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Arts & Business Council Announces New Class of Arts Board Matching *Sixteen Nashville Business Professionals Selected for Fall Cohort*

NASHVILLE, TN, July 28, 2022 — The Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville (ABC) proudly announces the selection of 16 business professionals for the fall cohort of Arts Board Matching. This is the second 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.

"As our city grows, it is increasingly essential that arts organizations build strong infrastructure and broad networks for long term success and sustainability," said Jill McMillan Palm, Executive Director of the Arts & Business Council. "We're delighted that the business community so deeply supports this program, and individuals seek to lend their expertise and resources as future nonprofit board members to champion the vital work of these arts organizations."

The Arts Board Matching Fall 2022 Cohort is:

Kelly Aratoon, The Falling Agency

Tatum Cornelius, Rain

Jess Dancer, Centric Architecture

Hannah Dewing, G7 Entertainment Marketing

Jessica Driver, Ingram Content Group

Stephanie Eatherly, SE Design Corp

Nathan Grant, Barksdale Investment Management

Lara Hughes, Nolin Consulting

Laura Rabell, Rabell Creative

Steven Rhodes, Affinity Partners

Stephanie Richardson, Nashville African American Wind Symphony

Tristen Seagondollar, Patients Rights Action Fund

Blair Simpson, EXIT Real Estate Experts

Darby Turman, Elliott Davis

Shamille Wharton, PARKS Broadwest

Elizabeth Wolfe, NASBA

Arts Board Matching is 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 159 business professionals to serve on the boards of 64 local arts organizations.

Arts Board Matching kicked off with a Welcome Mixer on July 27 at the Nashville Opera, an organization that has found multiple board matches through Arts Board Matching over the years. The program will conclude with the Matching event in November. Arts organizations interested in applying to be matched with participants in the fall cohort should contact ABC at info@abcnashville.org or (615) 460-8274 before August 24, 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 or contact 615-460-8274.

Headshots and bios for cohort members are available upon request.