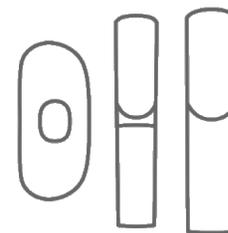


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## **BURNETT MUSIC FOUNDATION RECEIVES NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS GRANT THROUGH THE KANSAS CREATIVE ARTS INDUSTRIES COMMISSION FOR BIRD BOOT CAMP**

Leavenworth, KS (June 12, 2020) – Burnett Music Foundation is pleased to announce it has received a \$5,900 grant from the Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission. These funds will support the August 22, 2020 Bird Boot Camp that is also an official program of the annual Spotlight Charlie Parker festivities. “BIRD” BOOT CAMP is an annual featured program of Burnett Music Foundation, a Kansas-based Tax Exempt Organization under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501 (c) (3).

“Bird” Boot Camp is an applied jazz education experience that immerses participants into the theory and practice of jazz music on several levels. Performance. Compositional Theory. Improvisation. Through a strategic partnership with the American Jazz Museum’s Kansas City Jazz Academy, “Bird” Boot Camp is held inside the historic Gem Theater at 1615 E. 18th Street in the historic Jazz District of Kansas City. The project is also supported by a number of other organizations and foundations as well. For more information and to register see the project website at <https://BirdBootCamp.org>.

“Each year since August 2014 a significant number of student jazz musicians and an all-star cast of jazz artists/ educators converge on the historic 18th & Vine Jazz District at the Gem Theater to learn about Charlie “Bird” Parker – to celebrate, study and play his music,” said Christopher Burnett. “Now in its sixth year, the annual Charlie Parker festivities in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area will help contribute to bringing national and international focus upon Mr. Parker’s birth year centennial with Spotlight: Charlie Parker, a 10-day citywide celebration of his life and music from August 20-29, 2020.”

The Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission awards annual grants through a competitive application and review process. “It’s a great project,” Peter Jasso, Director, Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission said of “Bird” Boot Camp.

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### **About Burnett Music Foundation**

“BIRD” BOOT CAMP is an annual featured program of Burnett Music Foundation, a Tax Exempt Organization under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501 (c) (3). The purpose of this business entity is to engage music education, instruction, and performance activities designed to promote the further development and awareness of jazz music as an art form and the individual musical performance skills development of program participants organized under the laws of Kansas. Visit the Burnett Music Foundation website at <https://BurnettMusicFoundation.org>.

### **About The Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission (KCAIC)**

The Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission (KCAIC) is focused on the creative industries sector of the Kansas economy. The Commission is dedicated to measuring, promoting, supporting and expanding the creative industries to grow the state's economy and create creative industry-related jobs. By funding a variety of professional and organizational development opportunities that impact cultural programming, these grants support initiatives that use the arts to enhance community vitality, revitalize neighborhoods, generate local business, create and preserve job opportunities and impact tourism. Applicants must make a compelling case as to why this particular self-identified activity or opportunity was selected, how it will have a substantial impact on their work and community, and how it will enhance the national reputation of Kansas.

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