

AMPLIFYARTS

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Credit: Debra S. Kaplan



Hi Friend,

I hope this finds you and your family safe and healthy during these strange times. Trying to reflect and sum up the whole of 2019 has been an odd experience, when our current reality is so scary and uneasy. Our galleries, venues, theaters, and performances are closed for the foreseeable future, and the whole world is in a state of unknown. But we are encouraged by the support we've seen for artists in our community! Keep it coming!

Since I started at Amplify (then OCI), every year has been "a big year". This time, I really mean it. 2019 was our first full year as Amplify Arts. As I've said in the past, this was a decision that kept me up at night (my fussy toddler may have also been a factor). But this past year there were many signs of confirmation that we made the right choice. We started out the year adding a new space and a new face to our team. In January we started programming out of the Generator Space on 18th and Vinton, and in February, Maggie Weber joined us as Development Director. The rest of 2019 was an amazingly fun blur of doing our favorite thing: awarding grants to artists. We also launched our Membership program and Alternate Currents, focused on making connections and starting conversations.

Each year Amplify's Board and Staff wield a chisel and continue to chip away at the block of granite that is Amplify Arts, molding it into a better version of itself. We are confident that our artist grants program has made a strong impact on individual artists on the micro level, and will continue to do so. In 2020 we are looking forward to working with artists and representatives from all areas of the arts sector to break down barriers that are holding artists back from their ideal careers, reshaping these systems on a macro level.

At Amplify we firmly believe that artists and the arts are essential and necessary to a healthy, thriving community—not luxuries, which has been the stereotype in the past. I think this moment in history has firmly demonstrated the essential-ness (Is that a word? Now it is.) of artists to our collective humanity. I don't know about you, but this experience has only strengthened my conviction in this belief. I hope you'll join us in continuing to support our local artists.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Andy Saladino, Executive Director

OUR

MISSION:



**TO PROMOTE UNITY, INNOVATION,
AND PROGRESS IN THE ARTS TO BUILD
STRONG AND VIBRANT COMMUNITIES.**

WHY?

Omaha is a place with amazing local artists and creative energy, from grassroots efforts to formal institutions. Each piece of the arts community has something to offer the others. We believe that working, first and foremost, to support our local artists and make Omaha a place where they can thrive is paramount to creating the vibrant arts sector we want to see. Second, we believe that by bringing different pieces of the sector together to work with one another, our community will grow stronger. We firmly subscribe to the idea that rising tides lift all boats.

HOW?

We prioritize programming that promotes building connections within and outside of the arts sector, and that provides artists with direct financial support. Alternate Currents, Working Artist Wednesdays, and Membership focus on making spaces to create meaningful relationships and inspire dialogue. Our Artist Grants program puts dollars in the hands of artists to support their practices, realize a public project, and build capacity.

2019 ARTIST GRANTS



Credit: Debra S. Kaplan

Credit: Madison Zoe: Art + Photography



"AMPLIFY ARTS CONTINUALLY LISTENS AND RESPONDS TO WHAT ARTISTS NEED ACROSS THE OMAHA-METRO COMMUNITY."

ARTIST SUPPORT GRANTS:

Sarah Hummel Jones
(Artist Support Grant)

◀ **Corson Androski**
(LGBTQIA+ Artist Support Grant)

"AMPLIFY DOESN'T JUST PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS LIKE ME, THEY'VE HELPED BUILD AN ARTS COMMUNITY OF CONNECTIONS, RESOURCES, AND EVENTS FOR US TO GROW IN AND CALL HOME."

GENERATOR GRANTS:

Young Adult Living,
Kelsey Magnuson

Invisible Synonyms,
Ella Weber

Power Colors,
Amanda Smith and
Angela Zonunpari

OOoze,
Angie Seykora

Trope Honor,
Ameen Wahba

*i borrow my comparisons
from clay, being clay myself,*
Sarah Hummel Jones

PUBLIC IMPACT GRANT:

◀ **CAR>GO** (Community Activated Resource on the GO) by Holly Kranker and John Cohorst

MICRO GRANTS:

