





Thank you for reading our Community Report, covering our recent work at Springboard for the Arts. At Springboard, our vision is for a future where artists, culture bearers, and creative workers are essential to creating just and equitable local economies and more human-centered systems. These interdependent parts of our vision create an ecosystem of support for culture and creative work. The last two years have been a kind of horrible validation of the need for this ecosystem and the lack of it in many places. More and more, people are understanding the fragility of artists' livelihoods as



are understanding the fragility of artists' livelihoods and the compounding emergency of inequity as artists and their communities continue to be impacted by multiple crises.

The last two years have also made clear that in order for communities to benefit from the contributions that artists can make to a more human, equitable, and just future, life as an artist must be more sustainable and more equitable. Springboard's work over the last two years has been focused both on intense amounts of short-term emergency relief, and on developing the longer-term system change we need to alleviate future crises. To help guide us on this path, we developed a new strategic framework for our work and updated our mission statement to better reflect our work.

Amongst this work, we have also honored important milestones for Springboard for the Arts. We entered our 30th year as a nonprofit organization, which is possible entirely because of the creativity, tenacity, and commitment of thousands of artists, volunteers, supporters, mentors, friends, and partners. In 2021, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of our Fergus Falls office. Springboard's work in Fergus Falls and in building resources and opportunities for rural artists has extended our depth of understanding and commitment to finding and illuminating the ways that small towns, rural places, and urban neighborhoods can find commonality and solidarity. Last October, we officially opened our new home on University Avenue in Saint Paul, a hub for artists, community, and creative people power. This space makes so many of Springboard's values tangible and provides us with a new way to support our neighborhood and the many ways that artists and culture bearers can bring people together, make meaning, and create change.

I could not be more grateful to the staff, board, partners, and supporters of Springboard. There are no words for how much your support, investment, and faith in our work mean to me.

Laura Zabel Executive Director



Springboard for the Arts'
mission is to support artists
with the tools to make a
living and a life, and to
build just and equitable
communities full of
meaning, joy, and
connection.



VIBRANT & JUST

LOCAL

ECONOMIES

We seek to create vibrant and just local economies where artists can make a living and a life.



ARTISTS ARE

ESSENTIAL

We support, celebrate and develop individual creative practice, cultural traditions and the broader field of artists as meaning-makers, storytellers, creative thinkers and change agents, so that they are recognized and valued as key contributors to healthy, equitable communities.



HUMAN-CENTERED SYSTEMS

Through engaging artists, we aim to change policies and structures so that they are informed by and created to support the needs, assets and health of the people who hold the least amount of power within those systems.





Over the past two years, our communities have faced multiple crises and traumas, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the murder of George Floyd, and the uprising and demand for racial justice. Throughout these crises, art and artists have provided the means to connect, to express grief and joy, to comfort and soothe, and help imagine new and more just futures.

The arts and culture sector has been hit disproportionately hard by the pandemic. People's livelihoods for the year disappeared in a matter of days as performances, commissions, teaching jobs, and other opportunities were canceled. These losses are not only economic but also represent a significant loss of creative work and opportunity. Two years in, the creative sector is coming back more slowly than the economy as a whole and the National Endowment for the Arts reports that the unemployment rate for artists is still twice what it was two years ago.

In the moment of crisis, we had the muscle to react, using our long-standing Emergency Relief Fund to raise and distribute dollars to artists, creative workers, and culture bearers in Minnesota. What started as a \$10,000 investment from our general operating funds on March 13, 2020 turned into a fundraiser across the state, and thanks to the generosity of individual donors, foundations, and businesses, to date we have been able to raise and distribute almost \$1.4M to 2,799 Minnesota artists, creative workers, and culture bearers. This would not have happened without people stepping up to see the essential value of artists making a living and a life-thank you!

Springboard also worked to support communities across the country to start their own Emergency Relief Funds. We began by creating and sharing a field guide for starting a Relief Fund that was shared over 900 times, and convening national gatherings on the process and practice of creating Emergency Relief Funds. These calls hosted 172 leaders from around the country, and supported fund distribution to artists nationally. We partnered with Racing Magpie, The Arts Partnership, Imagine MKE, Culture Source, and the CrossHatch Center for Art & Ecology to raise and distribute funds through the Upper Midwest Emergency Relief Fund Coalition. These funds supported 729 artists across the region through locally rooted and relevant processes, demonstrating how connected network hubs can make a big impact by disseminating resources where they are needed most.



