the programming and general operations of 70 nonprofit arts and culture organizations serving Indianapolis and Marion County. The Annual Grants Program has been core to the city's support for the arts since 1987, and this year, the application approval process was accelerated to assist organizations impacted by COVID-19.

The City of Indianapolis funds the grants, which are awarded through a juried public panel process conducted by the Arts Council. To accelerate the 2020 grant awards, recipients were selected based on the 2019 evaluation criteria of artistic merit, organizational capacity, and community impact. The organizations that receive funding offer programs and outreach in all 25 City-County Council districts.

"We proudly support Indianapolis artists and our city's arts and cultural organizations," said Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett. "We recognize the critical role they play in the health of our economy and the vitality of our neighborhoods. As we continue to adjust to the COVID-19 pandemic, we must empower the arts and culture to recover and rebuild. I appreciate the partnership of the City-County Council as we work together to provide this annual funding for arts and culture."

The City's Annual Grants Program supports the general operations and programming of eligible nonprofit arts and cultural organizations in Marion County. This year, the program included a \$300,000 contribution from the Capital Improvement Board to support organizations that drive cultural tourism. The return on the City's investment is significant. According to Americans for the Arts, the nonprofit arts and culture sector in Indianapolis annually contributes \$440 million in economic impact, supports 30,000 jobs, serves 8 million residents and visitors, and generates \$47 million in local and state government revenues. The number of grantees has grown from 51 in 2016 to 70 in 2020, as a result of program changes aimed at creating a more equitable and inclusive process.

"We're fortunate to have a long history of city support for strategic investment in the arts that delivers incredible community impact," said Julie Goodman, Arts Council of Indianapolis President and CEO. "This grants program provides a lifeline this year as our sector navigates the challenges of COVID-related closures and cancellations. We are grateful to Mayor Hogsett and the City-County Council for their support and leadership."

Organizations receiving 2020 Annual Grants Program funding (in alphabetical order) include:

- American Pianists Association, Inc.
- Art With a Heart
- ArtMix Inc.
- Arts for Lawrence
- Arts for Learning
- Asante Children's Theatre
- Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site
- Big Car Media, Inc.
- Buck Creek Players, Inc.
- Cat Head Press: Printshop and Artist Cooperative
- Classical Music Indy, Inc.
- Claude McNeal's Musical Theatre Training Program, Inc.
- Dance Kaleidoscope
- Drum Corps International, Inc.
- Echoing Air
- Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art
- Ensemble Music Society of Indianapolis
- Festival Music Society of Indiana, Inc.
- Fonseca Theatre Company
- Footlite Musicals
- Freetown Village, Inc.
- Harrison Center for the Arts
- Heartland Film, Inc.
- libada Dance Company
- Indiana Historical Society
- Indiana Music Education Association & Foundation
- Indiana Performing Arts Centre Inc.
- Indiana Repertory Theatre
- Indiana State Museum Foundation
- Indiana Writers Center
- Indianapolis Art Center
- Indianapolis Ballet Inc.
- Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra
- Indianapolis Children's Choir
- Indianapolis Jazz Foundation, Inc.
- Indianapolis Movement Arts Collective
- Indianapolis Opera
- Indianapolis Shakespeare Company, Inc.
- Indianapolis Suzuki Academy, Inc.
- Indianapolis Symphonic Choir
- Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
- Indianapolis Women's Chorus
- Indianapolis Zoo
- IndyBaroque Music, Inc.
- International Violin Competition of Indianapolis
- Kids Dance Outreach
- Kurt Vonnegut Museum & Library
- Madam Walker Legacy Center
- Music for All
- Musical Family Tree
- Newfields
- NoExit Performance
- Pattern, Inc.
- Percussive Arts Society
- Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis
- Phoenix Theatre
- Reserve Fund for Technical Assistance
- Storefront Theatre of Indianapolis, Inc.
- Storytelling Arts of Indiana
- Summer Stock Stage
- Summit Performance Indianapolis, Inc.
- The Cabaret
- The Children's Museum of Indianapolis
- The District Theatre
- The Indianapolis Theatre Fringe Festival
- The Indy Convergence, Inc
- The New Harmony Project Inc.
- The Sapphire Theatre Company, Inc.
- WFYI
- Young Actors Theatre

[The Arts Council of Indianapolis](#) fosters meaningful engagement in the arts by nurturing a culture where artists and arts organizations can thrive. Read the Arts Council's Equity Statement [here](#).

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