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Arts & Business Council celebrates largest class ever in ninth year of Arts Board Matching program

Twenty-two business professionals selected for 2020 cohort

Nashville, Tenn. — The Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville proudly announces the selection of 22 business professionals to participate in its 2020 Arts Board Matching program. This year's cohort is the largest in the program's nine-year history of connecting the arts and business communities.

Participants in Arts Board Matching gain knowledge and skills necessary to be effective, engaged board members and are matched with local nonprofit arts organizations for potential board service. The training includes an overview of the arts and culture sector in Nashville as well as insights into board governance, fiduciary and financial responsibilities, fundraising, strategic planning, and arts advocacy. After completing the four monthly sessions, participants. The program culminates with a speed-dating-style matching event where participants meet with a variety of arts organizations to find their match.

By serving on a nonprofit board of directors, professionals learn to lead and influence people, take risks, resolve conflicts, and practice creative decision-making. They gain extensive exposure to the arts industry, opportunities to network with other professionals across industries, and work in a visible role building a thriving, sustainable, and more equitable creative community.

The Arts Board Matching Class of 2020 includes:

- Brooke Baird, Associate Attorney, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP
- Dawn Cornelius, VP of Marketing and Communications, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce
- Peggy Dold, SVP Sports & Entertainment, Director of Music, IBERIABANK
- Jeff Fincher, Assistant Dean, College of Entertainment and the Arts, Lipscomb University
- Megan Fletcher, Global Director, Internal Communications, CM Group, Inc.
- Todd Hartley, Senior Counsel, Bridgestone Americas, Inc.
- Carla Hawkins, Claims Coordinator, Ingram Industries
- Patrick Huston, Associate Attorney, Bass, Berry & Sims PLC
- Evan Kramer, Project Leader, Boston Consulting Group
- Vincent Lillegard, Associate Attorney, Bass, Berry & Sims PLC
- Krystelle Lorraine, National Product Specialist, General Motors
- Erik Lund, Architect, Hastings Architecture
- Leigh Malone, Corporate Sales Manager, CM Group, Inc.
- Erin Malone-Smolla, Associate Attorney, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP
- Chase Manning, Partner, Dowdle Construction Group



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- Janus Pan, Healthcare Associate, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP
- Chelsea Rucker, Founder, Tennessee Correct Connect
- Caroline Shirley, Billing Coordinator, CM Group, Inc.
- Marci Solomon, Industrial Solutions Consultant, Toyota Material Handling Midsouth
- John Thalheimer, Executive Director and Founder, True Star Leadership
- Farrah Usmani, Attorney, Loeb & Loeb LLP
- Anna Yoder, Designer, Hastings Architecture

The program kicks off with its first session on August 14 and runs through November. For more information about the program, contact the Arts & Business Council at info@abcnashville.org or (615) 460-8274.

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About the Arts & Business Council

The Arts & Business Council (ABC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that leverages and unites the unique resources of the arts and business communities to create a thriving, sustainable creative culture in Nashville and beyond. To deliver its mission, ABC offers four core programs: Volunteer Lawyers & Professionals for the Arts, Education for the Creative Community, Arts Board Matching, and Fiscal Sponsorship. More information is available at www.ABCNashville.org.

Headshots and bios available upon request.