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# Partnership for the Arts and Humanities

## 2020-21 Funded Projects or Programs

ACLU of Wisconsin	<p>The ACLU Youth Program conducts interactive workshops, as well as in-school, after-school and summer programs in neighborhoods where high rates of violence, joblessness and poverty are prevalent; contact between police and members of racial and ethnic minorities are disproportionately high; and students are overwhelmingly at risk for academic failure. Our program leadership establishes meaningful relationships with youth and teaches them how to secure a successful future through positive interaction with their peers, community leaders, elected officials, and adult mentors. Through the use of art, we encourage self-expression and help students enhance their confidence while developing their leadership skills.</p>
All Hands Boatworks, Inc.	<p>All Hands Boatworks will provide youth with opportunities to build wooden boats, participate in other manual arts projects, gain job skills, and learn about the environment. During the school year, we will run programs at schools and community centers to introduce youth to carpentry and tools through building small crafts. We will also lead and after-school boatbuilding youth development program for teens at our shop location. At our boatyard on the Menomonee River, we will offer summer camps that introduce youth to boatbuilding, provide on-water recreation activities, learn about freshwater, and inspire youth to grow in self-confidence and leadership skills.</p>
America SCORES Milwaukee	<p>America SCORES Milwaukee runs two safe, structured, and age-appropriate programs that promote holistic youth development through arts- and humanities-focused activities. Striving to improve the academic achievement, health, and social-emotional competence of Milwaukee youth, SCORES' year-round out-of-school time programs, Junior SCORES (1st and 2nd grade) and Elementary SCORES (3rd-5th grade) positively impact youth by authenticating their voice, empowering them to affect change in their community, and fostering supportive relationships with caring adults who will support their academic, physical and social success long-term.</p>
Art Start	<p>The Art Start Portrait Project is a multimedia exhibition platform for marginalized youth to portray the complex narratives of their identities, and challenge the world to see their authentic selves. Through workshops, in-depth dialogue, oral history interviews, and portraiture, participants envision their lives beyond circumstance and stereotype. Our Creative Connections program provides next steps for Portrait Project alumni to grow into their own place in the creative arts through formal coursework, internships, mentorship, networking, and showcase opportunities. Creative Connections includes the Emerging Artist Program and monthly Creative Sessions, which invite youth to challenge their creative boundaries across myriad artistic disciplines.</p>

<p>Artists Working in Education</p>	<p>Artists Working in Education's Artist-in-Residence and Truck Studio programs will provide creative, hands-on art-making opportunities for youth to explore a variety of art techniques and media, creative concepts, and community-focused engagement. The AIR and Truck Studio programs will take place out in the community at parks, libraries, schools, and other public spaces, in order to remove barriers to entry and ensure that all youth in Milwaukee have access to high-quality art education experiences.</p>
<p>Arts@Lage</p>	<p>Arts@Large will provide Family Arts Days and our Summer Arts Camp to offer at no cost to families. Family Arts Day is hosted weekly on Saturdays to all ages. Summer Arts camp is offered to Milwaukee youth, grades 3 - 8, resulting in public creation of artwork featured in our new gallery and performance space. Working with local multidisciplinary artist educators, student interns, and our experienced staff, topics explored will be inspired by our organizational cornerstones: Civil Rights, Eco-Literacy, Peacemaking and Career Development. Located in Walker's Point, the Arts@Large Community Center will host creative exploration through hands-on arts programming.</p>
<p>ArtWorks for Milwaukee</p>	<p>ArtWorks for Milwaukee is strengthening Milwaukee's workforce through paid and unpaid arts internships that help teens develop career skills. ArtWorks contributes to a more inclusive, equitable workforce by providing professional opportunities to teens that receive limited access to resources that will aid them in future careers. Interns work with a lead teaching artist to learn transferrable 21st century job skills, including collaboration, productivity, leadership, and critical thinking, through a series of arts activities that culminate in a final public celebration. Interns also receive unique workforce development opportunities such as career coaching at ManpowerGroup, community engagement, and networking with real-world professionals.</p>
<p>Bembe Drum &amp; Dance</p>	<p>Founded in 2015, Bembe is a cultural performing arts program in the City of Milwaukee that inspires music and performance skills, intergenerational connection, and cultural identity exploration with Milwaukee youth and their families through percussion-based Afro-Latino musical culture. Year-round classes take place after-school and on weekends in four accessible locations for youth ages 5-19, and youth with senior citizens during the summer months. Free public performances take place throughout the City, year-round, in partnership with local youth-serving organizations and youth performance groups. Performances position youth to express, entertain, and educate the community on the history of the Afro-Latino Diaspora.</p>
<p>Black Arts MKE</p>	<p>Black Arts MKE's mission is to increase the availability and quality of African American arts. At-risk youth are most vulnerable to negative influences during out of school times (OST). We collaborate with local professional artists of color to provide culturally relevant programming that nurtures social emotional skills, lift hearts and creativity through the performing arts. OST programming includes music and dance elementary age children and summer camp for high school youth includes all aspects of musical theater. Students display their performing arts skills, engage family and community at culminating school showcases and performances at our home in the Marcus Center.</p>

