

# Columbus Area Arts Council

CREATIVE PLACEMAKING

COMMUNITY ARTS

SUPPORT LOCAL CREATIVES

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**We work to create a vibrant community through arts and culture.**

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**We transform public spaces, infuse art with joy and accessibility, empower our local artists, and fuel imaginative projects that bring our city to life.**

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Image: Hadley Fruits for Landmark Columbus Foundation

Local design firm LAA Office conceptualized 6th Street Arts Alley with features that include two large wall murals, *Fractalize* by Nick Abstract (right) and *Learning Patterns* by LAA Office (left), a ground-plane mural, and custom-designed, locally fabricated stools.

## Creative Placemaking

Placemaking projects strengthen the connection between people and the places they share.

By merging art and culture with public spaces, we enhance quality of life, stimulate economic growth, and foster a strong sense of belonging.

## 6th Street Arts Alley

The 6th Street Arts Alley is a creative hub where people gather to watch live performances, enjoy local food and drinks, and experience art.



Image: Warrie Dennis

Southern Indiana Taiko performs on the Arts Alley.

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Image: TRIFLIX LLC

Kids dance to a live music performance on the Arts Alley.



Image: Warrie Dennis

Local favorite 3 Beards Strummin performs on the Arts Alley.

### PERFORMANCES

Music and dance are essential elements of the Arts Alley. By featuring local and regional artists, we celebrate a rich cultural tapestry within our community.



Image: Tony Vasquez

A crowd gathers to watch "Kathak - A Journey Across Cultures and Continents" by Ritasha Art Studio, a classical Indian dance group.

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## Placemaking Partnerships

We collaborate with community partners and businesses to integrate art across our entire city.

### ASPHALT ART INITIATIVE

CAAC, in partnership with the City of Columbus and Columbus Regional Health, identified 16th Street as an ideal location for an Asphalt Art project. This temporary project increased pedestrian safety and social connectivity in the neighborhood.



Image: Tony Vasquez

### A CAROUSEL FOR COLUMBUS

CAAC volunteers joined Could Be Design in painting the mural for the public art installation, *A Carousel for Columbus*. This Exhibit Columbus project was produced in collaboration with Columbus Museum of Art & Design.

Artist Shamira Wilson leads volunteers in painting *16th Street Asphalt Art*, a mural she designed in collaboration with artist Cory Robinson.



Image: Don Nissen

## Public Art Management

### MAYOR'S PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

CAAC co-leads this initiative in partnership with the City of Columbus. The committee is tasked with stewarding the community's public art collection through public and private support. We ensure best practices regarding the acquisition, creation, installation, maintenance, and insurance coverage of public art.



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### PUBLIC ART LONGEVITY FUND

CAAC's Public Art Longevity Fund provides dollars for the preservation and maintenance of our community's public art assets.

*Flamenco* by Ruth Aizuss Migdal was the first artwork to be restored and installed using dollars from this fund. The sculpture now sits in the "Mill Race Park Gateway" at 8th and Brown Streets.

# Community Arts

11 Community Arts programming invites the broad community to create, understand, and experience art.

Through artist-led workshops, exhibitions, and youth and family arts programming, we ignite creativity and enrich lives.



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CAAC presents a site-specific dance at the Library Plaza during a pop-up performance, "Kenyettá Dance Company: On-site with Exhibit Columbus."

## Artist-led Workshops

Skilled professionals lead participants through the creative process; no previous experience is needed.



Clay Making with Mitzi Davis

Image: Tony Vasquez



Image: TRIFLIX LLC

Local artists from Taglia Tool Studio teach the basics of working with glass.



Zine Design with Renata Graw



Textile Art: Tiny Activist Project with Sarah Marsom

Image: Warric Dennis

## 411 Gallery

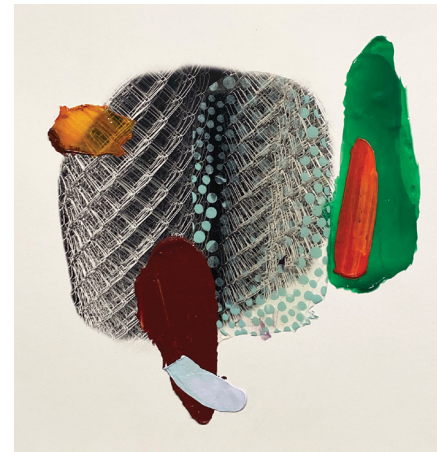
411 Gallery showcases a diverse array of local and regional artists, featuring paintings, ceramics, textiles, furniture, and digital art and design.



