

Announcing the 2024 Charlotte Knight Art + Tech Expansion Fund Grantees!



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Letter from the Director



Charles Thomas
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Dear Stephen,

Technology plays an invaluable role in enhancing the way art is created, shared and experienced. We created the Knight Art + Tech Expansion Fund to support the long-term sustainability of Charlotte's arts community by providing practitioners with the tools they need to increase the integration of technology in their work. Today, I'm excited to announce the 2024 cohort of Knight Art + Tech Expansion Fund recipients – an inspiring group of 27 local artists and arts organizations.

The 2024 Knight Art + Tech Expansion Fund Recipients are:

- Backspinz
- Black Girls Film Camp, Inc.
- Corine Olarte
- Davidson Community Players
- Do Greater Charlotte
- Eric Mullis Projects
- Ivan Depena - Depena Studio
- J Stacy Utley
- Jaylin Carter
- Jinna Kim
- Joelle Dietrick
- Jstxyn
- Junior Designs
- Keudis Sanchz
- Krystle Baller
- La Casa de la Cultura
- Matthews Playhouse of Performing Arts, Inc.
- Mike Daikubara
- Nancy Pierce
- OBRA Collective
- Post Mortem Players
- Sharon Dowell Art
- The Block Foundation
- The Carolinas Latin Dance Company
- The Charlotte Museum of History, Inc.
- Upcycle Arts
- William Jenkins

Meet the Grantees

My colleague Koven Smith, Knight Foundation's Senior Arts Director, shared, "The Knight Art + Tech Expansion Fund serves a critical function in supporting artists and arts organizations access the tools and techniques they need to engage in work that both furthers digital transformation in the arts and reinforces the connection between people and place in Charlotte."

At Knight, we see investment in the arts as key to enhancing cultural vibrancy and supporting a healthier democracy. Knight supports artistic innovation in order to help artists and organizations expand the breadth and depth of their work.

A heartfelt congratulations to the award recipients! I look forward to seeing the works of these talented artists come to life around town.

Charles Thomas
Charlotte Program Director
Knight Foundation

Celebrating Charlotte Arts

Koven Smith and I recently sat down for a conversation about the Queen City and the rise of a thriving arts ecosystem here in town. Click the button below to check out our conversation in ARTNews.

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In case you missed it— Introducing Knight's new vice president for arts!

Knight Foundation is **thrilled to introduce** our new Vice President for Arts, Kristina Newman-Scott! With over two decades of experience leading bold cultural initiatives and organizations, Kristina will spearhead Knight's arts program nationally and across Knight cities. She most recently served as the inaugural executive director of the Jerome L. Greene Performance Art Space at New York Public Radio/ WNYC. I'm excited to welcome Kristina to our Charlotte arts community!



Kristina Newman-Scott

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