In addition to direct relief work for artists, we know that artists needed and wanted to bring their creative skills to address and engage the issues facing their communities. To address urgent community needs, we have supported artists' projects through our **Artists Respond** program. This series builds on our core work of engaging artists in community, and has provided outlets and opportunities for creative action.

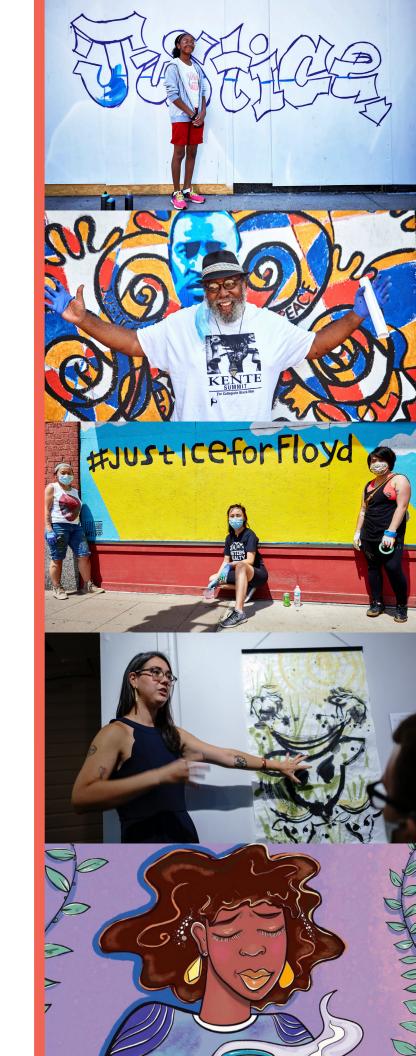
Artists Respond: On Plywood supported Black artists in creating messages and responses to the uprisings on University Avenue in St. Paul and hosted community members to engage with and participate in these expressions of grief, rage, pride and hope.

Artists Respond: Combating Social Isolation supported over 80 artists across Minnesota to bring people together and reach vulnerable communities in the depths of the pandemic, supporting outdoor concerts, coloring kits, and zines.

Artists Respond: Equitable Rural Futures brought together a cohort of artists who are Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color from rural Minnesota to tell their own stories of what it means to live in rural America.

Artists Respond: People, Place, and Prosperity created a cohort of artists in St. Paul to support storytelling and share the impact of Guaranteed Income on residents of the city.

All these projects have brought people together to make meaning and connection during incredibly difficult times and demonstrate the power of artists to bridge difference, imagine better futures and connect us to our neighbors.





"I am so grateful to Springboard for providing this relief fund-not just for myself, but for the health of our community and artists. I've been lucky enough to maintain my teaching income during this time, but all my gigs for the foreseeable future are canceled, and my financial plans took a significant hit. Receiving funds has allowed me to stay solvent as we navigate uncertain times."

- Emergency Relief Fund Recipient



Springboard's national work has grown over the past decade, fueled by our commitment to openly sharing toolkits and resources, our expansion of virtual workshops and trainings, and consulting to support other sectors and communities to collaborate with artists. Over the past two years we have expanded our work to take the programs and offerings we've developed in Minnesota so that we can share them nationally, finding new ways to lead the national conversation about the impact of artists.

Part of this work is to ensure that artists are represented in the broader work around economic justice and system change. In April 2021 we launched our **Guaranteed Income for Artists** pilot, supporting 25 artists in the Frogtown & Rondo neighborhoods in St. Paul with \$500 a month in guaranteed income for 18 months. Supported by the McKnight, Bush and Kresge Foundations, our pilot sits alongside the City of St. Paul's People's Prosperity Pilot and is one of the first in the nation focusing on the creative sector. Our goal for this work is to demonstrate the impact of guaranteed income on creative work, local economies, and neighborhood culture and to demonstrate that artists can be powerful partners in movements for economic justice. We also engaged a cohort of artists in the narrative change work around the impact of guaranteed income because we believe that artists should be both participants in and important contributors to these kinds of system change efforts.

