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ARTS COUNCIL AWARDS 30 NEW \$10,000 FELLOWSHIPS

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA – The Arts Council of Indianapolis will announce its 2017-2018 round of Creative Renewal Arts Fellows Friday night at a special reception at the Indianapolis Art Center. The evening will also celebrate the 2015-2017 round of fellows with a retrospective exhibition on display until May 31, 2017.

Launched in 1999 by the Arts Council of Indianapolis, the Creative Renewal Arts Fellowship program allows artists and arts administrators the opportunity to reinvigorate their work by renewing and refreshing their creativity. Fellows are awarded a \$10,000 grant that they may use toward activities they believe will refresh their creativity and recharge their work. The Arts Council convenes a national panel of arts professionals to adjudicate the applications and select the fellowship recipients. Since its inception, the Arts Council has awarded more than \$3.35 million in grants to 400 fellows. Grants are awarded on a biennial basis and funded through a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

“The entire community benefits from having professional working artists in central Indiana and the Creative Renewal Arts Fellowship provides those artists with the chance to renew their creativity. We are grateful to the Lilly Endowment for its ongoing support of this program and look forward to the impact it will have on this latest group of fellows,” said Dave Lawrence, President and CEO of the Arts Council.

The 2017-2018 Creative Renewal Arts Fellows:

ARTS ADMINISTRATION

Judy Byron, Partnerships for Lawrence
Chad Franer, Indianapolis Museum of Art
Liza Hyatt, Art Therapist

Jennifer Complo McNutt, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians & Western Art
Don Steffy, Indianapolis Children's Choir
Karen Thickstun, Butler Community Arts School
Lisa Whitaker, Butler Arts Center

DANCE

Michael Johnson
Heidi Phillips

LITERARY ARTS

Maurice Broaddus
Kevin McKelvey
Wendy Vergoz

MUSIC

Leela Breithaupt
Dianna Davis
Victoria Griswold
Gregory Martin
Jordan Munson
Jayna Park
Tad Robinson
Miho Sasaki

THEATRE

James Solomon Benn

VISUAL ART

D. Delreverda-Jennings
James Wille Faust
Reagan Furqueron
Wendell Lowe
Phil O'Malley
Orlando Pelaez
Meredith Setser
Barbara Stahl
Samuel Vázquez

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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