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LINCOLN ARTS MIDYEAR UPDATE

Lincoln Arts is here to serve the arts community of Nebraska's capital and to help the arts serve the greater community. Thanks to support from funders like you, we continue to bring together people and the arts. Read on to learn how Lincoln Arts uses programming, events, and other initiatives to empower Lincoln's arts scene.

UPSTART

With more than 100 arts programming projects planned for the year, Lincoln Arts' upstArt Arts Engagement Program continues to connect those who can benefit the most from the arts.

105 projects

6,200+ participants served

1,100+ hours of instruction

26,000+ hours of arts interaction

57 teaching artists

134 project partners

18 TOTAL PROJECTS FUNDED, INCLUDING:

5 projects serving youth

5 projects serving refugees/immigrants

3 projects serving adults with disabilities

2 projects serving older adults

UPSTART GRANT PROGRAM

As part of a recent expansion, Lincoln Arts' upstArt Grant Program awarded \$40,000 to arts and human service organizations for the 2022-23 fiscal year. This expansion reflects upstArt's focus on collaborations between the arts and human service communities that bring arts opportunities to under-resourced populations.

2 projects serving local neighborhoods

1 project serving people in a rehabilitative setting

EMERGING ARTIST PROGRAM

Empowering new creatives to succeed in the business of art, Lincoln Arts' Emerging Artist program is expanding to include Artist INC, a program of the Mid-America Arts Alliance. Artist INC is a cutting-edge training program that empowers artists to take control of their careers and create opportunities they've only imagined. Together, Lincoln Arts and Mid-America Arts Alliance equip artists with the educational materials, mentorship, and avenues they need to thrive as professional artists.

50 program participants per year

140+ activity hours

2,500+ hours of program interaction

ACCESS TO THE ARTS

Lincoln Arts Festival

In its 22nd year, the Lincoln Arts Festival once again brought together artists, arts organizations, and art enthusiasts in an inclusive, accessible venue.

15,000+ attendees

22 activity partners

\$175k+ made in art sales

79 selling artists

10 emerging artists

4 concerts

Art Vibes, Park Sounds
For four weeks in August Lincoln Arts will connect local bands, artists, and arts organizations to create a fun and family-friendly atmosphere in Lincoln's parks.

Porch-Art-Palooza

Lincoln Arts is proud to sponsor Tugboat Gallery's Porch-Art-Palooza in August—a free showcase leading art lovers on an expedition throughout Lincoln's core neighborhoods.

63 artists

40 porches

AEP6 study results coming October 2023

For the past year, Lincoln Arts staff collected 800+ surveys at nonprofit arts and culture events throughout Lincoln as part of the sixth national Arts & Economic Prosperity (AEP6) study, designed to gauge arts event-related spending. Once study results become available this October, Lincoln Arts intends to show a continued economic investment in the arts industry.

The Lincoln Arts

Fall 2023 & Beyond

CANVAS

Lincoln Arts and Lincoln Calling Join Forces to Amplify the Power of Art and Music in Lincoln

In June 2023, Lincoln Arts and Lincoln Calling merged to shape the future of arts, music, and culture in Nebraska's capital. Lincoln Calling will become a cornerstone event of Lincoln Arts' vibrant annual programming. This merger will help create a more inclusive and vibrant cultural landscape by leveraging the combined resources and expertise of both organizations. The 20th Anniversary Lincoln Calling Musical Festival, now under Lincoln Arts' stewardship, is scheduled for May 3-4, 2024.

Plans Move Forward for Downtown Arts & Culture District

Lincoln Arts continues to lead the development of the Downtown Creative District—a central arts hub for residents of all ages and backgrounds. An application for certification by the state of Nebraska will be submitted later this summer. Planning for arts programming downtown has begun.

Save the Date | Mayor's Arts Awards 2023

Now in its 45th year, the Mayor's Arts Awards will continue to entertain, educate, and showcase honorees while inspiring enthusiasm for arts and culture in Lincoln on Thursday, October 26th, 2023, at the Lincoln Commercial Club.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

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