*Utopian Visions* by the New Harmony Clay Project



*Hope, Calm & Remembrance* by Rebecca Chamberlain



*Errare* by Dorothy Sties Alig



*New Stories of the American Negro* by Delano Dunn

### EXHIBITIONS

Located on 6th Street Arts Alley, 411 Gallery is a small community art gallery and cultural space for exhibitions, events, and collaborations.



Image: TRIFLIX LLC

*Ethereal Times: A Cat Art Show* by Ana Meza and Nuni Lee





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A grouping of 50/50 artworks made by local creatives hangs in 411 Gallery.



Ostrea by Joseph Joyner

**50/50, A COMMUNITY ART PROJECT**

With 50/50, we aim to break down barriers to art access. This popular annual initiative empowers all local artists, crafters, and creators to showcase their work in gallery exhibitions. Maintaining affordable prices opens doors to a wider audience eager to acquire these unique artworks.



Pattern II by R. Kyle Battin



Stay Gold by Rachel Wilken



Online Interaction by Kevin Zeigler

## Youth and Family Arts

We engage youth in meaningful art experiences. Through these initiatives, we aim to create a sense of belonging, self-expression, and a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

### FIRST FRIDAYS FOR FAMILIES

This popular family program sparks young imaginations with a diverse range of performing arts in a playful and relaxed atmosphere.



Families watch Mario the Maker Magician at The Commons during First Fridays for Families.



Students in Paul Satchwill's classroom at Batesville High School participate in a poetry workshop developed by Columbus author Skye Nicholson, culminating in an open mic event.

### FELLOWSHIP FOR CREATIVE TEACHING

Through Indiana Educator Fellowship for Creative Teaching, we connect local artists to educators in order to expand classroom teaching.

**ARTS ENGAGEMENT**

We work with educators to create customized experiences for teens.



Art students from Columbus East High School pose under *Large Arch* by Henry Moore while spending the day learning about public art and the J. Irwin Miller Architecture Program.

**INTERNSHIPS FOR YOUNG CREATIVES**

We provide goal-oriented internships for students seeking to develop skills and build resumes.



Image: Alfonso Jerome



Image: Bethany Ferril

Valeria Juarez (left) and Anna Kelley (right), both on the path to creative professions, completed internships with us.



**Flourishing Through Art**

We create programs to address the critical issue of mental health in our community. We facilitate meaningful connections between artists and organizations that work in mental health, wellness, recovery, and prevention. This work helps foster healing, destigmatizes mental health challenges, and provides a platform for individuals to share their journeys.



Open Mic Poetry and Prose Featured Poet Tony Roberts reads to a packed house at Hotel Indigo.

**OPEN MIC POETRY AND PROSE**

Seasoned poets and first time readers gather monthly at Hotel Indigo for Open Mic Poetry and Prose hosted by Skye Nicholson.

# Support Local Creatives

Local art helps cultivate a sense of cultural identity. By supporting local creatives, we invest in our community's cultural, social, and economic well-being.

We empower local artists to thrive through business training, paid opportunities, and connections to other creatives.

Columbus Area Arts Council and Dan Nash of Catalyst Columbus partner for a day of learning and networking to accelerate the businesses of artists and creative entrepreneurs.



Image: Jules Iradukunda

## Art of Entrepreneurship

### BUSINESS TRAINING FOR CREATIVES

CAAC provides creative entrepreneurs with essential business training and professional best practices. These free workshops help individuals brainstorm, plan, and jumpstart their businesses.

## Small Talk/s

### LOCAL ARTIST TALKS

Small Talk/s is a speaker series featuring local creatives telling their stories. Through this program, we aim to highlight the varied and circuitous career paths of our local creatives.



