

Meet The Minneapolis Arts Commission

The City established the [Minneapolis Arts Commission](#) in 1974. Their purpose is to foster development and appreciation of the arts within the City. They provide advice and recommendations to the City Council and Mayor. The arts include architecture, environmental arts, creative writing, dance, film and video, music, theater, and visual arts.



Lucy Thompson

Ward 10, Chair, Layperson

Lucy's background is in city planning, urban design and public art policy. She believes public art can revitalize neighborhoods, engage communities and heal.



Lana Aylesworth

Ward 11, Vice Chair

Lana leverages her arts administrative background to advocate for projects. From public art to poetry, she strives to strengthen connections.



Zachary Colby

Ward 7, Arts Organization

Dr. Zachary Colby, former tenor with Cantus, returned as Director of Development in 2022. He holds degrees from Butler and the University of Minnesota in voice.



Eva Dixon

Ward 2, Layperson

Eva is a passionate consumer of visual and performance art. She brings to the Commission professional experience in marketing and technology.



Kaytie Kamphoff

Ward 1, Layperson

Kaytie is a passionate Minneapolis special education, inclusion and English teacher. She has 18 years experience. She brings student, teacher, and parent voices to MAC and champions arts and education.



Kelly McKay

Ward 12, Arts Organization

Kelly is an arts administrator, educator, and museum specialist. She has a background in the performing arts and a love for the visual arts.



Doug Moore

Ward 7, Layperson

Doug's experience as a marketer inspires him to connect more people to more art. He believes it makes us feel good about Minneapolis and each other!



Juan Diego Pérez La Cruz

Ward 2, Artist

Juan is Venezuelan. He explores memory, identity, and migration through his artwork. His media include experimental photography, video, and public interventions.



Rituparna Rana

Ward 2, Artist

Rituparna is a dancer, storyteller, and curator. She has experience in policy work and community-arts project management to the Commission.



Michelle Van Kuijk

Ward 12, Artist

Michelle, a professional interior designer and visual artist, is committed to building community through the arts, using creativity as self-care and enriching everyday life.



Anna Weinke

Ward 10, Arts Organization

Anna's motivation is a desire to build community connections. She serves as an arts administrator, community organizer, and creative entrepreneur.

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