



MEDIA ALERT

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Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville Launches Online Benefit Sale in Support of the Greater Nashville Artist Relief Fund

NASHVILLE, TENN. – June 22, 2020 -- The Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville launched an online benefit sale in support of the Greater Nashville Artist Relief Fund on June 22 at Noon. The sale includes artworks, classes, and other creative goods and experiences generously donated by board members, program participants, and friends of the Arts & Business Council.

To date, the Artist Relief Fund has received 160 qualified applications and supported nearly 80 local artists suffering financial hardship from the cancellation of scheduled gigs or opportunities due to the March 3 tornados and/or COVID-19 precautionary measures. Proceeds from the Relief Fund Benefit will go to support the Fund in order to provide additional grants, up to \$500, to qualified artists.

Learn more about the Relief Fund Benefit at <https://abcnashville.org/relief-fund-sale>

About the Greater Nashville Artist Relief Fund

The Artist Relief Fund is designed to help sustain artists in Greater Nashville during times of difficulty, uncertainty, and loss. The Fund is open to all artists, at all levels of their careers, in a broad variety of disciplines, and supplies money to help self-employed artists, and artists employed/contracted by nonprofit arts and culture organizations in Greater Nashville, recover from lost income due to the cancellation of scheduled gigs or opportunities (such as a commission, performance, contract, etc.), or due to layoff or furlough due to the March 3 tornados and/or COVID-19 precautionary measures. In the future, the Fund will continue to exist to help cover unexpected expenses directly resulting from catastrophic, career-threatening events such as theft, fire, flood, or health emergency. Learn more about the Greater Nashville Artist Relief Fund at <https://abcnashville.org/artist-relief-fund>

About the Arts & Business Council

The Arts & Business Council is a 501(c)(3) organization that leverages and unites the unique resources of the arts and business communities to create a thriving, sustainable creative culture in Nashville. The Arts & Business Council accomplishes this mission through six main programs: Volunteer Lawyers & Professionals for the Arts, Periscope: Artist Entrepreneur Training, Fiscal Sponsorship, Education for the Creative Community, Creative Exchange, and Arts Board Matching, among many other resources and opportunities. Learn more about the Arts & Business Council at <http://abcnashville.org>

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