<p>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee</p>	<p>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee (BGCGM) will partner with H2O Community Development Corporation (H2O) to offer the "Own your Story" initiative. This program provides specialized instruction in either music/video production or apparel design/creation that develops students' artistic talents and skills, while offering an outlet for self-expression. Furthermore, "Own your Story" will instill confidence by fostering student entrepreneurial realization and ambition. Students in the program will create tangible products, and be able to either present (apparel) or perform (music) at culminating events at each program location. These events will coincide with Club family nights to promote participation and attendance.</p>
<p>CAPITA Productions (We Are the Drum)</p>	<p>CAPITA Productions, Inc. will host after school and weekend sessions for K - 12 students of Milwaukee schools to provide team building learning opportunities, training and rehearsals that prepare them to participate in professional quality, musical theater. This program is designed to serve students who have limited access to quality stage and production training. "We Are the Drum" held during Black History Month allows students to share through music, song, narration, and dance what they have learned about the arts, Black History and how it applies in current life. Participants will grow in self-confidence and ability to collaborate with others.</p>
<p>Casa Romero</p>	<p>Casa Romero's (CR) program, "Journeys: Exploring Identity and Voice through the Arts," offers after-school workshops, over-night retreats, and summer day camps that give low-income, urban youth opportunities to work with professional artists as they explore various forms of artistic expression. Visual arts, poetry, creative writing, and traditional Mexican music are used as vehicles for youth to build self-esteem, develop critical thinking skills, and voice their message. The ultimate goal of the program is to empower students to use the arts to communicate their unique voices and as a way to make a positive impact in their community.</p>
<p>COA Youth &amp; Family Centers</p>	<p>COA's Professional Music and Video Production program will provide 75 young aspiring Milwaukee artists (ages 7-18) the opportunity to work with professional instructors to write/record music, shoot videos/film, and perform at public events citywide. Twice weekly workshops will be led by Project Manager Kiran "Q the Sun" Vedula year-round afterschool and during the summer at COA's Riverwest and Goldin Centers. Guest artists H2O Peace Propaganda Project will provide instruction at O.W. Holmes (COA Safe Place) once a week afterschool for 8-10 weeks. Programming is youth-led and project-based, empowering youth to bring their unique artistic visions to life.</p>

