



## WELCOME TO THE ARTS COUNCIL OF JOHNSON COUNTY!

**The Arts Council of Johnson County (ACJC) is a nonprofit organization. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in the community by strengthening the arts. Our vision is to be recognized for our effectiveness in promoting the cultural and economic development of Johnson County through the arts.**

Johnson County, Kansas is one of five counties that make up the Kansas City Metropolitan Area. Strengthening the arts in Johnson County and the Kansas City metro not only enhances the area's quality of life, but contributes to building a regional arts identity, creates a cultural tourist destination and cultivates a competitive economy.

By working with business leaders, elected officials, arts organizations, artists and educators, The Arts Council of Johnson County ensures the arts are part of suburban Johnson County and metropolitan Kansas City's current and future development. In short, we work with the community to create cultural vision.

### **How we do this:**

- Advocate for policies that strengthen the arts in Johnson County and the Metropolitan area
- Champion arts learning for all ages
- Serve as Johnson County's voice in the broader metro area arts discussion
- Contribute to the growth of the arts within the municipalities of Johnson County

### **What we do:**

#### **Arts & Economic Development Symposia and Roundtables**

The Arts & Economic Development Symposia and Roundtables are intended to be the beginning of community dialogues about arts issues. To date the Symposia and Roundtables have:

- championed and advocated for more public art programs, including the Johnson County Government 1% public art program, which are based on scale and excellence and helps to define the cultural profile of the metro area.
- explored the new economic development model which puts people first.
- analyzed public funding issues as they relate to Johnson County and the metropolitan area.
- explored a museum of suburbia and policy institute in partnership with the Johnson County Museum and The Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art.

#### **Kansas City Public Art Consortium**

A partnership with the Kansas City Municipal Arts Commission and Art in the Loop, the Kansas City Public Art Consortium's first project is a walking/audio tour of the region's public art called the Public Art Navigator: [www.kcpan.net](http://www.kcpan.net). Raising awareness of our many public art programs, the audio tour includes 16 artworks throughout downtown Kansas City and 40 artworks throughout the suburban communities.

### **Shooting Stars Recognition, Scholarship & Awards Program**

The Shooting Stars Recognition, Scholarship & Awards Program celebrates Johnson County high school seniors who have excelled in the arts. Nominated by their arts teacher in 1 of 9 categories, students audition or submit their portfolio before a panel of judges for scholarship consideration. All nominated students are honored and 18 scholarship recipients are announced at The Arts Council's Annual Shooting Stars Gala to be held April 1, 2012, at The Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art and Yardley Hall (in The Carlsen Center), located on the Johnson County Community College campus.

### **The Suburban Arts Leadership Initiative**

The Suburban Arts Leadership Initiative is driven by artists, arts educator and arts organization's feedback. The goal of the Initiative is to raise Johnson County's arts profile while bridging the Johnson County and metropolitan arts community. Key components of the Initiative are opportunities for resource exchange and networking, connecting the suburban arts community with region serving arts services and foundations, advocating arts in education as necessary for workforce development, linking suburban artists with patrons and connecting Johnson County residents with arts opportunities of excellence.

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