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Arts Council of Indianapolis Announces Tenth Round of Creative Renewal Arts Fellowships

INDIANAPOLIS—The Arts Council of Indianapolis is pleased to announce that Lilly Endowment Inc. has funded a tenth round of Creative Renewal Arts Fellowships, a program that enables artists and arts administrators to step away from day-to-day responsibilities and revitalize their creative energies.

Through a competitive grant process, the Creative Renewal Arts Fellowship Program will award 30 central Indiana artists and arts administrators \$10,000 each to rejuvenate their talent and passion for the arts. Application materials are now available at the Arts Council's website: indyarts.org.

Since 1999, the Creative Renewal Arts Fellowship Program has served as a signature program of the Arts Council. To date, the Arts Council has awarded 400 Creative Renewal Arts Fellowships resulting in more than \$3.3 million in direct funding to visual artists, writers, musicians, dancers, artists working in theater, and arts administrators.

"Celebrating creativity and innovation in Indianapolis is a hallmark of the Arts Council's work," said Dave Lawrence, President & CEO of the Arts Council of Indianapolis. "We are thrilled to offer a tenth round of the Creative Renewal program. We look forward to recognizing the outstanding achievements and artistic excellence of 30 more artists and arts administrators of central Indiana."

The Creative Renewal Arts Fellowship Program has been supported by Lilly Endowment since its beginning. It is part of the Endowment's commitment to encouraging people working in a variety of nonprofit fields to take time for personal and professional renewal. The Endowment funds similar programs for K-12 educators and youth workers in Indiana; individuals working in social service settings in central Indiana; and clergy who pastor congregations in Indiana and around the nation.

"Creative people are drawn to places that nurture their ideas and their work and the Creative Renewal Fellowships help Indianapolis be that kind of place," said Ace Yakey, the Endowment's Vice President for Community Development. "When writers, visual artists, musicians, actors, and administrators return from their renewal experiences they are ready to take their work in new directions and make our city even more vibrant and appealing."

About the Arts Council of Indianapolis:

The Arts Council of Indianapolis fosters meaningful engagement in the arts by nurturing a culture where artists and arts organizations thrive. The Arts Council is an organization that advocates for the need and importance of broad community funding and support for a thriving arts scene; innovates by constantly pursuing and promoting innovative ideas and programs that better serve the area, its artists, and arts organizations; and connects artists, audiences, businesses, foundations, and arts and cultural organizations with opportunities to explore and expand central Indiana's creative vitality.

The Arts Council owns and operates two performance and exhibition spaces, the Indianapolis Artsgarden (attached to Circle Centre Mall) and Gallery 924 (at 924 N. Pennsylvania Street). The Arts Council allocates public funding to arts and cultural organizations through a competitive grant program; offers fellowship opportunities including the Creative Renewal Arts Fellowship, the Transformational Impact Fellowship, and the Robert D. Beckmann, Jr. Emerging Artist Fellowship; provides programs, services, and technical assistance for artists and arts organizations; and manages the city's public art program. The Indy Arts Guide provides a comprehensive arts calendar featuring thousands of events, performances, and exhibitions throughout central Indiana. For more information on the Arts Council, call [\(317\) 631-3301](tel:3176313301) or visit online at indyarts.org.

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