<p>First Stage</p>	<p>First Stage's Theater Academy is the nation's leading theater training program for young people. Through a challenging theater curriculum taught by professional teaching artists, the Academy teaches life skills through stage skills and provides students with a foundation in theater, as well as a deep understanding of human nature and how to relate to each other in a positive and supportive manner. MPS Partnership funding will provide scholarships and other logistical support to enable Milwaukee youth (ages 3-18) to participate in First Stage's Theater Academy training afterschool—virtually or in-person, as CDC recommendations or First Stage deem necessary. Scholarships will be made available via two outlets: ongoing access and targeted recruitment.</p>
<p>H2O Community Development Corporation</p>	<p>H2O Community Development Corporation provides digital arts learning labs incorporating the creation of music, media, and apparel for youth ages 8 through young adult. H2O's Digital Media Arts programs include 1) H2O Peace Propaganda Project, a digital music and video making program and 2) Kicks &amp; Tees by H2O, a custom t-shirt and shoe design program. Our programs heavily emphasize music and the creation and publishing of videos, showing youth how to execute their creative ideas by teaching them the core skills needed to work as a coordinated team to successfully launch their project into the world.</p>
<p>Hmong American Friendship Assn, Inc.</p>	<p>Hmong American Friendship Association's project, Exploring Hmong and American Identity, will build on our program for Southeast Asian youth that combines teaching traditional dance and qeej (windpipe instrument) with opportunities to explore other art forms. Artists in fields such as painting, drawing, photography, musical composition, film, and choreography will teach and guide the youth. New this year will be a group project to redesign a museum and gallery space in the agency's lobby. This space will be featured in a final event showcasing the youth's own artwork, exploring and celebrating their identities as both Hmong and American.</p>
<p>Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful</p>	<p>EcoConnections is an inquiry based, multi-disciplinary opportunity for youth to explore the world around them and be empowered to make positive changes to improve their community. This program weaves literacy and the social sciences to support learning about environmental concepts and issues while simultaneously providing innovative art lessons. Youth participants discover and explore environmental topics such as urban forestry, wellness and gardening, water pollution, recycling and waste reduction, and energy conservation in a variety of settings throughout the school year and during the summer months.</p>
<p>Lead2Change</p>	<p>Dream.Explore.Build. is a program designed to engage high school students in becoming career ready. Through a series of intentionally designed experiences, students receive professional develop and are exposed to prospective careers through paid career focused internships. Each student receives 500 hours of training which includes curriculum instruction, etiquette boot camps (3), one on one monthly coaching sessions, as well as a paid summer practicum and additional summer training to support them while interning. Part of our core career readiness training involves a focus on the arts, through career exposure, internships, community-building, and skill development.</p>

<p>Marcus Center for the Performing Arts</p>	<p>ArtsConnect provides individualized high school student mentorship through the Marcus Performing Arts Center. The program creates access to college readiness resources specific to the arts including: application preparation, testing, auditioning, admissions, and more. By integrating admissions counselors and academic leaders, the program captures all aspects of the pursuit of a career in the arts for students, from education to internship and part-time opportunities to setting full-time career goals. Formal training opportunities with industry professionals include, but are not limited to: dance, vocal, acting, and technical education. ArtsConnect prepares MPS students to take the next step in the arts.</p>
<p>Milwaukee Art Museum</p>	<p>The Milwaukee Art Museum's (MAM) Teen Internship Program increases access to arts-focused work experiences for Milwaukee teens. Interns go behind the scenes at the largest art museum in our region to engage deeply with world-class works of art, explore creative careers, collaborate with peers and adult mentors, and gain professional work experience at a time when they are making important decisions about their future. Teens also learn to express themselves through visual art and connect their work to social issues that are important to them and their community.</p>
<p>Milwaukee Ballet</p>	<p>Milwaukee Ballet's Summer Relevé and Relevé Scholarships provide free ballet education in summer and after school. These programs are extensions of our school-day Relevé program, which provides free ballet lessons to 3rd-5th graders from three Milwaukee Public Schools. The Summer Relevé program provides these students with free summer ballet camps. Relevé Scholarships provide dedicated graduates of the program with full-tuition scholarships to Milwaukee Ballet School &amp; Academy through high school graduation.</p>
<p>Milwaukee Christian Center</p>	<p>The Milwaukee Christian Center's (MCC) Youth Artists United is a leadership project pairing professional artists with aspiring Milwaukee youth interested in the arts. Through this project's 10-month process, 83 youth are exposed to different artistic mediums, refine their communication and collaboration proficiency, develop project management skills to facilitate public art creations, and unite their perspectives to create three murals, including one large-scale community mural. MCC's Youth Artists United engages participants in hands-on, real-world learning so that they may develop positive leadership skills that empower them to excel academically and envision future careers.</p>
<p>Milwaukee Institute of Art &amp; Design</p>	<p>MIAD's Summer Pre-College is an intense, immersive, and exciting exploration of visual art and design for high school age students. Taught by MIAD faculty, this is an opportunity to create art all day, every day, and experience a college-level curriculum. Through two- and three-week long summer classes devoted to developing high school students' artistic skills, the Summer Pre-College Program prepares students for art and design colleges and introduces expanding career opportunities in the creative industries.</p>