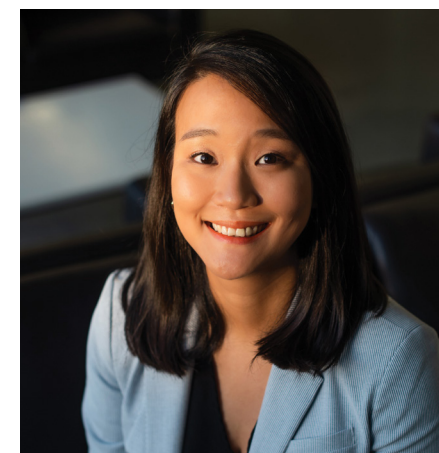
Artist Nick Abstract gives a Small Talk at The Workshop.



Jan Lucas, Actor and Author



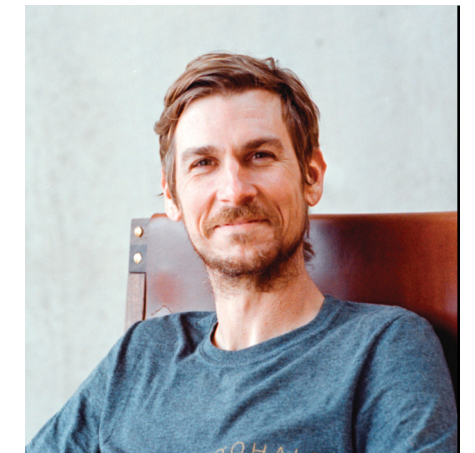
Ana Meza, Sculpture Artist



Yoonji Jung, Graphic Designer



Peter Gethin Thomas, Artist and Educator



Loran Bohall, Designer, Fabricator and Musician



Louis Joyner, Architect



*Making a Garden of Strange Fruit* by Samuel Levi Jones, LAA Office, and Sam Van Aken on display at the Chicago Architecture Biennial. Local design firm LAA Office finished the perforated panels at Studio C.

## Studio C

CAAC's Studio C is a community space located at Propeller on the AirPark campus where artists and creatives make art, develop their skills, and form working relationships with other creatives.



Adin Niedermeyer creates an interactive mural for Columbus Pride during their residency at Studio C.



Jennefer Hoffmann exhibits clay forms inspired by Columbus following her residency.

### ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

We host local and regional artists-in-residence, empowering them to create work in Columbus.



Painter Pierre Obando discusses his paintings while in residence.

# Grants

## INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION REGIONAL ARTS PARTNER FOR REGION 9

Through dynamic partnerships with the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) and Columbus Museum of Art & Design, we provide funding opportunities for creative projects and arts organizations.

Annually, an average of \$65,000 is awarded to arts organizations and projects in Columbus and an additional \$121,000 in the Indiana Arts Commission's Region 9.



Image courtesy of Dancers Studio Inc.

CAAC and IAC grant funds support the operations of Dancers Studio Inc.



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Ethnic Expo, hosted by the City of Columbus, is supported through CAAC and IAC grants.



Image courtesy of Mill Race Theatre Company

Mill Race Theatre Company receives grant funding for its operations through our partnership with the IAC.

The Columbus Area Arts Council is one of eleven Regional Partners charged with implementing a statewide initiative developed by the Indiana Arts Commission. CAAC serves as the Regional Arts Partner for Region 9, representing Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland counties.



Eric and Cindy Frey light up the dance floor at Uncommon Cause.

## Uncommon Cause

Uncommon Cause has raised funds for the arts in our community since 1976. This event has evolved from a formal gala into Columbus' not-to-be-missed arts celebration! Guests experience on-point fashion and themed outfits, one-of-a-kind art, and immersive experiences, all before hitting the dance floor.

Uncommon Cause plays a crucial role in ensuring the sustainability of our organization. Each year, the funds raised directly support our team in delivering free, dynamic programming to our community.



The Pop-up Shop at Uncommon Cause offers Columbus tea towels by local artist Jenni Kiesler.



Hutch Schumaker arrives at Uncommon Cause dressed for the party.



