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## **Arts Council announces recipients of DeHaan Artist of Distinction Awards and the Robert D. Beckmann, Jr. Emerging Artist Fellowship Program**

INDIANAPOLIS – The Arts Council of Indianapolis today announced the artists awarded the DeHaan Artist of Distinction awards and the Beckmann Emerging Artist Fellowship Program awards. The recipients include an “artist” who creates wearable sculptures, an emerging hip-hop artist, a photographer reflecting on COVID-19, and an aspiring music producer--all recognized for their vision, creativity, and commitment to advancing the arts in central Indiana.

The DeHaan Artist of Distinction Award Program honors up to five contemporary visual artists with grants of up to \$10,000 each year for aspirational visual arts projects and an exhibition of their work at Gallery 924 at the Arts Council. The Robert D. Beckmann, Jr. Emerging Artist Fellowship Program awards two \$3,500 fellowships each year to qualified and talented artists in music, dance, theatre, literature, media and/or the visual arts.

“I applaud the creative spirit, entrepreneurship, and commitment to excellence that these artists bring to their work,” said Julie Goodman, president & CEO, Arts Council of Indianapolis. “Arts and culture are essential for contributing to the vitality of our community, quality of life, and economic growth. We will continue to support and champion the work and contributions of our artists.”

### **[2020 DeHaan Artists of Distinction](#)**

**Eric Lubrick** is a photographer whose work represents a visual collection of deconstructing and reconstructing autobiographical moments. His unnamed project is inspired by COVID-19, the political environment, and art-world stereotypes. His project will transform sculptural floral compositions into words or phrases that resonate with many of these divisive themes. Lubrick will create large-scale photographs of flower arrangements that spell out messages from his journal, based on personal and intimate thoughts and emotions. A time-lapse video documenting the project will accompany the print images when exhibited.

**Beatriz Vasquez** is a visual ARTIVIST whose work experiments with the conceptual use of *papel picado*, a Mexican Folk art. She transforms layers of intricate cut paper into murals, creates wearable sculptures, and exhibits large-scale installations. Her work focuses on her Mexican-American ancestry, childhood

memories of growing up on the border, and current social issues on immigration and human rights. For more than a decade, Vasquez has created hundreds of works that have been featured in national and international galleries and museums. Vasquez will use the grant to preserve her delicate and detailed hand-cut paper murals in a secure climate-controlled environment.

### [2021 Beckmann Emerging Artist Fellowship Program recipients](#)

**Addie Kosten** is an indie-pop artist, songwriter, and aspiring producer. Through her classical training and music technology studies at the University of Indianapolis, she uses her diverse musical background – from orchestral to electronic – to inspire her work. This Fellowship will focus on advancing her music production skills, equipment, and business development in her effort to become one of the only women working in Indianapolis as a professional music producer. Kosten wants to create her own music independently and help other local musicians produce their art.

**Mickey Young** is an emerging young hip-hop artist whose primary message is one of unity and positivity. Young uses vivid storytelling and succinct rhyme patterns to capture the attention of his listeners. His goal is to create quality entertainment for his fans, while offering positive energy and encouraging introspective reflection on the world around them. This fellowship will allow Young to grow his business through subscriber communication, the creation of a catalogue of music that he will license to various mediums, and the development of a one-of-a-kind album experience in the form of a playlist.

#### **About the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation:**

*Since 1997, CDFF board members have overseen grants in excess of \$60 million to arts, arts education, education, child welfare, and human need organizations. Throughout its history, the Foundation has refined its giving strategies and operations to optimize its support provided to arts and cultural organizations with a special emphasis on the performing arts. Support for the DeHaan Artist of Distinction Award program is a new opportunity to engage the visual arts community.*

#### **About the Robert D. Beckmann, Jr. Emerging Artists Fellowship**

*The Robert D. Beckmann, Jr. Emerging Artist Fellowship program seeks to introduce and provide experiences, connections, and relationships with professional arts institutions and professional artists in central Indiana. The program awards two \$3,500 fellowships each year to qualified and talented artists in music, dance, theatre, literature, media and/or the visual arts. In addition to the grant, fellows receive professional development and growth opportunities through the Arts Council of Indianapolis.*

#### **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. Connect with the Arts Council of Indianapolis on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @artscouncilindy, and online at [indyarts.org](http://indyarts.org).*

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