"Having a little comfort means I can get back to creating. Before, it felt like I couldn't create unless it was generating income, like I couldn't justify it."

- Guaranteed Income for Artists Pilot Participant

We are in a moment when we urgently need artists, culture bearers, and creative workers who can help us envision and build a future of justice, health and wholeness. And we know that many leaders in public agencies and community organizations would like to collaborate with artists on their work but often don't have the resources or confidence to find and partner with their creative community. To address this need, we are offering **Art-Train**, a national training program developed in partnership with the Center for Performance and Civic Practice. Art-Train offers training for individual artists on how to partner with

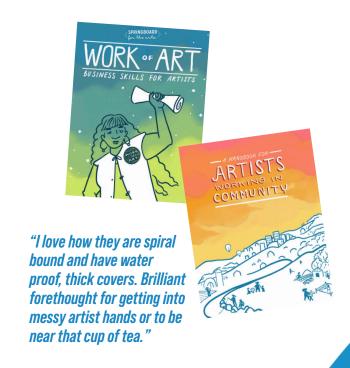


community members, organizations, and local governments, and offers training to those organizations and government agencies to work with artists. Over 1,100 artists and community leaders have participated in Art Train so far and are working on strategies to help business districts come back to life, change narratives around economic justice, and improve mental health and social connections in their communities.

"I can't thank you enough for the incredible space that is Art-Train! So many groups could benefit from participating because it's so accessible, especially to those new to working with artists, and just need some onboarding to the ways artists can serve communities."

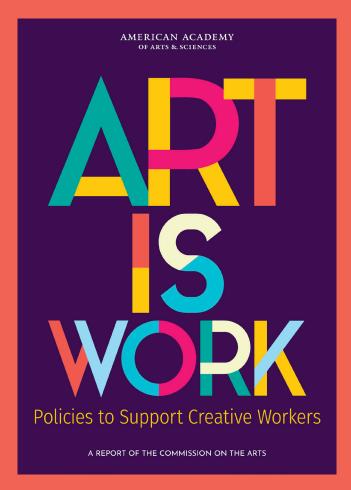
- Geneva Vest, Community Strategies Program Manager, Trust for Public Land

Our national work is rooted in our commitment to make tools for artists that are widely usable, shareable, and replicable, as we strive to create an ecosystem of support for creative people with as few barriers as possible. In 2020, we released an updated version of our core Work of Art: Business Skills for Artists curriculum, which has been used in our workshops and replicated across the country. We also launched the **Handbook for Artists** Working in Community, a practical, artistcentered guide for artists to effectively engage in community projects and spark change through their work. These toolkits have been downloaded over 3,500 times over the past 2 years, continuing to expand Springboard's impact across the country.



- Workbook Reader

In addition to these practical resources, we have also put our energy into making sure that artists and culture bearers are represented in national conversations around relief and recovery.



Executive Director Laura Zabel participated as a member of the Arts Commission of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, chairing the Arts and Economic Development work that led to the 2021 report *Art is Work*. The report and its policy recommendations for more equitable support for artists and creative workers was the topic of a Congressional briefing and Bloomberg Citylab editorial.



INVESTING IN ARTISTS' WORK

Springboard for the Arts' work has always been about supporting artists with the tools and resources to make a living and a life. These services have filled a particularly critical need over the past two years.

We have continued to deliver workshops, technical assistance, and resources to artists and creative entrepreneurs:

402 WORKSHOPS

10,777
PARTICIPANTS

581
ONE-ON-ONE CONSULTATIONS

27
ARTIST CAREER CONSULTANTS

Our workshops and consultations are designed to be as accessible to as many people as possible, often underwritten by partners and donor support so that we can offer these services at low or no cost. Demand for this work has exploded over the last two years, which has demonstrated how precarious the creative economy is, and how necessary it is to include artists and creative businesses in work towards more just economies. We are grateful to have partnered with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, and the City of Minneapolis to deliver technical assistance over the past two years.

"I felt empowered and good about my work. I felt affirmation and clear steps in how I want to try and get into the fine art world."

