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**Denver Arts & Venues announces 2018 Denver Music Advancement Fund
and IMAGINE 2020 Fund grantees**

Denver Arts & Venues, Denver Music Advisory Panel and the Denver Commission on Cultural Affairs are excited to reveal the 2018 Denver Music Advancement Fund and IMAGINE 2020 Fund recipients.

“Art, culture and music are vital parts of Denver’s community, economy, diversity and livability,” said Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock. “We are dedicated to supporting and growing our cultural scene, and with these grants we can continue to sustain existing talent, as well as foster new programs and support emerging talent.”

While originally slated to provide \$80,000 during 2018 (its pilot year), the Denver Music Advancement Fund will provide \$100,000 to individuals and organizations that spur growth in the local music ecosystem as well as grow new audiences, particularly youth audiences. The grants are funded through a public/private partnership with Denver Arts & Venues, Illegal Pete’s and LivWell Enlightened Health. Grantees are awarded up to \$7,500 to support Denver’s music ecosystem. Out of an applicant pool of almost 100, 30 grantees were selected.

2018 Denver Music Advancement Fund Grantees

7th Circle Collective: AV Club	Girls Rock Denver: Girls Rock After School Program
Adam Baumeister: Colorado Audio Archive	Lauren Kashuk: shesaid.so Denver
Adrian H. Molina: Rap as Literature	Levitt Denver: BandStart - Inspiring, Teaching, Engaging in Music (ITEM) Performance Series
Amber Blais: Zabiti - An Immersive Circus Adventure	Nathan Hall: Active Music
Andre Carbonell: Insomniacs Live	Patrick Riley: Mutually Detrimental - Denver Artists Fund
ArtHyve: Escaping Erasure: A Musician's Guide to Archiving	Su Teatro: Inclusive or Derivative Workshops and Performances
Birdseed Collective: Globeville Center "Visionary Music Program"	The Black Box, LLC: Studio and Career Exploration
Black in Bluhm Project: The Black in Bluhm Project (BiBP)	The HadaNou Collective: Vocal Coalition presents Universo Holografico con 2MX2
Bring Music to Life: Instruments to Support Denver Public Schools	The Hollow, LLC: Mental Wellness Meetup
Catherine Beeson: Sensory Friendly Family Concerts	The Newman Center: Musical Explorers
Denver Bass Squad: Double Bass Doubling	Think 360 Arts for Learning: Colorado Song Laboratory: Where History Meets Tomorrow
Denver Children's Choir: Neighborhood Choir Program	Toluwanimi Obiwole: Rhyme and Rhythms
Denver Public Library: United by Music / Unidos Por La Musica	West Community Economic Development Corporation: Músicos de Westwood
Denver Young Artists Orchestra Association: DYAO Cultural Exchange Central European Tour	Youth on Record: My Youth on Record Podcast: The Past, Present, Future of the Colorado Sound
DocuWest Film Festival: Film and Music Festival	
El Sistema Colorado: Professional Development for Teaching Artists	

The IMAGINE 2020 Fund, in its fourth year, provides up to \$7,500 in funding support for new, creative and innovative programs inspired by one or more of the seven vision elements outlined in IMAGINE 2020, Denver’s Cultural Plan - Integration, Amplification, Accessibility, Lifelong Learning, Local Talent, Economic Vitality and Collective Leadership. Funded projects further develop Denver’s creative landscape and bring Denver’s collective vision a reality.

In 2018, Denver Arts & Venues and the Denver Commission on Cultural Affairs will distribute \$130,000 in funding for programs taking place in the calendar years 2017-18. More than 70 applications were submitted, with 27 recipients selected. Last year, Denver Arts & Venues funded \$75,000 in projects.

2018 IMAGINE 2020 Fund Grantees

Access Gallery: Art of Access Alliance Programming

Cherry Creek Arts Festival: CherryArts' Mobile ArtCart - Ink the Neighborhood

Colorado Artists of Color: InterFest Colorado

Colorado Ballet Company: Tour De Force

Community Cypher: Place Matters

Curious Theatre Company: Staging Justice: Denver Faces its KKK History Through Theatre

Dencity Media, Inc.: Dencity Online Platform Launch

Edgar L. Page, Feel the Movement: The Feeling of an Emotion

Go Play Denver: From A to Zine

Kathryn Speer: Live Arts Festival

Latino Cultural Arts Center: Building Creativity Into the Future!

Lisa Engelken, LLC: Breaking Barriers

Lucha Martinez de Luna: Chicano Murals Website/Archive

Metropolitan State University of Denver Foundation, Inc.: Creative Industries Internship

Mirror Image Arts: It Starts With Us - Empathy through Collaborative Theatre Making

No Easy Props, Inc: Queenz of Hip-Hop 10th Anniversary Jam

Phamaly Theatre Company: 30th Anniversary Concert

Celebration

PlatteForum: ArtLab Underground

Rocky Mountain PBS: Rocky Mountain Public Media Arts Bureau R&D - Phase I

Sarah Megyesy: Not in My Backyard

Su Teatro: The Westside Blowouts

The Art Garage: Re\Visioned

Theatre Artibus, LLC: Recipe

Toluwanimi Obiwole: Pan African Festival

United for a New Economy: Transformative Leadership for Change - Artists in Residence

Youth Employment Academy: Vibrant Denver - Inside and Out

Youth on Record: FEMpowered

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About Denver Arts & Venues

Denver Arts & Venues' mission is to amplify Denver's quality of life and economic vitality through premier public venues, arts and entertainment opportunities. Arts & Venues is the City and County of Denver agency responsible for operating some of the region's most renowned facilities, including Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre, the Denver Performing Arts Complex, Colorado Convention Center, Denver Coliseum and McNichols Civic Center Building. Arts & Venues also oversees the Denver Public Art Program, Create Denver, SCFD Tier III granting process, Arts Education Fund and other entertainment and cultural events such as the Five Points Jazz Festival, Urban Arts Fund, P.S. You Are Here and implementation of IMAGINE 2020: Denver's Cultural Plan. Denver Arts & Venues is committed to diversity, equity and inclusiveness in all our programs, initiatives and decision-making processes.

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