<p>Milwaukee Repertory Theater</p>	<p>The National August Wilson Monologue Competition (AWMC) is a free arts education program that celebrates the work of playwright August Wilson, inspiring high school students to find and express themselves through theater. The 2020/21 Season will be Milwaukee Repertory Theater's first year as one of the 15 official host cities of the competition. Fall and winter AWMC programming will include after-school residencies, training workshops, preliminary auditions, two semi-finals and one regional monologue competition, and leadership opportunities for high school students. Spring AWMC programming will prepare middle school students for future participation in the competition.</p>
<p>Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra</p>	<p>Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra's nationally award-winning Community Partnership Programs (CPPs) are designed to remove barriers of access and equity to music training programs for City of Milwaukee youth, including those with financial challenges. The CPPs include ten ensemble and outreach programs offering diverse musical options, including classical, jazz, steel pan, and Latin. Participants receive financial aid support as needed to ensure their participation. The programs afford the documented cognitive, social, and emotional benefits of participatory music study to students. Most of these young people would not have access to ensemble music training of this depth and magnitude elsewhere.</p>
<p>Neighborhood House of Milwaukee</p>	<p>Family Adventures: Discover Our Milwaukee (FA) is an out-of-school initiative that engages more than 200 children and family members in a series of educational arts, cultural and environmental activities. FA takes place on Saturdays from September to June and is open to all Milwaukee residents at no cost. Activities slated for 2020-2021 will focus on the arts, cultures, history and natural wonders that make our community unique. Families will visit parks, theaters cultural/film festivals and other amenities and engage in activities connected to each outing to strengthen each experience and further illustrate how families are connected to the city.</p>
<p>Neu-Life Community Development</p>	<p>Neu-Life's Artist-In-Residence Program is designed to scale and expand the frequency of arts participation for K-12 youth in Milwaukee's near north side. The program pairs experienced artists with Neu-Life youth for monthly, in-depth sessions. Youth work side-by-side with the artist to learn their creative process and then collaboratively plan, create and exhibit a body of work to the community. Sessions include varied genres and mediums including visual arts, fiber arts, dance and theater performance, sculpture, film and creative writing. Youth benefits include improving academic and life skills while increasing cooperative and collaborative behaviors to successfully complete a shared task.</p>
<p>Next Act Theatre</p>	<p>Next Actors is a five-week summer program that emphasizes collaboration, creativity and mutual respect among peers. Up to 20 students from a variety of MPS schools write their own play or musical, culminating in a one-week tour of the finished project to community organizations and one public performance. An additional two-week program is held for interested students to study individual artistic disciplines. In-school recruitment workshops are held throughout the academic year and interested students are invited to audition. For maximum inclusiveness, there is no cost for participation and daily lunches are provided.</p>

