MISSION

THE ARTS COUNCIL OF INDIANAPOLIS FOSTERS MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT IN THE ARTS BY NURTURING A CULTURE WHERE ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANIZATIONS THRIVE.

Front Cover:
Top row (L to R) - Griot Drum Ensemble at Art & Soul; High Art billboard by Penelope Dullaghan; Chris Burch performs at Garden Jams, the Indianapolis Artsgarden's Lunchtime Concert Series
Middle row (L to R) - Indianapolis Opera Resident Artist performing at the Indianapolis Artsgarden; Arts Council of Indianapolis staff at Start with Art with keynote speaker Randy Cohen; Shamira Wilson works on her Jiffy Lube mural
Bottom Row (L to R) - Live After 5 networking event at Gallery 924; Arsenal Technical High School performs at the Mistletoe Music Festival; Featured Artist (dance) Lauren Curry performs at Art & Soul

Inside Cover: Tasha Beckwith, Moon Sisters, Graphic Design on vinyl, 2018
Expanding on our mission, in 2016, the Arts Council of Indianapolis Board of Directors passed an official Equity Statement to guide the Arts Council’s work in all programmatic and operational areas. In 2018, that work continued as the Arts Council formed an internal Equity Task Force to develop guidelines and best practices for all departmental and programmatic areas.

EQUITY STATEMENT

The Arts Council of Indianapolis is committed to working with the arts and cultural community to cultivate a sector that serves, celebrates, and values every resident of Indianapolis. We envision a city where engagement in the arts is not pre-determined by socio-economic status, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. We see a robust and successful arts and cultural community as:

- A city where all artists, creative workers, audiences, and students have full access to the robust creative arts resources of our community and in which their varied histories, voices, and life experiences are honored.
- A city where equitable access to arts funding and programs for all arts organizations and artists is expected and delivered.
- A city where such funding and programs unite arts organizations and artists with diverse populations in our community to nurture a community where every resident sees themselves as belonging, learning, and participating in the arts sector.

WE BELIEVE THESE CLOSELY HELD TENETS WILL SUSTAIN A FULL CREATIVE LIFE FOR ALL.
LEADERSHIP PERSPECTIVE

The Arts Council of Indianapolis fosters meaningful engagement in the arts by nurturing a culture where artists and arts organizations thrive. Our mission fuels a talented and passionate board and staff that work hard every day to support and celebrate the arts. 2018 proved to be a time of transition as our longtime President & CEO, Dave Lawrence, took on a new opportunity in Florida. His impact on the Arts Council the past 19 years cannot be overstated and we will miss his tireless advocacy for the arts. Part of Dave’s legacy is the bench of dedicated staff and board leaders he cultivated who led the organization forward.

In a time of transition, we fearlessly sought exciting new funding opportunities and made achieving equity a part of our day to day work.

- In grants, we completed the new Districts Report to quantify arts programming happening in all parts of Marion county.

- Artist Services reached a new audience working with independent performing and literary artists of color, we organized and funded our first equity-based professional development conference.

- Arts Education Partnerships launched the long-awaited IndyArtsEd.org website to serve the educators, artists, and students of central Indiana in their quest to make arts education accessible to all.

- Public Art soared in 2018 with amazing partnerships with Jiffy Lube, Transit Drives Indy, and the first installation of work created as a result of our Public Art for Neighborhoods program with the city of Indianapolis.
We are honored to continue our strong partnership with the Mayor’s office and the City of Indianapolis, as well as private funders and supporters that enable us to build our community through the arts.

As you read through the many 2018 accomplishments and see the number of people who have contributed to the success of the Arts Council and its programs, we encourage you to find ways to get involved and celebrate the rich arts and cultural community that Indianapolis has to offer. The passion for arts and culture in our community is undeniable and the ongoing work of community members, city officials, as well as our staff and board has continued to transform and uplift arts and culture in Indianapolis. Thank you for all that you do. Be assured that the passionate, creative, and impactful work of the Arts Council of Indianapolis continues to move forward and the best is yet to come.

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GRANTS

The Arts Council of Indianapolis invests in artists and arts organizations to nurture and foster a thriving arts scene that helps build stronger neighborhoods and ultimately enhances the quality of life for all Indianapolis residents. These grant programs fall into two categories: Grants for Individuals and Grants for Organizations. 2018 was the second year of the Arts Council’s newly restructured Annual Grants Programs for small, medium, and large sized arts organizations.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- Spoken word artist Too Black and Painter Alicia Zanoni were each awarded $3,500 through the Robert D. Beckmann Emerging Artist Fellowship.