Barber

Nicholas Clark

Anne Dovali

John-Paul Gurnett

Jaim Hackbart

Alex Heller

Heidi Hermanson

Sarah Kolar

Josephine Langbehn

Liz Lassiter

Elle Lynch

Egypt McKizia

Sophie Newell

Sarah Parys

Yria Santos-Torres

Kyle Summers

Katie B. Temple

Suzanne Withem

Marcey Yates

2019 HIGHLIGHTS



Credit: Debra S. Kaplan

➤ Showcased the work of 28 emerging artists through Generator Grant exhibitions



Credit: Rachel Ziegler

Served 222 artists and held 38 public programs

➤ Awarded over \$45,000 in Grants to 27 local artists



Credit: Kimberly Dovi



Credit: Debra S. Kaplan

➤ Acquired 1804 Vinton Street, now called Generator Space

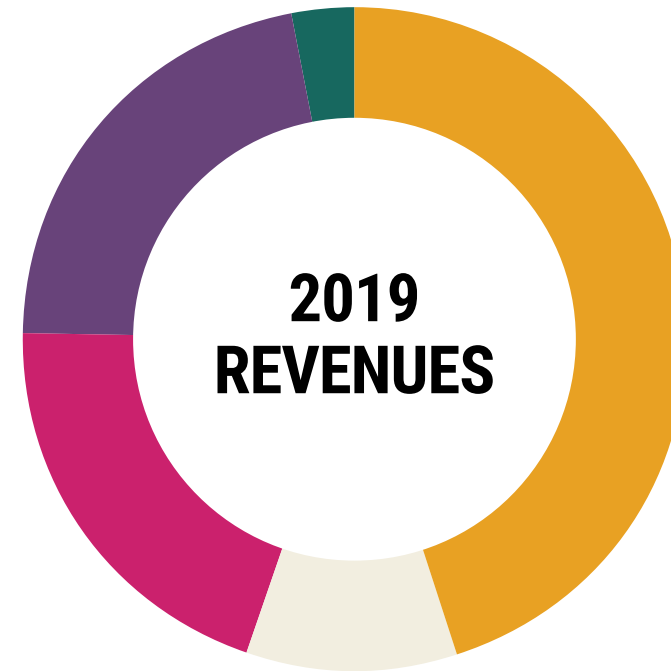
Launched the Alternate Currents and Membership programs

THE NUMBERS



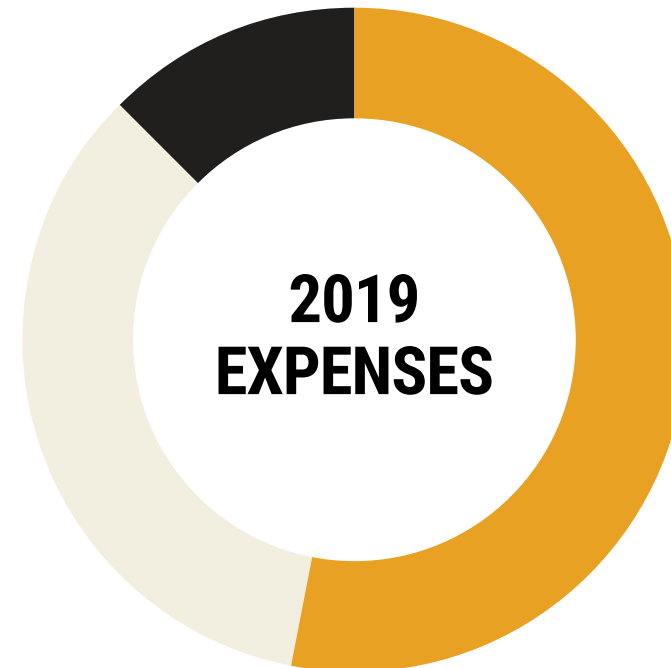
TOTAL MONEY GIVEN TO ARTISTS: **\$64,770**

TOTAL NUMBER OF ARTISTS SUPPORTED: **222**



Individuals	\$130,353
Corporations	\$29,455
Foundations	\$57,800
Government	\$63,224
Program Fees	\$8,150

Total Revenue: \$296,470



Programs	\$169,041
Management	\$92,127
Fundraising	\$43,798

Total Expenses: \$304,965

FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS

STAFF

Andy Saladino,
executive director

Caitlin Osborn,
deputy director

Peter Fankhauser,
program director

Maggie Weber,
development director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Denise Powell, *president*

