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## Arts & Business Council Announces New Class of Arts Board Matching *Fourteen Nashville Business Professionals Selected for Spring 2022 Cohort*

**NASHVILLE, Tenn., February 22, 2022** — The Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville (ABC) proudly announces the selection of 14 business professionals for the spring cohort of Arts Board Matching. This is the first of two cohorts in 2022, continuing ABC's efforts to expand the reach of this instrumental program that prepares business professionals for nonprofit board service and matches them with Nashville-based arts organizations.

"Support from the business community is essential to the success of Nashville's creative sector," said Jill McMillan Palm, Executive Director of the Arts & Business Council. "We are thrilled these 14 business professionals are seeking to use their time, talent, and treasure as future nonprofit board members to champion the vital work of these arts organizations."

### The Arts Board Matching Fall 2022 Cohort is:

Anne Louise Branstetter, Ojas Partners	Caitlin Mello, Nashville SC
Tim Bartlett, Parks Real Estate	Casey Miller, Bradley
Libby Gardner, Academy of Country Music	Lakesha Moore, Fisk University Galleries
Cara Greene, Dryden Architecture + Design	Elisheba Israel Mrozik, One Drop Ink Tattoo Parlour and Gallery
Samuel Harris, Fifth Third Bank	Sordum Ndam, Bradley
Matthew McCoy, MD and Cobalt Blue	Beth Ostrowski, KCI Technologies
Angela McDowell, I Love Paperwork!	Brock Stetzner, Elliott Davis

Arts Board Matching is at its core a leadership development program that trains business professionals to be effective and engaged nonprofit arts board members. Through the program, these passionate arts supporters learn nonprofit board best practices and refine their skills in effective communication, risk management, conflict resolution, and creative problem-solving, while taking advantage of opportunities to network with other professionals across industries.

The training portion of the program provides 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. Arts Board Matching culminates with a Matching Event where participants

meet with a variety of arts organizations to find their board match and go on to become essential contributors to the success of those organizations.

For participating nonprofit organizations, the rewards are just as great. Arts Board Matching builds strong infrastructure in arts nonprofits by providing a pipeline of dynamic, well-trained board members who are passionate about the health and success of the Nashville creative community and are fully prepared to lead within an organization. To date, ABC has trained 145 business professionals to serve on the boards of 63 local arts organizations.

Arts Board Matching kicks off with a Welcome Mixer on February 23 at Nashville Jazz Workshop, a participating organization who has benefitted from various board matches through this program. The program will conclude with the Matching event in June. Arts organizations interested in applying to be matched with participants in the fall cohort should contact ABC at [info@abcnashville.org](mailto:info@abcnashville.org) or (615) 460-8274 before March 25, 2022.

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#### **About the Arts & Business Council**

The Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that leverages and unites the unique resources of the arts and business communities to create a thriving, sustainable creative culture in Nashville. We accomplish this through programs including Volunteer Lawyers & Professionals for the Arts, Periscope: Artist Entrepreneur Training, Creative Advantage, Fiscal Sponsorship, Education for the Creative Community, Creative Exchange and Arts Board Matching, among many other resources and opportunities. For more information, visit [www.abcnashville.org](http://www.abcnashville.org) or contact 615-460-8274.

**Headshots and bios for cohort members are available upon request.**