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Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville Announces the 2022 Class of *Periscope: Artist Entrepreneur Training*

25 talented artist entrepreneurs selected for the program's ninth cohort

NASHVILLE, TENN. – March 21, 2022 -- The Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville proudly announces the selection of the 2022 class of *Periscope: Artist Entrepreneur Training (Periscope Nashville)*, an annual business development intensive that empowers working artists to see their creative practice through an entrepreneurial lens. This year's class consists of 25 artists working in an array of disciplines including visual art, drama, music, dance, film and more.

Artists are chosen for *Periscope Nashville* through a competitive application process and scored by a panel of community reviewers that includes leading artists, curators, musicians, and creative entrepreneurs in Nashville's arts, culture and business sectors. Selected artists participate in eight weeks of entrepreneurial training followed by six months of individualized mentorship by high-caliber business mentors. The program culminates at the *Periscope Pitch + Artist Entrepreneur Showcase* in September where artist entrepreneurs unveil their creative businesses to the community. After two years of offering the program virtually, *Periscope Nashville* returns to in-person training this year.

"For two years, we've hosted *Periscope Nashville* virtually to ensure the safety of our artists, instructors, facilitators, staff and partners, and we are pleased to return to in-person training in the same year that we being working with our ninth cohort of *Periscope* artists," said Jonathan Harwell-Dye, Director of Programs for the Arts & Business Council.

The 2022 Class of *Periscope Nashville* is:

- Aaron English, Music
- Alison Underwood, Visual Art
- Amber Sweeney, Music
- Amy Harms, Visual Art
- Amy Malinda Hoskins, Literary Arts,/Visual Art/Community Artist & Advocate/Gardener

- Ashley Hylbert, Visual Art
- Becca Hoback, Drama/Theatre/Performance Art/Dance
- Benno Nelson, Film/Television
- Bonnie Aldcroft-Curran, Visual Art
- Catherine Hollo, Ceramic Sculpture/Jewelry
- Jade Sotelo Carter, Visual Art
- Jamison Sevits, Multi-Disciplinary
- Kelly McKernan, Visual Art
- Lisa Reed Preston, Visual Art
- Mark Jones, Visual Art
- Marla Faith, Visual Art
- Patrick TV Volz, Visual Art
- Rachael Golden, Visual Art
- Sangeetha Ekambaram, Drama/Theatre/Performance Art/Dance/Music
- Shea Moore, Visual Art
- Shondell McFall, Drama/Theatre/Performance Art/Film/Television/Literary Arts, Music/Public Art/Creative Placemaking/Visual Art
- Soteria Balmer, Music
- Steve Wedan, Visual Art
- Trisha Peña, Multi-Disciplinary/Visual Art
- Victoria Quirk, Visual Art

Periscope: Artist Entrepreneur Training is a program of the Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville created in partnership with the Nashville Entrepreneur Center, Metro Arts: Nashville's Office of Arts + Culture, the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Mayor's Office of Economic & Community Development. *Periscope Nashville* is supported in part by Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, Marlene and Spencer Hays Foundation, HCA Healthcare Foundation, Ingram Charities, Piedmont Natural Gas, Southwest Airlines, Tennessee Arts Commission, and Tennessee Entertainment Commission. For more information, visit www.abcnashville.org/periscope.

In addition, the program cost is kept low by the generous individual donations to the Periscope Scholarship Fund. If you would like to donate, visit abcnashville.org/donations/periscope.

About the Arts & Business Council

The Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville 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 six main programs: Education for the Creative Community, Volunteer Lawyers & Professionals for the Arts, Periscope, Arts Board Matching, Fiscal Sponsorship, and Creative Advantage, among many other resources and opportunities.

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Headshots and bios for cohort members are available upon request.