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Wendy Hamilton, *secretary*

Sarah Baker Hansen

Manuel Cook

Shaun Ilahi

JoAnna LeFlore

Jonathan Tvrdik

Watie White

Jack Zerbe

FOUNDATION, GOVERNMENT, AND CORPORATE SUPPORT

Anonymous

Alley Poyner Macchietto
Architecture

Baird Holm

Bungalow/8 Hairdressing

Douglas County Commissioners -
Visitor Improvement Fund

Mutual of Omaha

Nebraska Arts Council

Olsson

Omaha Community Foundation

Peter Kiewit Foundation

PJ Morgan Real Estate

Sherwood Foundation

INDIVIDUALS

Joseph Addison

Maria Akers

Laura & Michael Alley

Travis Apel

Claire & Tracy Baker

Josh Bartee

Shelly Bartek

Judith Batten

Colin Bernard

Patricia Carrell &
John Binderup

Courtney Brewer

Rhonda Bruggeman

Bridget Bumgardner

Karin Campbell

Alexandra Cardon

Benjamin & Mary Carrick

Magdalena Cazarez

Susan Clement

Jana Coburn

Pamela Conyers-Hinson

Martie Cordaro

Kait Corrado

Caitlin Osborn &
Drew Cratsenberg

Melissa Cripe

Patricia Crisler

Joel Damon

Taylor Daniels

Dusty Davidson

Alisha Davis

Jeffrey Day

Amanda DeBoer

Paige Dempsey

Geoff DeOld

Julie DeWitt

Stephanie Diaz

Meagan Dion

Gabrielle Doue

Anne Dovali

Errik Ejike

Lori Elliott-Bartle

Ryan Ellis

Mary Ensz

Elizabeth Eynon-Kokrda

Kat Fackler

Maria Fernandez

Autumn Foland

Amanda Foreman

Rebecca Forsyth

Krista Freimuth

Michelle Friend

Markiesha Gardner

Carol Gendler

Cindy Gerardi

Brady Gibson

Sarah & Dan Gilbert

Kelsey & Josh Gillman

Doris Goembel

Randall & Beverly Greer

Stephan & Morgan Grot

Anne Gustafson

Wendy Hamilton

Jean Hammack

Amy Haney

Sarah Hansen

Christopher Hegarty

Brett Helling

Michael Hennings

Heidi Hermanson

Alise Hernandez

John Herzinger

Kasey Hesse

Kareen Hickman

Claire Hoff

Andrea Hoig

Christopher &
Melissa Holtmeier

Tess Houser

Nick & Brooke Hudson

Nicholas Huff

Kristine Hull

Susan Thomas &
Steve Hutchinson

Shaun Ilahi

Leslie Iwai

Matthew Jackson

Maher Jafari

Alex Jochim

Sarah Johnson

Lynn Johnson Romero

Anna Jordan

Rich & Fran Juro

Eric Juszyk

Libby Kane

Debra Kaplan

Evelyn Katz

Danna Kehm

Justin & Katie Kemerling

Kris Khan

Judy Kiagiri

Patrick Kilcoyne

Megan King

Samantha Klein

Susan Koenig

Sarah Kolar

Melinda Kozel

Michael Krainak

Holly Kranker

Mark Kresl

Jason Kulbel

Brian & Josephine Langbehn

John Larkin

Shelby Larson

Caitlin LaVelle-Gustafson

Mary Lawson

JoAnna LeFlore

Nancy Lepo

Derick Lewin

Katelyn Long

Brent Lubbert

James Luyten

Michael Lyon

Marjorie Maas

Maureen Mangan

Maurisa Mansaray

Lauren & Lee Martin

Colleen Mason

Sheryl Mason

Amy Mather

Marie Mayer

Sara McClure

Todd McCollister

Lauren Medici

Rosie Meegan

Courtney Merriman

Jenny Mickeliunas

Emily Mitchell

Jessica Mogis

Emily & Craig Moody

Ryan Morrissey

Jody Neathery-Castro

Bruce Nelson

Sharee & Murray Newman

Tiffany Nigro

Amy Niles

Victoria Novak

Robert & Sara O'Neil

Jill Odens

Holly Olson

Marjorie Ornston

Joni Osborn

Joseph Pankowski

Ariel Panowicz

Bradley Percifield

Madeline Peters

Sarah Placzek

Josh Powell

Regi Powell

Denise & Hobson Powell

Emily & Seth Prauner

Leanne Prewitt

Jonathan Renteria

Sarah Richardson

Todd Robinson

Carol & Rick Russell

Jennifer Ettinger &
Andy Saladino

Louisa Saladino-Kuhl

Janette Sanchez

Lydia Sand

Caleb Seavey

Dori Settles

Angie Seykora

Savanna Sifuentes

Francis Sillau

Jaymes Sime

Todd & Betiana Simon

Sarah Sjolie

Madison Haugland &
Scott Smith

Amanda Smith

Annette & Paul Smith

Tina Spatz

Katrina Stoffel

Chris & Barb Stratman

Dasha Sudar

Tedi Swanson

Mary Talen

Jon Taylor

Justin Thompson

Kevin Thompson

Molly Toberer

Alexis Troffholz

Benjamin Turner

Patrick Turner

Sarah Lorsung Tvrdik &
Jonathan Tvrdik

Barbara Tvrdik

Dutch & Jill Van Denburg

Bekah Jerde & Bart Vargas

Joseph Vavak

Tony Veland

Peter Vidito

John Voeltz

Kurt Voorhees

Paula Wallace

Madison Warnemunde

Erica Wassinger

Camellia Watkins

Renee & Peter Weber

Tessa Wedberg

Kathryn Weitz

Allison West

Susan Westerholm

Brian Wetjen

Matt Wettengel

Nicole Wheeler

Watie White

Leah Whitney

Jennifer Wilken

Nancy Williams

Dennis Willson

Kay Wilwerding

Maggie Wood

Jeffrey Wyatt

Randa Zalman

Rachel Ziegler

Jeff Zindel

HOW TO SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISTS

- Buy art from local, living artists
- Buy tickets for local, live performances
- Promote local artists on social media
- Attend open studios, gallery openings, and art walks
- Give gifts from local artists and makers

HOW TO SUPPORT AMPLIFY ARTS

- > **DONATE**
become a monthly supporter
- > **PARTNER**
let's work together
- > **MEMBERSHIP**
join as a member
- > **SHARE**
find us on social media



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