<p>Radio Milwaukee</p>	<p>Grace Weber’s Music Lab is a free music program that brings together students from across Milwaukee to: collaborate with, and perform for, their peers; learn and receive feedback from musicians and industry professionals; and provide a safe and encouraging space to explore their artistic potential. Each session accommodates up to 100 students.</p>
<p>Running Rebels Community Organization</p>	<p>UNITY Arts is a central piece of after-school programming and provides youth experiential learning opportunities in a variety of art disciplines through programming and strong community partnerships. UNITY will expand programming to include offerings previously managed by Express Yourself Milwaukee, which has sadly closed. Year-round, UNITY youth create music, paintings, and videos focused on positively impacting their peers and the community through performances and media campaigns. UNITY also connects and coordinates youth to partnerships who bring complimentary programming in the areas of theatre and visual arts. Overall, UNITY helps youth improve self-esteem, foster creativity, strengthen youth voice, and build community.</p>
<p>Signature Dance Company</p>	<p>Signature Dance Company hosts three art camps each summer. Two camps run for six weeks daily from 9am-5pm for girls ages 3-17 while the third camp is for advanced dancers and runs for three weeks in the evening. In addition to dance, girls in the day camps receive reading time, personal development through daily devotions as well as weekly empowerment sessions. All participants receive various forms of dance including modern, jazz, ballet, African and hip hop. The girls are able to “show off” what they’ve learned throughout the summer at the culminating performance at the end of the camp cycle.</p>
<p>Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers</p>	<p>The Scientist and Artist in You After-School and Summer Camp program offers children living on Milwaukee’s south side hands-on learning opportunities to connect, explore, and engage with their changing built and natural environment. Through this bilingual program, children will gain a deeper understanding about how the environment impacts their health, as well as cultivate a stronger sense of place through experiential and self-guided learning using science and art.</p>
<p>Skai Academy</p>	<p>Skai Academy provides K4-12th grade youth the opportunity to participate in high quality after-school, out-of-school, and summer multicultural arts experiences through musical theater, visual art and creative dance with arts-integrated extensions in language arts, history, math, and science. The program is designed to formulate equitability through interest-based learning and to engage, inspire, and promote individual creativity in participants.</p>

<p>Sojourner Family Peace Center</p>	<p>Sojourner Family Peace Center serves 6,000+ youth impacted by domestic violence yearly. In 2020-2021, the Creative Enrichment Initiative will provide: &gt;In-House Arts (arts programming provided during ongoing support groups, Child Witness to Domestic Violence support group, and Open Studio) &gt;Camp HOPE (overnight, curriculum-based camp [+reunions] designed by Alliance for HOPE to instill hope and resilience; activities include mindfulness, nature exploration, art-making, and lessons on team-building and overcoming adversity) &gt;CCC: Creation, Collaboration, and Community -(partnership with Artists Working in Education to collaboratively create large-scale masterpieces) - (partnership with H2O Community Development Corporation to provide preventative programming for boys through musical expression).</p>
<p>Teens Grow Greens</p>	<p>Teens Grow Greens is a nine-month paid internship where Teens “learn, grow and go”. The program includes physical labor and mental improvement, and is designed to achieve personal growth as well as a positive impact upon the community. In the spring, Teens develop their soft skills and develop an understanding of the benefits of healthy eating and physical activity through goal setting. In the summer, Teens will mentor elementary school students through growing food, character and community. In the fall, Teens will develop their own product with a purpose and gain entrepreneurial skills at farmer’s markets.</p>
<p>Unity in Motion</p>	<p>Kindred MKE is an immersive, experiential program led by racially diverse, culturally competent young adult role models throughout our participant’s formative years. We develop next generation leaders through long-term, immersive learning experiences. We provide countless opportunities for youth to develop meaningful, cross-cultural relationships while developing the skills and values necessary to become transformative leaders. The outcome is young adults who are culturally fluent and equipped with the tools to build progressive communities with their families, classmates, and coworkers. Participants matriculate into leadership positions in Milwaukee with the values, skills, and relationships necessary to accelerate positive change in our city.</p>
<p>UW-Milwaukee ArtsECO</p>	<p>UWM Youth Arts Programs provide year-round out of school time arts instruction to Milwaukee youth. Focused on specialized media and advanced instruction participating students are readied for college-level and film industry opportunities. Programming includes Milwaukee Visionaries Project (academic year middle and high school media literacy, animation and video program), and ArtsECO Pre-College (high school summer art and design program). These programs support 6-12th grade students with conceptual and technical development in art, design, media and technology and engage at-risk youth to use professional-level tools across a range of media to create work addressing issues central to their lives.</p>