- Artist Career
Consultation Review

"Thoroughness, patience, rapport, expertise."

- Artist Career Consultation Review

"I think I just leveled up."

- Handbook for Artists Working in Community workshop participant

"The most effective part was the welcoming and inquisitive connection we were able to develop. The specific aspects of the session that will be very useful were: Them being able to listen for my priorities and reflect them back to me. Specific ideas about where I can develop ways to bring in income, and ideas on the cost of infrastructure pieces that I will need for the future."

- Artist Career Consultation Review

Springboard continues to find ways to deepen investment in artists across the region. Our 3-year 20/20 Fellowship pilot has evolved into the **Creative Economy Fellowship**, which supports a cohort of artists in Minnesota who are Black, Native, and/or People of Color, recognizing their work building platforms and opportunities for artists. Fellows receive a year-long cohort experience and an unrestricted \$10,000 stipend, which helps support their leadership in our creative ecosystem.





Funded by Bush Foundation, Springboard relaunched the **Creative Community Leadership Institute** in 2019, in partnership with Racing Magpie. CCLI creates learning and connection opportunities for artists, community organizers, and creative leaders across Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and the 23 Native Nations that share that geography, and we are honored to continue the legacy of this program. Despite the pandemic, the first cohorts were able to be completed virtually and continue on today.



We recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of our rural office in Fergus Falls. Building on the last decade of work, we launched a new **Rural Regenerator Fellowship**. This program is helping to support and build networks of rural artists and community leaders across the Upper Midwest.

Supported by the Builder's Initiative, this two-year cohort experience expands on our work with the Rural Arts & Culture Summit, and provides Fellows with an unrestricted \$10,000 award to advance the role of art, culture, and creativity in rural development and community building.



RURAL REGENERATOR FELLOWS 2020-22





"I think as artists we all know that at times it's hard to come by authentic and caring individuals and organizations who really want to help artists and communities in the ways that we see and feel passionate about. Thank you for enriching us with this program and via the retreat's empowering programming. I will never forget what this program has done for me and my artistry."

- 2021 Rural Regenerator Fellow



A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD HOME IN SAINT PAUL





On University Avenue in St. Paul, in the Rondo and Frogtown neighborhoods, and just down the street from the Minnesota State Capitol, what was once a vacant used car dealership amid a sea of asphalt has been transformed by artists and community members into a dynamic, welcoming space, and we are so excited to share it with you. The idea for this new home sprouted nine years ago and we acquired the site officially in 2018. The last four years of our capital campaign have been filled with joy and challenges. This project has brought thousands of people and hundreds of organizations into its creation process, and we couldn't be more proud to have our doors open today.

This space reimagines how an unloved and untended space with a history of extraction in the neighborhood can become healthy, generative, and creative. Through our commitment to responsible environmental stewardship, our rooftop deck has innovative, semi-translucent solar panels installed which provide both shade and about 30% of our building's electricity. We have taken the asphalt parking lot and transformed much of it into green space, with a rain garden and a walking path. Our onsite cistern captures runoff water and uses it to maintain the plantings and front yard, and we were honored by our partners at the Capitol Region Watershed District with their 2021 Project of the Year Award.

PUBLIC ART

- Artists Myc Batson and Megan Tate transformed a drab wall into a vibrant, playful mural highlighting creative people power.
- Sarah Agaton Howes, Nedahness Greene, and Holly Young created a Native Presence installation to honor the Dakota and Anishinaabe lands on which we reside and work.
- Ua Si Creative Ka Ly, Teeko Yang, Christina Vang – worked with artists and elders Sharon M. Day, Louis Alemayehu, Narate Keys, and Aleksandra Gurneau on Refraction, an installation on the journey of water throughout the building.
- Blayze Buseth created Tom's Adventure, a playful water feature for our rooftop.
- Artists Kao Lee Thao and Ash Kubesh took the old Ford sign, and transformed it into The Gathering Tree, a bright sign calling out the creativity of the neighborhood.

We are grateful for the journey, and thrilled to open the space for our programs and community use. Programming on site is up and running, and we can't wait to share it with you.





Hosted Saturdays at Springboard at our St. Paul location, partnering with artists DejaJoelle and Aki Shibata, and organizations Arts Us and TruArtSpeaks to activate our open space and Front Yard.



