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## Arts & Business Council invites Nashville to “Find Your Voice” at this year’s *Nash Art Bash and Creative Exchange*

*Celebrate and connect with arts and business professionals at these sensational back-to-back events supporting Nashville’s creative community.*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (September 2, 2022) — The Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville is bringing back **Nash Art Bash**, an epic art party celebrating Nashville’s arts and business community and **Creative Exchange**, the annual professional development conference for Nashville creatives by Nashville creatives. These distinct but complementary events with the overarching theme ‘Find Your Voice,’ will take place September 30 and October 1 at Studio 615.

Friday night, the second annual **Nash Art Bash** will be an evening of food and fun showcasing the best of Nashville’s arts and culture, with interactive creative experiences, and a silent auction supporting the Arts & Business Council’s mission to create a thriving, sustainable creative culture in Nashville. The night’s exhilarating performances will feature songwriter, producer, and multi-instrumentalist **Khrys Hatch**, and a singer-songwriter who has made powerful appearances on both NBC’s *The Voice* and *America’s Got Talent*, **Sarah Potenza**.

Saturday morning’s annual professional development conference, **Creative Exchange** welcomes artists, arts administrators, creative entrepreneurs, and business professionals to come together to build community across genres; inspire thought-provoking dialogue; and provide high-quality, practical tools to galvanize the creative economy. The day will include a series of informative breakout sessions and collaborative panel discussions including, but not limited to, *The Joy of Listening: Improv for Communication*, *Control Your Story—Crafting Media Bios for Creatives*, *Finances 101 for your Creative Business*, and *The Well Fed Artist: The Art of Increasing Your Influence, Impact & Income*. Planned in partnership with a volunteer committee of Nashville area artist entrepreneurs, Creative Exchange welcomes featured speakers **Alicia Searcy**, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Nashville nonprofit *Fashion is for Every Body*, and **Fyütch**, a Grammy-nominated rapper, singer, songwriter, record producer, educator, and content creator.

“Nashville’s creative community is made up of an unbelievable number of talented artists creating in so many varied, innovative, and collaborative ways,” said Arts & Business Council Executive Director Jill McMillan Palm. “This weekend is the perfect opportunity to connect, celebrate this talent, and add some fuel to Nashville’s creative engine.”

To stay up to date on details and to purchase tickets for Nash Art Bash and Creative Exchange, visit [nashartbash.com](http://nashartbash.com) and [abcnashville.org/creative-exchange](http://abcnashville.org/creative-exchange), or contact the Arts & Business Council at [info@abcnashville.org](mailto:info@abcnashville.org) or 615-460-8274.

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### About the Nash Art Bash Headliners:

Masking common but unspoken truth inside of body-moving grooves is what drives **Khrys Hatch** as a songwriter, producer, and artist. As a multi-instrumentalist, his origins in Nashville, TN immersed him in a wealth of diverse musical talent, shaping his genre-bending sound. A mix of soul, rock, hip-hop, R&B, and jazz, Khrys Hatch pulls in



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various influences within each track, bringing together a unique blend of rock-soul vocals, bangin' beats, and silky guitars.

**Sarah Potenza** is a critically acclaimed singer and songwriter with roots in Nashville and a nationwide fanbase. In 2021 her sophomore album *Road to Rome* was described as the sound of a songwriter taking the wheel and driving toward her own destination. It hit number one on the iTunes blues charts, and received rave reviews from Rolling Stone, Billboard, American Songwriter, and NPR. Potenza, was named amongst the of the top three acts seen at SXSW by Rolling Stone Magazine. Guests are invited to hit the dance floor with this bold, brassy singer belting out self-empowered R&B, swaggering soul, and contemporary blues.

#### **About the Creative Exchange Featured Speakers:**

**Alicia Searcy** was born with Cerebral Palsy that affects her fine motor skills and limits her ability to walk. She began paying attention to her appearance when she noticed a direct correlation between the intentionality of her clothing choices and the way the general public treated her. Fashion is for Every Body's mission is to normalize inclusion in fashion and in life. The organization is holding their annual runway show September 10 featuring adult models of all ages, races, sizes, gender identities, sexual orientations and physical abilities wearing collections by Nashville designers. Under Alicia's tutelage, FIFEB also provides adaptive clothing advice and resources to designers in an effort to normalize adaptive and universal design for people with disabilities and older people with diminishing dexterity.

**Fyütch** began public speaking at age 7, winning the city-wide speech contest and speaking at the US Capitol. He gained musical notoriety in Nashville, TN as the lead singer of Hip-Hop/Soul band Biscuits and Gravy, opening for acts like Kanye West and Pharrell. Fyütch leads music, poetry, and performance workshops/assemblies for students of all ages, and corporations like Adidas, Verizon, and Warby Parker. He uses Hip-Hop, spoken word, and visual storytelling to promote racial equity and liberation. His unique blend of catchy social justice content covers topics like Black History, Indigenous Peoples, empathy, and sustainability. His work has been featured on the Today Show, CBS News, NPR and radio stations worldwide. His song "Black Women in History" charted #1 on Sirius XM Kids Place Live.

#### **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.