

## Supporting Charlotte artists to build digital capacity



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Hi Stephen,

I'm proud of Charlotte's artists and our exploding creative scene. Everywhere you go, talent abounds — you see it in the street murals in the West End, Camp North End and Plaza Midwood, the live music of JazzArts Charlotte, and the annual art festivals from organizations like Boom Arts, Charlotte Shout and the most recent International Arts Fest. That's why I'm excited about kicking off this newsletter sharing details about the recently launched **Knight Art + Tech Expansion Fund!**

### [Strengthening digital integration in the arts](#)



The Knight Art + Tech Expansion Fund provides operational support for Charlotte artists and arts organizations to incorporate technology into their practice to increase the impact of their work. Knight's funding can be used for purchasing and installing hardware and software, building out infrastructure, staffing, web design, mobile app development, or digitization and archiving.

At Knight, we believe the arts play a critical role in building stronger and more engaged communities. And we also recognize that technology has become an invaluable tool for artists in today's connected world. In Charlotte, the Fund seeks to strengthen the reach and impact of local artists and arts organizations. **The deadline to apply is Friday, October 28 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

**Apply Today**

For more on the Fund, I encourage you to [check out this blog post](#) by Koven Smith, senior director of Knight arts, and the [Fund FAQs](#) (also available in [Spanish](#).)

**PLUS:** Join Koven for a virtual information session today from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. ET to learn more about the Fund. [RSVP via Zoom here](#).

**AND:** Join me and Koven for an in-person information session **this Saturday, October 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. at VAPA Center at 700 Tryon St.** It's a great chance to network with other artists, ask questions about the Fund, and get tips on submitting an excellent application. [RSVP here](#).

**ONE MORE THING:** You can also sign up for virtual office hours with members of the Knight arts team [here](#).



**Take part in the future of Charlotte arts**  
[Arts Future](#), an artist alliance, is partnering with Knight to conduct a survey of artists interested in working in the West End Arts Factory. I invite you to complete the [Space Needs Assessment Form](#) by October 28 to let us know how you can use this space.

#### **Celebrating art, culture, and community at the Historic West End**

Here's a snapshot of some upcoming community events in the Historic West End this month:

- **HBCU PrideNation Block Party: Homecoming Edition (Friday, 10/21, 4 - 8 pm)** - community friendly event with music, games, and local Black businesses.
- **A Vibe Outside (Saturday, 10/22, 3 - 8 pm)** - live music, food, arts and shopping.
- **Jazz Sundays (kicks off on Sunday, 10/23, 5:30 - 8:30 pm)** - family-friendly live jazz concerts every Sunday through the winter.

For more news on arts and community in Charlotte, follow Knight on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#). And don't forget to let your friends and colleagues know that they can sign up for this Charlotte newsletter [here](#).

Here's to an even better Charlotte,

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