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DENVER ARTS & VENUES

Appointment & Reappointments for Denver Commission on Cultural Affairs

“So that all may thrive, Arts & Venues enriches and advances Denver’s quality of life and economic vitality through premier public venues, arts, cultural and entertainment opportunities.”

August 27, 2019



Roles and Responsibilities

- Established in 1988, Denver Commission on Cultural Affairs (DCCA) is a mayoral-appointed body that serves the administration and Denver Arts & Venues.
- As a 24-member body, the Commission is a powerful voice for the community; it ensures transparency in the public art process, and monitors and stimulates the community to engage in the implementation of IMAGINE 2020.
- **Sec 2-213:** The commission membership shall reflect the geographic, demographic, socioeconomic and ethnic diversity and composition of the City and County of Denver and shall have representatives from a multitude of cultural and business communities, such as, but not limited to, architecture, art criticism, art education, art history, choreography, dance, communicative arts, crafts, folk and ethnic arts, literature, media arts, music, opera, painting, photography, sculpture, theatre, urban design; and, as a nonvoting member, a senior staff member from the office of economic development selected by the mayor to serve as an ex-officio member.
- **Sec: 2-214:** The powers and duties of the commission shall be to:
 - 1) Advise the mayor and city council on the special issues, initiatives and efforts of its constituent groups
 - 2) Recommend necessary procedures, programs, legislation or administrative action and to promote and ensure equal rights and opportunity for the people of the city in connection with cultural issues
 - 3) Annually recommend goals and objectives of the commission
 - 4) Review all works of art or similar cultural or esthetic edifice proposed for city ownership and, except as otherwise provided in section 2.4.4(E) of the Charter, recommend for acceptance by ordinance all such works of art or similar cultural or esthetic edifices approved for city ownership.

- Openings posted: May 8
- Applications due: May 29
 - Number of applications received: 27
- Interviews: June 20 & 21
- Slate sent to Boards & Commissions for approval:
July 3
- Mayor approved: August 7
- First meeting of commissioners: Sept 10



Current Commissioners

Name	Affiliation	District Residence	Term Expiration
Rachel Basye	Art Student League of Denver	7	8/31/2020
Josh Comfort	Architect	10	8/31/2020
FloraJane DiRienzo	Biennial of the Americas	7	8/31/2020
Jami Duffy	Youth on Record	9	8/31/2020
Kate Greeley	MGT Consulting (Education)	9	8/31/2021
Sarah Kurz	Rose Community Foundation	8	8/31/2021
Bobby LeFebre	Poet/Performer/ Cultural Worker	1	8/31/2021
Evi Makovsky	NAI Shames Makovsky	5	8/31/2020
Michael Mowry	Mowry Studio	1	8/31/2020
Suzi Q. Smith	Lighthouse Writer's Workshop/Poet	7	8/31/2020
Maren Stewart	Taloma Partners	8	8/31/2021
Tess Vigil	Denver Public Schools	8	8/31/2019



Reappointments

Name	Affiliation	District Residence	Term Expiration
Stephen Brackett	Flobots	9	8/31/2020
Dudley "Van" Schoales	A+ Colorado	10	8/31/2021
Heather Nielsen	Denver Art Museum	7	8/31/2021
Leesly Leon	North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative	9	8/31/2021
Michael McClung	Michael Warren Contemporary	10	8/31/2021

Name	Affiliation	District Residence	Term Expiration
Beth Mosenthal	Architect	6	8/31/2020
Alexis Moore	Urban Planner	1	8/31/2022
Eriko Tsogo	Artist/Creative Director	4	8/31/2022
Viniyanka Prasad	The Word	10	8/31/2022
Kendra Ingram	Newman Center for the Performing Arts	8	8/31/2022
Kevin Smith	Denver Film Society	9	8/31/2022
David Conger	David Conger Studio	10	8/31/2022