In partnership with Rethos, facilitated Artists on Main Street programs in Bowman, ND, Mahnomen, MN, Cloquet, MN, Two Harbors, MN, and Cook, MN, resulting in hundreds of artist-led projects addressing downtown vibrancy and activity in small towns.

Relaunched our popular Community Support Art (CSA) program in 2021, delivering local artists work to people through USPS on the themes of Care, Comfort, and Craft.

Partnered with Trust for Public Land to hire an Artist Organizer for Central Village Park. Olga Nichols is working collaboratively with neighbors of Central Village Park, project partners, Summit-University Planning Council, and the City of St. Paul to design, produce, and facilitate community activities and events meant to engage neighbors and build upon community knowledge and experience.

STAFF AND BOARD



Adia Morris Swanger Program Manager, Professional Development

I kept my child alive for four years. (And continued to produce creative monologues for Twin Cities

Public Television's Almanac program!)

Al Valdovinos Office Coordinator

Al uses acrylic and crayon mediums to express scenes of quotidian life around them in paintings and drawings. Al looks forward to learning how to make all resources and information even more accessible to the community around Springboard.



Amanda Cortés
Community Development
Program Manager

I'm grateful and proud that I became a parent to Sixto F. García-Cortés and joined Springboard for the Arts.



Amanda Kaler Development Director

Co-founded M'AAM!, a trio of makers and mamas collaborating on artist's books, letterpress prints, and motherhood. We asked staff to share personal, professional, and creative highlights from the past two years!



Andy Sturdevant
Artist Resources Director

My imprint, Birchwood
Palace Industries, continues
to produce printed
ephemera, esoterica, and
novelties of the mundane

and fantastic, including new books by Trina Fernandez and Monica Sheets. I also became a father!



Carl Atiya Swanson
Associate Director,
Operations &
Communications

Glad to have navigated parenting in a pandemic, and published poems in

Crooked Arrow Press, Trouble Child Magazine, MEAL Magazine, and with the Hennepin County History Museum. Joined the board of Catalyst Music, supporting all ages venues in the Twin Cities.



Caroline Taiwo
Economic Opportunity
Director

I became an auntie, and that's been wonderful.

Cassie McDuffie Community Coordinator

I started at Springboard in 2021 and graduated the same year from Metropolitan State University. I am a DJ and Beatmaker born and raised in Saint Paul. Check out my latest album "The Constellation" streaming on all platforms featuring award winning artists from all over the Twin Cities!



Just glad to be here! First solo art exhibition, "Thanks for Being Here" at the White Bear Center for the Arts, and looking forward to more!



John Bell Business Manager

I had a solo exhibition "A Pigeon Year" at ArtStart Rhinelander in 2021.



Jun-Li Wang Associate Director, Programs

Awarded my first competitive grant in 2021, created "Murmuration" with Aki Shibata, an installation of 1200 paper cranes for the Coalition of Asian American Leaders, and helped distribute 750,000 KN95 masks to essential

workers in the early days of the pandemic.



Laura Zabel Executive Director

> Pre-pandemic, had the opportunity to play Sarah Weddington, the attorney who argued Roe v. Wade at the Supreme Court in Mixed

Blood Theater's production of ROE.



Michele Anderson Rural Director

Pre-pandemic, I published an op-ed in the New York Times, and brought my baby Ashton into the world. Early in the pandemic, I launched my

campaign for State Senate, District 8, and my most recent creative joy was playing keys with the Blue Red Roses at Stella's in Battle Lake.



Molly Johnston Rural Program Manager

My most recent accomplishments include bringing a 10 pound baby into the world, navigating pandemic preschool, and dancing in the

streets of Battle Lake with my organization DanceBARN Collective.



Peter Haakon **Thompson** Site Manager

Traveled to 28 different libraries across the state of Minnesota with the

Mobile Sign Shop. Helped participants make over 1400 carved, hand painted signs!



Ricardo Beaird
Community Development
Director

I wrote a play! DOOMSCROLL with MK and Tia! is a play that follows

two podcasts hosts as they fall down a rabbit hole of online secret societies and internet conspiracies involving 5G frequency paranoia. It was presented virtually at the Guthrie Theatre's Blackness Is Festival.