- Five visual artists were awarded $10,000 through the DeHaan Artists of Distinction Award for innovative contemporary art projects: Anila Quayyum Agha, Kassim Norris, Artur Silva, Stefan Petranek, and Cory Robinson.

- The 10th round of the Creative Renewal Arts Fellowship program was completed, providing 30 artists & arts administrators $10,000 awards for recharging and sharpening their passion for their professions.

- With support from the City of Indianapolis, $1.3 million was awarded to 65 Marion County arts organizations.

“Your support helped us launch our first outdoor theater project. Using a three-block commercial corridor as our stage, we produced PreEnactIndy, the nation’s first PreEnactment Theater.”
- Joanna Taft, Executive Director, Harrison Center

First Annual DeHaan Artists of Distinction Awards Exhibition at Gallery 924.
Every two years, thanks to generous funding from Lilly Endowment, Inc., 30 qualified professional artists and arts administrators are selected to receive Creative Renewal Arts Fellowships (CRAF) in the amount of $10,000 each. 2018 marked the completion of the 10th round of the program. Previous CRAF recipients from rounds two through five (2001-2009) were again eligible to apply, and four fellowships were awarded to previous recipients. Since 1999, $3.7 million has been awarded to 400+ artists and arts administrators across all artistic disciplines.

“These experiences fundamentally changed how I view myself and the world.”

- Wendy Vergoz, Creative Renewal Arts Fellow, 2017-2018
ARTIST SERVICES

The Arts Council of Indianapolis serves as the city’s chief advocate for artists in our community. The Artist Services team offers a variety of programs and services to help build the careers of professional artists of all disciplines and all career levels; services include the Artist Opportunities e-newsletter, online classifieds, the Artist Directory, Artist Industry Nights, and professional development workshops.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- 185 artists joined the Artist Directory, which is now a database of over 2,000 artists.


- Artist Services posted and shared 600 artist opportunities.

- Weekly Artist Opportunity e-newsletters were sent out to more than 4,000 subscribers, 300 of those being new subscribers.

The Arts Council teamed up with Art x Commerce Artist Collective, Classical Music Indy, Sugar Booking Entertainment, and the Indianapolis Public Library to present the Let’s Eat conference. Let’s Eat focused on empowering artists to feed themselves and their communities through the arts.

Artist Industry Night at the at Newfields on August 15, 2018.

Artist Industry Night at the District Theatre on September 18, 2018.

Untitled (Race) by artist Artur Silva on display in the Indianapolis Artsgarden windows for Welcome Race Fans: The Arts Celebrate the Indy 500.
EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

The Arts Council of Indianapolis partners with local arts organizations to ensure access to quality arts education for all children and our community. Through partnerships, advocacy, professional development and online tools, the Arts Council strives to provide and secure more resources and support for education in central Indiana. Since 2015, through the Any Given Child initiative, the Arts Council, Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS), and the Mayor’s Office for the City of Indianapolis have worked together to promote equitable access to the arts in IPS (K-8) with guidance and support from the Kennedy Center.

“...this is going to provide us with the ability to expand field trips and integration opportunities for our kids.”

- Andrea Hundley, Principal of Center for Inquiry School 2

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Arts Council's Education Partnerships team led the city’s third annual celebration of National Arts Education Week (September 9-15, 2018).

- Edison School of the Arts, an independent 501(c)(3) school for K-8 students, was launched under the guidance of the Education Partnerships team. It is the first of its kind in central Indiana.

- Through Any Given Child, arts education was expanded into 18 IPS schools and $6,000 was granted for co-curricular programs, impacting nearly 7,000 students.

- The National Endowment for the Arts awarded the Arts Council a $50,000 grant for the new Indy Arts Education collective impact partnership.

- Through an $80,000 grant from the Glick Fund of CICF, the Arts Council launched Indiana's first online arts education directory, IndyArtsEd.org.

Within a week of its launch at the end of December, more than 100 opportunities were listed on IndyArtsEd.org, and the Arts Council was able to award $5,000 to underwrite school bus transportation to central Indiana schools.
PUBLIC ART

As part of the Arts Council’s mission and core annual programming, the Public Art team develops and manages public art projects and initiatives throughout Greater Indianapolis. The Arts Council identifies new public, private, and nonprofit partners, and provides them with resources and expertise required to successfully implement public art projects. Strategic partnerships are central to this work and 2018 was a year of many such partnerships including: Jiffy Lube of Indiana, Near East Area Renewal, IndyGo, YMCA of Greater Indianapolis, Indianapolis International Airport, and more.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- Approximately 150 public art opportunities were posted on the Indy Arts Guide.

