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ARTSConnect announces TopArts Grant Programs Funded by City of Topeka

Topeka, Kan. – ARTSConnect is pleased to announce the second year of the TopArts Grant Programs. These programs use available money to support the creation of public art and increased access to the arts in Topeka. These grants are funded by the City of Topeka, and ARTSConnect has been contracted to administer the funds. Applications are due on February 12th, 2017 by 5:00pm CST. Visit www.artsconnecttopeka.org for more information and links to application forms.

The two grant programs have been established for the following purposes:

TopArts Public Art Grants are intended to support the creation, installation & maintenance of public works of art. Successful grant applications will propose initiatives that do at least one of the following:

- Beautify and enhance our community with thoughtful works of art
- Install public artwork in areas experiencing graffiti and property crime
- Engage concerned citizens of all ages in the creation of new public art
- Maintain/repair existing public artwork

TopArts Access Grants are intended to support arts education opportunities, cultural events and other efforts which expand the quality and availability of the arts in Topeka. Emerging and new programs are encouraged to apply. Successful applications will propose initiatives that do at least one of the following:

- Reduce/eliminate fees for existing programs/classes
- Pay teacher/artist fees for teaching new or existing classes, and/or
- Support cultural events, concerts and other performing arts opportunities.

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The mission of ARTSConnect is to enhance and expand access to the arts for everyone, position Topeka as an arts community, and provide resources to strengthen and stabilize arts organizations. ARTSConnect works to promote the arts, enhance the success of arts-based businesses and work to enhance quality of life for everyone in our community and the surrounding areas by focusing on strengthening and enriching the Topeka community through the arts.

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