Sam Buffington
Community Organizer

Created a podcast with my dad called Revolutionary Spirits, exploring revolutions and the spirits that shape

them. Season One focuses on Mexican revolutionary Francisco Madero.



Zaraawar Mistry
Program Specialist

We kept Dreamland Arts, our independent theater, running through the pandemic, and just reopened for live performances!



Dominic Facio

Rural Program Coordinator I was awarded a Career Development grant for screen printing, and an Minnesota State Arts Board Individual Support grant to continue producing

niche events in rural MN. Produced two Catwalk Party events, and a portrait from my photograph work was selected for my regional art council's juried portrait exhibition.

SPRINGBOARD AWARDS

2019

Celebrate Business Success Award Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce

2021

Reader's Recommend Favorite Arts Organization Minnesota Women's Press National Philanthropy Day Award Association of Fundraising Professionals Minnesota Chapter

Project of the Year Award Capitol Region Watershed District

2022

Reader's Recommend Favorite Arts Organization Minnesota Women's Press

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ARTISTS RESPOND: EQUITABLE RURAL FUTURES

Tish Jones

Yan Pang

Mai'a Williams
Joyce LaPorte
Nancy XiáoRong Valentine
Inkpa Mani
Christy Goulet
Michelle de la Vega

ARTISTS RESPOND: ARTISTS ON PLYWOOD

Alex Smith Aurum Oro Canaan Ray-Strong Geno Okok Myc Daz Noval Noir Seitu Jones Tony Johnson Ta-Coumba Aiken Ua Si Creative

Yan Pang

ARTISTS RESPOND: PEOPLE PLACE, PROSPERITY

Briauna Williams DejaJoelle Kashimana Katey DeCelle Nicole Mary Milligan

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED ART 2021

Arnée Martin
Austin Nash
Blanca Dahlin
Caitlin Warner
Calvin Stalvig
Elizabeth Belz
Jessica Lopez Lyman, Ph.D.
Josephine Everett
Kathy Masterson

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED ART 2022

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Deanna Croaker
Heather C. Lou
Jelani Ellis
KOBI
L Kling/Pickle Witch
Margaret Vergara
Nouf Saleh
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CREATIVE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2021

Alex Romero-Frederick Amanda Cortes Ana Rusness-Petersen Angie Stover Anne O'Keefe-Jackson Ashley Pourier Austin Red Dog Bethany Lacktorin Brandi Malarkey Chanda Kraft Chelsea Steffes Christopher Bordeaux Clementine Bordeaux Dawnee LeBeau Denise Lajimodiere Elizabeth Lone Eagle Focus Smith Heather Allen Heather Peebles Heather Wood Heidi Jeub Jada Bell James Bergman Janette Yiran Jeannine Burnette Jennilee Rooks Jesus Ramirez Jonathan Wong Joshua Rudnik Kahomy Souksavath Katarina Hansen Keith BraveHeart Kia Lee Libbie Anderson Linnea Schluessler Lydia Four Horns-Powless Mayumi Park

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Rachel Prazak
Rebecca Dallinger
Renee Newton
Sara Lum
Sarah Swedburg
Star Means
Tosa Two Heart
Vynetta A. Morrow
Yvette Reyes

CREATIVE ECONOMY FELLOWS 2020-2021

Amoke Kubat
Atlese Robinson
Ayolanda Evans
Chamindika Wanduragala
Chitra Vairavan
Herb Johnson III
Heather C. Lou
Joseph Allen
Ka Oskar Ly
Maia Maiden

CREATIVE ECONOMY FELLOWS 2021-2022

Adrienne Doyle
DejaJoelle
Duaba Unenra
Garrett McQueen
Kenna-Camara Cottman
María Isa
Marlina Gonzalez
Ricky Collins
Sharon Mansur
Za'Nia Coleman

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS Continued

INCUBATOR PROJECTS AS OF JUNE 2021

10th Wave A 20/20 Life

AC3

Agate Magazine

Al-Bahira Dance Theatre Alanna Morris-Van Tassel

Productions

All St. Paul's A Stage

Alzheimer's Poetry Project

Ambiance Theatre Company an alleged Theatre Company

Analog Dance Works

Ancia Saxophone Quartet

Anda Flamenco

APIA MN

Arbeit Opera Theatre

Art from the Inside MN

The Artists' Well

Arts Garden

Aspire Music Academy

Autoptic

Aya Collective

B-Sides Art Song Collective

Bill Simenson Orchestra

Black Dirt Theatre

Black Market

Black Women Speak

Breast Cancer Superheroes

Bucket Brigade

Build

Cahoot Physical Theatre

Carlyle Brown & Co.

