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Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville Announces the 2024 Class of *Periscope: Artist Entrepreneur Training* 25 talented artist entrepreneurs selected for the program's eleventh cohort

NASHVILLE, TENN. – March 26, 2024 -- The Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville proudly announces the selection of the 2024 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 music, literary arts, visual arts, film/television, jewelry, theater 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 with 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.

"This year's cohort of Periscope artist entrepreneurs consists of 25 exceptionally talented and diverse artists spanning various disciplines, each showcasing promising potential for business success," said Jonathan Harwell-Dye, Director of Programs at the Arts & Business Council. "Through this program, we provide relevant training to each artist, support them as entrepreneurs, and help them develop a plan for growth and impact for their creative businesses."

The 2024 Class of *Periscope Nashville* is:

- [Alvaro Hernandez](#) (he/him) - Visual Art, Photography
- [Angela Grant](#) (she/her) - Literary Arts, Artistic Wellness
- [Ania Diallo](#) (she/her) - Visual Art, Dance
- [Anne Buckle](#) (she/her) - Music

- [Bryan Ruby](#) (he/him) - Music
- [Diedre Husak](#) (she/her) - Visual Art
- [Derrick “Saint” Johnson](#) (he/him) - Visual Art, Photography
- [Dina Rae Capitani](#) (she/her) - Visual Art, Literary Arts, Multi-Disciplinary
- [Hannah Dorfman](#) (she/her) - Drama/Theatre/Performance Art, Music
- [Jamaica Shaw](#) (she/her) - Fashion/Textiles, Visual Art, Paper Engineering
- [James Lauderdale, Jr.](#) (he/him) - Literary Arts, Magazine Publishing, Spoken Word
- [Kenny Grass](#) (they/them) - Film/Television, Visual Art
- [Kevin Page](#) (he/him) - Visual Art, Public Art/Creative Placemaking
- [Kimberly Clo](#) (she/her) - Visual Art
- [Leslie LaChance](#) (she/her) - Literary Arts, Visual Art
- [Lily Wujek](#) (she/her) - Fine Jewelry
- [Logan Elder](#) (he/him) - Visual Art, Photography
- [Lydia Underwood](#) (she/her) - Multi-Disciplinary, Interior Design
- [Meghan Guilfoil](#) (she/her) - Visual Art
- [Mehuman Ernst](#) (she/her) - Multi-Disciplinary, Music, Podcaster
- [Nija Woods](#) (she/her) - Visual Art, Therapeutic Art
- [Roz Malone](#) (she/her) - Music
- [Sahara Moon](#) (she/her) - Music
- [Sarah Atenhan](#) (they/them) - Drama/Theatre/Performance Art, Dance
- [Stephen J. Watts](#) (he/him) - Literary Arts, Public Art/Creative Placemaking

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 Amazon, The CORE Fund, Mike Curb Foundation, Marlene and Spencer Hays Foundation, HCA Healthcare Foundation, Ingram Charities, Metro Arts, Piedmont Natural Gas, Fifth Third Bank, Buckingham Foundation, Southwest Airlines, Tennessee Arts Commission, and Tennessee Entertainment Commission. For more information, visit www.abcnashville.org/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: Artist Entrepreneur Training, Arts Board Matching, Fiscal Sponsorship, and Creative Advantage, among many other resources and opportunities.

For more information, visit www.abcnashville.org or contact 615-460-8274.

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Headshots and bios for cohort members are available upon request.