- More than 75 new entries were added to the Public Art Directory.

- The Arts Council curated and installed 35 new public artworks by 28 artists.

- For the second year in a row, Director of Public Art, Julia Muney Moore served on the Public Art Network Council in representation of the Arts Council.

- Art was approved for two development projects through the Public Art for Neighborhoods Ordinance.

- The Arts Council was awarded a Monumental Award in Public Art for the High Art Billboard Project.

Artist Jay Parnell with his High Art Billboard: Strange Weather, oil on wood panel at I-465 South. This is the 6th year of the High Art Billboard Project.

In October 2018, as a part of the Indianapolis Greenways Partnership, the Arts Council led a public art tour in Pogues Run Art and Nature Park. This community partnership with Indianapolis Parks Foundation provides programming for families and seniors throughout the Greenways system.

Arts Council of Indianapolis teamed up with Jiffy Lube of Indiana on the Every Part Matters mural project to install six new permanent murals on Jiffy Lube locations around central Indiana. Taking the Bait by Carl Leck is located at 8175 Allisonville Road.

“It was very empowering to be a part of an initiative that not only helped me grow artistically by taking my work to a larger scale, but also professionally with the opportunity to manage such a large scale project.”

- Shamira Wilson, Jiffy Lube Muralist
1. Through the Cultural Corridor Consortium Indianapolis program (3CIndy), the Arts Council partnered with Transit Drives Indy to infuse art into IndyGo’s new Red Line Rapid Transit. One of these initiatives was a public video by Sapphire Theatre Company.

2. Purple pinwheels were created in a community residency by with purpose as both a conversation starter and a way to show support for the new Purple Line.

3. Coming Soon…. Seriously, a sculpture by Jamie Pawlus, was installed in the Fountain Square neighborhood as part of 3CIndy.

4. Petronio Bendito’s Color Code no. 0004 was just one of the 12 exhibitions, two new video screenings, and two new vinyl murals the Arts Council curated and installed at Indianapolis International Airport.

5. Indy East Art Peace (IEAP), a partnership between the Arts Council and Near East Area Renewal, brought together artists, community members, and police officers to work together to improve public safety through art.

6. The IEAP art exchange event, held at the East Washington Street Library, on November 3, 2018, was a way for community members to create art, share opinions, and receive a work of community-created art in exchange for their time.

7. Members of the Twin Aire neighborhood painted mosaic tiles for a sculpture by artist Jude Odell that will be completed and installed in 2019.

8. Salute by Clay Enoch and the National Sculptors’ Guild was installed at the new OrthoIndy Foundation YMCA.

“The entire process of working on the project for the Red Line has been pretty incredible. I loved the challenge of creating work that could make the Red Line construction more bearable for others and then considering what would make riding the bus more appealing for myself (and others) when the Red Line is up and running.”

- Jamie Pawlus, Coming Soon…. Seriously artist
Gallery 924 at the Arts Council of Indianapolis is a non-profit gallery space that provides a mixture of programming that highlights central Indiana contemporary artists in curated solo and group shows.

**2018 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Gallery 924 welcomed more than 3,500 patrons through the doors in 2018.
- Close to 200 central Indiana artists exhibited their works at the gallery.
- Over 200 works of art were sold throughout the year.
- Sales totaled almost $40,000 with 75% going directly to artists, 25% supporting artist services and gallery maintenance.

1. Gallery 924 hosted its second Young Collectors’ Show, a unique kid-friendly experience, curated and installed especially for the enjoyment and appreciation of children ages 3 - 12. The show featured 32 central Indiana contemporary artists.

2. The seventh annual TINY exhibition took place in December 2018, featuring 114 Indianapolis-based artists and 425 works of art, all 6 x 6 x 6 inches or smaller.

3. The House Life Project exhibition: *We’re Open, Come In* featured a community of artists and neighbors that were active on the Near Eastside between 2015-2017.

4. The first annual DeHaan Artist of Distinction Group Exhibition, which highlighted the four recipients of the 2017 DeHaan Artist of Distinction Award: Philip Campbell, Shawn Causey, Nhat Tran, and Lauren Zoll took place in September 2018. Radio One’s *Live After Five* event brought many young professionals in to enjoy the exhibition. Image courtesy of Brayden Bridgeman.
INDIANAPOLIS ARTSGARDEN

The Indianapolis Artsgarden displays monthly visual arts exhibitions and presents more than 250 live performances each year. All performances are free and open to the public. The Artsgarden is also rented for private events, including weddings, corporate receptions, and nonprofit events, which help support funding for the Arts Council programs and services.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- 3,000+ students from 70 ensembles performed during the Mistletoe Music Festival.
- 11 solo and group art exhibitions were displayed.
- 250 free community performances were hosted.