Victory Garden Initiative

VGI's Youth Education Program (YEP!) highlights growing food and environmental stewardship while positively impacting food security for Milwaukee youth. YEP! utilizes our 1.5-acre urban farm in the Harambee neighborhood and a network of school gardens as an outdoor laboratory for teaching practical garden skills, composting, and nutrition. YEP! is an invitation for Milwaukee youth to come together, make new friends, learn outdoors, achieve food security, and positively impact their physical, mental, and developmental health. Our program includes an After School Garden Clubs, Farm Field Trips, and Summer AgriCorp camps for a year-round immersive experience in all things food!

Walker's Point Center for the Arts

WPCA's Hands-On programming provides quality multidisciplinary education with culturally relevant instruction in the visual and performance arts to youth of all socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds with a focus on the 53204 neighborhood. Hands-On consists of 1) Free after-school art instruction; 2) Afternoons with Art; 3) Summer Art Camp; and 4) Artist In Residence Program which are grounded in a cultural wealth model that acknowledges, respects and includes diverse voices within our neighborhood. This blend of programs supports visual and performing arts, learning in a multicultural environment, fosters creativity in children through innovative education, encourages audience development and inspires artistic talent.

Wild Space Dance Company

Wild Arts: Summer Creative Arts Camp will run a half-day, four-week program offered at Lincoln Center Middle School of the Arts for 5th through 8th graders. Participants will engage in sequential skill-building sessions in dance, visual arts, creative movement and theater arts. Over the four-week period, they will create art projects; learn and invent choreography; craft theatrical vignettes inspired by their own creativity and camp experiences; and keep written journals responding to camp activities and field trips. A culminating performance will be presented on the program's final session.

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music

Extended Learning through Wisconsin Conservatory of Music (WCM): In partnership with MPS ELO, we will offer music education for MPS students attending summer school. We're also excited to launch a NEW MPS Spring Break Music and Technology Boot Camp at WCM's main location in partnership with Discovery World and to continue our popular Summer Music Institute at an MPS site. (All may be delivered online, if necessary.) Students in grades K5-12 attending ELO summer school receive sequential, curriculum-based music education. Our two-week Summer Music Institute for students entering grades 3-12 is designed for both beginning and advanced music students.

Woodland Pattern Book Center

Woodland Pattern's Youth Literary Arts Program provides year-round interdisciplinary arts programming with a focus on creative writing. The YLAP serves MPS students in the 53206, 53211, and 53212 zip codes during after-school and summer Community Learning Center hours. In a series of themed projects that build upon one another, students read and discuss literature, and create artwork (including poetry and prose) pertaining to multiple topics in the humanities that explore identity, community, and culture. The YLAP offers two one-week inter-arts poetry camps each summer, which include meals, workshops, field trips, and a student-led reading that is open to the public.

Xalaat Africa  
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Xalaat Africa Drum and Dance for Life Inc. will implement two programs during the 2020-21 season. 1) Yeendou Cultural Arts is a dance and music program for K-12 students to learn dance/music pedagogy, performance etiquette, and cultural relevance through classes during the school year. We intend to service two MPS schools. 2) Xalaat Dance Concert Series provides our Youth Ensemble with the opportunity to perform for K-12 students and the general public in a formal theater setting.