INDIGENOUS ROOTS
2018 COMMUNITY REPORT

Grounding our Roots
It has been a year of humbling lessons and growth. We are infinitely grateful for the love, support and guidance we have received this past year as we continue to ground our roots. We are proud to elevate our work in arts and activism as we, along with the collective members, board, staff and community partners at Indigenous Roots continue to: create accessible pathways to build generational wealth against displacement; lift up youth voice and intergenerational engagement; facilitate courageous and compassionate conversations through storytelling to process our traumas for radical healing; and of course provide culturally relevant space and opportunities.

Our community will continue to grow and blossom as we nurture our roots and build community power together. Oh! And we bought the building! Because of your contributions, we are happy and honored to celebrate another year!

- MAQ & Sergio
In 2018, with our community from all four directions and our collective passion for arts and culture, we addressed the following themes:

- **Holding space for conversations addressing colorism and racial equity.**
- **Building culturally relevant civic and community engagement.**
- **Lifting youth voice and intergenerational engagement.**

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Artwork by Alexis Griffin
Aspects of Colorism, pop up exhibit by KAYSC Youth Research Team of the Science Museum of Minnesota

Break Out the Vote event hosted by Indigenous Roots and Cypherside

Water Protector Murals of our East Side youth popping up on East 7th Street with GoodSpace Murals, Dayton’s Bluff Community Council and MN350: Building a Climate Movement in Minnesota.
As our community constantly transforms, Indigenous Roots Cultural Center has become a central civic hub for many from all four directions. Not only has our space expanded physically this year, so has our community, our capacity to support new and established organizations, and most importantly, our hearts and ability to imagine.

This year at Indigenous Roots, we witnessed the work of our community artists, healers, activators, and agitators become more grounded in the space as they continue to lead movements for social justice.

In addition to buying the building as a way to resist displacement, we developed partnerships with small businesses, organizations, and the City of St Paul, to co-create a cultural corridor on 7th Street.
Arts and Cultural Events

- IN XOCHITL IN KUIKATL | THE FLOWER, THE SONG
- MEXICA NEW YEAR FESTIVAL: CHIKUAZE TOCHTLI (6 RABBIT)
- GAME ON "OLD SCHOOL VS NEW SCHOOL"
- INDIGENOUS ROOTS NIGHT AT ISLA TULIRO
- IROOTS ART CRAWL
- PREVIEW PARTY! ROOTED AT INDIGENOUS ROOTS
- GROUNDING OUR ROOTS: INDIGENOUS ROOTS ANNIVERSARY
- FATHER’S DAY WORLD CUP BRUNCH
- MIHKAILHWITL | DIA DE LOS MUERTOS EN NUESTRO BARRIO
- HOLIDAY ART SALE | SALON MEXICO
"Amazing night at Break Out the Vote! With these young people taking the reins, our country is in great hands!"

— Melvin Carter, City of Saint Paul Mayor
Art Exhibits

- SALON MEXICO ARTIST SERIES: HEDER CONTRERAS RÚIZ & RICARDO VANEGAS VALENCIA
- SALON MEXICO ARTIST SERIES: COLINA, IBARRA, VAZQUEZ
- SALON MEXICO ARTIST SERIES: MARIO ACOSTA
- EARTH AND WATER EXHIBIT | ARATTI
- HIJOS DE REYES | KALAKA
- SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS HONORS VISUAL ART EXHIBITION
- ASPECTS OF COLORISM
2018 Community Collaborations

- PARK AND LAKE WITH TEN THOUSAND THINGS
- NEXT STEP FUND GRANT WORKSHOP WITH MRAC
- SPRINGBOARD POP-UP ARTIST RESOURCE CENTER
- MIXTAPE CHOREOGRAPHERS' PANEL DISCUSSION
- ADYC NINIJANISAG COMMUNITY DANCE NIGHT
- ASPECTS OF COLORISM WITH KITTY ANDERSEN YOUTH SCIENCE CENTER
- PHO VS. KHOB POOB NPLOOJ RADIO'S SPRING FUNDRAISER
- BLACK, BROWN, AND NATIVE BODIES IN "PERFORMANCE: " A CONVERSATION
- DRAGGIN' ON THE EASTSIDE: THE ART OF DRAG
- CYpher SIDE OPEN STYLES DANCE BATTLES + FUNDRAISER
- BOMBazo, KUMBe, BOMBaFIT WITH KARAYA GUEY
- CREANDo EN LAS CALLES / CREATING IN THE STREETS
- CYpher SIDE SPRING RECITAL/SHOW
- SPPS HONORS VISUAL ART EXHIBITION
- AMERICAN INDIAN FAMILY CENTER
- CYpher SIDE 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY JAM
- 7 FIRES EP PREVIEW PERFORMANCE
- JURACAN: THE JIBARO AND HIS THREE SONS PERFORMANCE
- SLOW ROLL ST. PAUL - EAST SIDE WITH MN LYNX SYLVIA FOWLES
- CARRYON HOME PROJECT AT IROOTS ARTCRAWL
- CALL OUT TO ST PAUL YOUTH - LET'S MEET
• WAR IN PARADISE MN DANCE OFF
• INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY AT METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY
• SARI JEANS INSTALLATION, ANANYA DANCE THEATRE
• YOGA WITH INDIGENOUS LOTUS, VICTORIA MARIE, WACHINHIN MAZA WINYAN (IRON PLUME WOMAN)
• PRESERVING THE POWER OF RESISTANCE THROUGH STORYTELLING AND SONG, WITNESS FOR PEACE MIDWEST
• KUMBE, BOMBAFIT
• MOSAIC ART, GOOD SPACE MURALS & NATCHEZ BEAULIEU
• DON'T YOU FEEL IT TOO? WITH AYEEYO
• AYEEYO MURAL, MOVEMENT, AND STORYTELLING PROJECT
• CLAPBACK CABARET SERIES, FAWK
• ZOONGIDE'WIN LIVING THE 7 TEACHINGS
• BOOK RELEASE PARTY: WHEN EVERYTHING WAS EVERYTHING
• TRIBAL FUNK: HIP HOP FUNDRAISER JAM, STREET STOPS AND MOUNTAIN TOPS
• ZUMBA WITH YOUVANA
• YOUTH ASIAN DANCE TRY-OUT! YES DANCE ACADEMY
• PLANTING SEADS BOOK LAUNCH & RECEPTION, THE SEAD PROJECT
• NEIGHBORHOOD POP UP ART WITH JUXTAPOSITION
• RED RUNNING INTO WATER, NEW NATIVE THEATRE RED
Thank you to our community partners!

KALPULLI YAOCENOXTLI
CYPHERSIDE
BOMBA KARAYA GUEY
FILIPINX FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS AND RACIAL JUSTICE IN MINNESOTA - FIRM
CONFERENCE ALIANZA LATINO
Welcome NEW community partners!

- INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS YOUTH COUNCIL - TWIN CITIES
- MAMA SIN VERÜENZA
- GRUPO FOLKLORICO ESENCIA MEXICANA
- AWAY RUNAKUNA
- YES DANCE ACADEMY
Thank you to our financial supporters!

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