“I think that the Artsgarden concerts have become an essential part of the cultural fabric of the city. My shows there have long been a highly rewarding part of my yearly performance calendar. The serendipity of finding live music playing in a bustling city marketplace is a comfort for people in their busy day. People smile a lot; how cool is that?”
- Tad Robinson, musician and Creative Renewal Arts Fellow

ART & SOUL

Thanks to generous funding from Lilly Endowment, Inc., the Arts Council celebrated Black History Month with Art & Soul at the Artsgarden. The 2018 theme was Rise, which focused on empowerment through the arts and highlighted Featured Artists Ryan L. Bennett, Too Black, Lauren Curry, and Gary Gee. Additionally, fourteen performances by more than 100 artists filled the month of February. Art & Soul 2018 was produced in partnership with Asante Children’s Theatre, Indianapolis Jazz Festival, Nicholas Owen’s Dance Company, and the ISO’s Metropolitan Youth Orchestra.

“I don’t need a young black girl to want to do ballet. What I need for her to understand is that the arts can help who she is, and give her life purpose and direction.”
- Lauren Curry, dancer and Art & Soul Featured Artist
ARTS MARKETERS

Convened by the Arts Council in partnership with a representative steering committee, the Indy Arts Marketers aim to engage in discussion on community marketing needs, collaborate and support to raise arts visibility in central Indiana, and work to develop a common voice for the arts community.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- 137,000 users were hosted on the Indy Arts Guide.
- 2,500+ events were listed on the Indy Arts Guide by 500+ central Indiana arts & cultural organizations.
- Via the Indy Arts Guide Weekly e-newsletter, 1,100+ events were marketed to a list of 6,500+ recipients.
- The Indy Arts Marketers presented quarterly meet ups to a network of about 300 contacts.

2018 STEERING COMMITTEE

Chelsea Anderson, Phoenix Theatre
Whit Bones, Arts Council of Indianapolis
Samantha Brickler, Arts Council of Indianapolis
Jenny Burch, Classical Music Indy
Keesha Dixon, Asante Children’s Theatre
Paul Hansen, Dance Kaleidoscope
Sarah Myer, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
Kate Oberreich, Arts Council of Indianapolis

2018 TOPICS

Community Engagement: What it is & How Can we do it? at the Indianapolis Opera
Engaging a Fan Base at Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Re/Brand at The Cabaret
Digital Storytelling at the Phoenix Theatre

“‘The Arts Council of Indianapolis continues to nurture a healthy cohort of arts marketers. Through the monthly Steering Committee meetings and the quarterly Arts Marketers meetings, The Arts Council not only provides valuable information and leadership, but also fosters the sharing of ideas and collaborations among arts marketers. Helping us get out of our own bubbles long enough to realize we’re all going through the same issues, and to share solutions has been invaluable to me personally.”

- Paul Hansen, Marketing Director, Dance Kaleidoscope
For the 32nd year, the Arts Council hosted **Start with Art**, one of the largest business and arts luncheons in the country, which marks the official kick-off to the Indianapolis arts season. **Start with Art** has become an Indianapolis tradition where nearly 1,200 corporate, civic, arts, and community leaders celebrate and support the arts in Indianapolis. In addition to remarks (and special dance debut) by Mayor Joe Hogsett, guests of the 2018 luncheon enjoyed a keynote by Randy Cohen, Vice President of Research and Policy at Americans for the Arts.

The **ARTI Awards** recognize outstanding contributions to the Indianapolis arts and cultural community. Categories awarded in 2018 include:

- **Volunteer/Patron ARTI Award:**
  - Ace Yakey
  - Jane Fortune

- **Larry Hurt Excellence in Arts Education Award:**
  - Edison School of the Arts

- **Artful Impact ARTI Award**
  - The District Theatre
  - The Cabaret
  - Phoenix Theatre

**2018 ARTI Award** designed by 2014 Robert D. Beckmann Emerging Artist Fellow, **Ash Robinson**.
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Assets
Cash and Cash Equivalents $1,291,723
Investments 1,472,634
Receivables 110,464
Prepaid Expenses 26,012
Fixed Assets, Net of Depreciation 4,739,139
Total Assets $7,637,972

Liabilities
Payables & Accrued Expenses $74,702
Artsgarden Deposits 51,375
Deferred Revenue - Grants & Programs 1,819,934
Total Liabilities $1,946,011

Total Equity $5,691,961

Total Liabilities & Equity $7,637,972