Alyse and Morgan Tucker Bounds present awards for best dressed at Uncommon Cause.



Local artist and educator Peter Gethin Thomas demonstrates a painting technique during the Uncommon Cause cocktail hour.



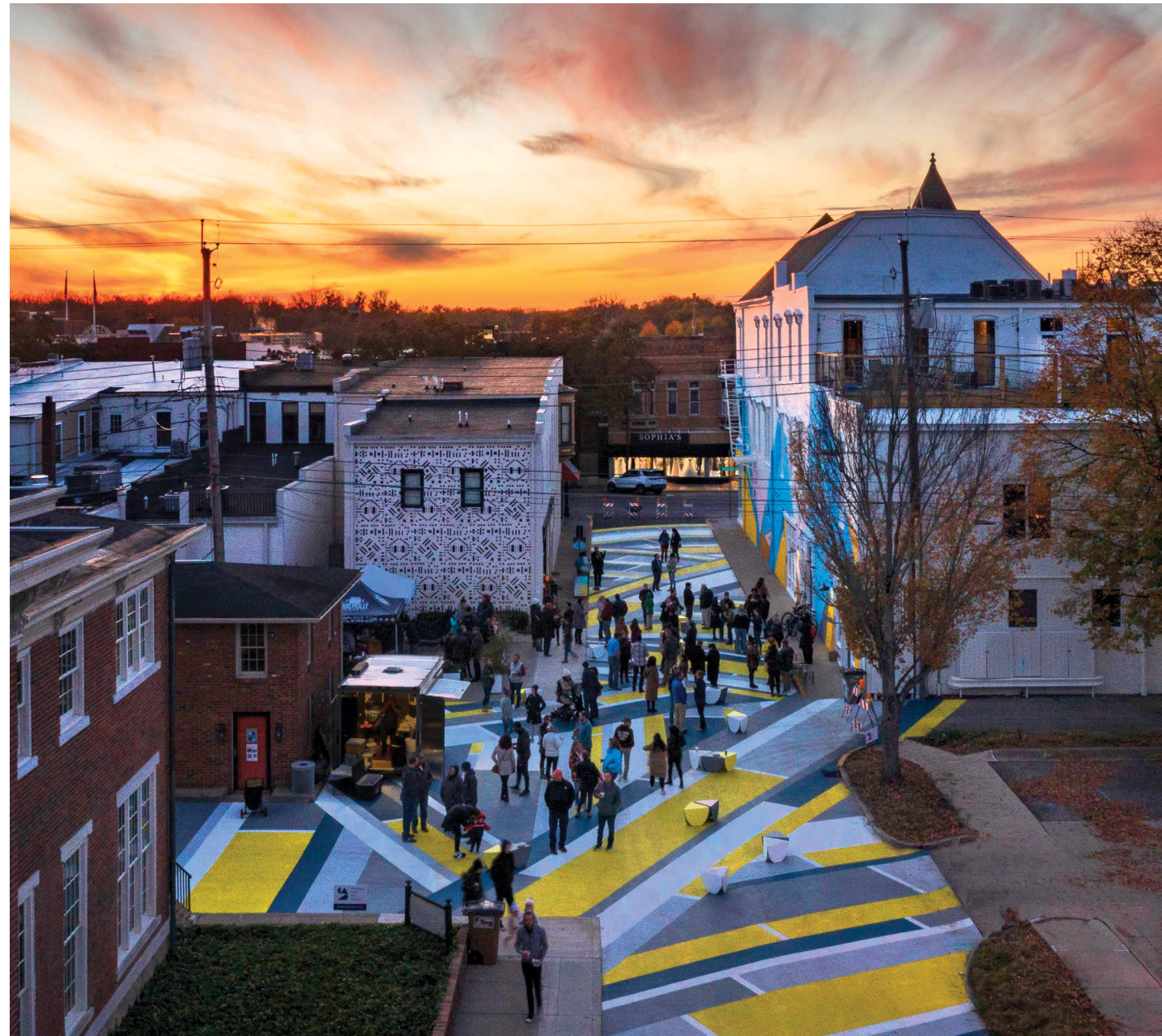


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