Catalyst Arts

Cellular Cinema

CENTERPLAY

Chain Reaction Theater Project

The Colu.mn

Comedy Suitcase

Como Pops

Cow Tipping Press

Creating Language Through The

Arts

Creative Leadership Studio

Cromulent Shakespeare

Company

Dance & Other Behaviors

Dance MN

DanceCO

Dans Askina Turkish Dance

Danza Espanola

Dial Group

Draw By You

DrawingConnections

Dream Lodge

E/D

Emerging Curators Institute

F/10 Photography

Fireweed Community Workshop

FluteSpiration Quartet

Follow the Yellowstone Trail

Fortune's Fool

Four Humors Theatre

Fox & Beggar Theater Freshwater Theatre

Funny Asian Women Kollective

Grace Minnesota

Greenline Mascot Project

Hatch Dance

Haunted Basement

Hinterhands Puppet Company

Holy Cow! Press

Honeywell Concert Band

How to Have Fun in a Civil War

Hypnic Jerk Theatre

Isles Ensemble

Jeffrey Peterson Dance Kaleena Miller Dance

Karen Sherman

Katie Ka Vang Productions

Kinship of Rivers

LABRADOR Mpls

Ladyslipper Ensemble

Legacy Arts Group

Lightning Rod

Little Lifeboats

Locally Grown Theatre

lumin theater lab

Mad King Thomas

Mad Munchkin

Maggie Bergeron and Co

Make A Scene Scenario

Festival

Marine Candlelight Series

Match.Bomb The Musical

Million Artist Movement

Minne Opera Project

Mixed Precipitation Moonplay Cinema

Morgan Thorson & Co.

Movement Architecture

MOVO SPACE

Neurodivergent Youth Choir

New Epic Theater

North Star Printmakers

Studio

On Stage

One Earth United

Opera on the Lake

Opera Reading Project

Orchard Theater Collective

Patrick Scully Productions

Penelope Freeh

Persistence of Vision

Picasso Projects

Playable Artworks Poetry Asylum Poetry for People Points of Light Praxis Photo Arts Center Proof Public Rachel Perlmeter **Productions** RARE Productions The Recital Red Bird Theatre Rondo Family Reunion Sacred Grounds Coffee House Scenius Studio Second Fiddle **Productions** See Change Treble Choir See- Saw Theatre Lab Serpentina Arts Talks Shift shOUT Sigma's Bookshelf Silver Swan Sonora Winds Speaking Out Collective Spit Take Comedy Series Strive Publishing **STRONGmovement** Subversive Sirens Transforming Black Lives Supergroup Survival System Syncopated Silents T2P2 Tangible Collective TC Music Therapy Scholarships TC Photo The Performance Collective

Theatre 55

Theatre Coup d'Etat

Theatre Elision
Threshold Theater
Tlalnepantla Arts
Toot
Transatlantic Love Affair
Trilingua Cinema
Tru Ruts Endeavors
TuckUnder Projects
Turtle Theater Collective
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CONTRIBUTED INCOME (INDIVIDUALS)	\$347,074	\$852,904
EARNED INCOME	\$627,386	\$594,663
IN-KIND	\$11,100	\$11,100
TOTAL	\$2,844,483	\$3,084,735
EXPENSES		
PERSONNEL	\$1,063,150	\$1,090,771
ARTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$828,558	\$658,527
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$144,147	\$141,501
OTHER PROGRAMS	\$126,034	\$136,195
SPECIAL PROJECTS (INCLUDES EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND)	\$334,640	\$995,515
TOTAL	\$2,496,530	\$3,022,510

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