

## IMAGINE PUBLIC COMMENTS 10.16 & 10.17

Project: Soul of Christmas: Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): This is a very worthwhile project. We went to this show last Christmas. It was inspiring and very entertaining. The cast was diverse and not only showed the cultural aspects of Christmas but also the meaning behind it.

Project: REAWAKENING THE MAMMOTH

Comment - (250 words or less): DIY art spaces like the MAMMOTH play an important, though often unsung, role for the creative class providing both economic opportunity and community for Louisville artists and makers. Our art collective, Meow Wolf in Santa Fe, NM came from even more humble beginnings than the MAMMOTH and is now a major driver for the local economy - with an estimated economic impact of over \$358 million in the next decade and 250 new full time jobs. Small investments into creative communities can produce positive social impact and drive growth in the creative sector. Please support this local effort to galvanize Louisville's thriving DIY art scene.

Project: The Soul of Christmas. Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): Please support this project! This production has been great previous years. It offers excellent opportunities for area performers. This is needed in the community.

Project: the soul of Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): Great opportunity to bring the arts to inner city youth.

Project: Mixing Matters

Comment - (250 words or less): Mixing Matters is an asset to the community. The project captures the interest of the youth served and really engages them in a transformative way.

Project: The Soul of Christmas: Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): Rush Trowel is an artistic genius! I love how he uses music to tell the story, through the talented people in this community. His shows are so out of the box and delivered in the most unexpected, yet creatively brilliant way. I hope he is awarded this grant so that everyone has the opportunity to experience the creative genius of Rush Trowel!!

Project: Motown Christmas 2016

Comment - (250 words or less): I have been to at least seven of Mr. Rush events and have enjoyed each and every one of them I think Mr. Rush is a great addition to our Louisville Arts Theater I really look forward to Motown Christmas 2017. Mr Rush plays are ALWAYS excellent. Last year I saw Motown Christmas Twice, it was so good I came back with several more family members.

Project: Soulful Motown Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): The show last year was amazing, but I felt the space was too small. This year Faithworks is looming to do community outreach and include more kids in the show. I think this experience will be amazing for the youth in our community.

Project: Mixing Matters

Comment - (250 words or less): This work is urgent and critical for Black and Brown migrant and refugee youth, who are often discriminated and disenfranchised against in the city.

Project: The Soul of Christmas: Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): I have attended Mr. Trowell's productions in the past found them to be both entertaining and inspirational to the youth and young adults in our community who aspire to participate in the Arts professionally. It is my hope that the grant request is approved. Thank you.

Project: Marvelous Wonderettes '58

Comment - (250 words or less): This is an amazing idea for a grant! It is a great way to bring joy to elderly folk.

Project: Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): I attended the performance last year and enjoyed it immensely. The choreography, singing and dancing was exceptional. Everyone should have an opportunity to experience the arts in all its different forms.

Project: The Soul of Christmas: Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): Preparing for Future Careers

While not all students involved with the performing arts may plan to pursue them professionally, the Arts Education Partnership states that participating in dramatic and musical programs can help them develop skills that are a growing necessity in the 21st-century workplace. Participation in the arts inspires greater creativity -- an increasingly valued skill in work environments; working with others as part of a music ensemble or cast of a play can create stronger communication and teamwork skills. In addition, the strong sense of individualism the performing arts inspires can help students grow up to be stronger career leaders.

Project: Faith Works

Comment - (250 words or less): It is very important for the Louisville Community to see African American performers take the stage at The Kentucky Center for the Arts. I support Faith Works and look forward to attending the show this year.

Project: Chritmas Play

Comment - (250 words or less): I believe that if we truly care about people as a community it takes every community to educate and promote the performing arts. The human race is in need of more cultural arts in dance and ethnic play's. It is for the sake of mankind as we express our lives to create harmony, laughter, and love. Therefore, I would like you to consider this proposal to allow people of different cultural backgrounds to seek audiences to advance social and cultural diversity within the arts like never before. We can do it together. Thank You for giving me an opportunity to impart make a long lasting effort for change in how we introduce cultural diversity to the world.

Project: Mixing Matters

Comment - (250 words or less): This is a project that truly embodies Louisville in the next half of the 21st century, building bridges and empowering youth to establish and find their voice. Please fund this project and help Louisville truly become a world-class city by 2020.

Project: Mixing Matters

Comment - (250 words or less): SCZ and Jared do great work in the community with youth. Not only do they approach their work from a background built on a strong foundation in social justice theory, they know how to translate that theory into engaging, relevant, and meaningful work teaching mixing skills to youth in Louisville. They aren't doing this work as members of a large organization receiving large organizational support -- they're doing it as folks who so believe in what they're doing that they have made personal sacrifices to make it happen. I've seen how both SCZ and Jared work with teens and it's a beautiful thing to witness. They absolutely deserve these funds to expand their work and keep doing what they do well.

Project: theatre close to home...

Comment - (250 words or less): Please sponsor this community group..I get see a live Broadway show without traveling to New York City right here in Lousville at such a nice price.We need more organizations like this in our community. Please Help..

Project: Rush Trowell and Faith works studio the Soul of Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): I saw last year's production in the MEX and it definitely needs the larger venue. Fabulous and funny, high energy and entertainment to the max, there are also poignant moments that remind us why we celebrate Christmas and it brought me to tears. Please approve this venue!!

Project: Shawnee Neighborhood Association

Comment - (250 words or less): This is a great opportunity to introduce, inspire, and build cultural appreciation for the arts among our youth, as well as opportunities for our senior groups to look forward to an enjoyable theatre presentation at a cost they can afford.

Project: Mixing Matters

Comment - (250 words or less): I am writing in support of the funding of Rhythm Science Sound's Mixing Matters project. I write this as someone with a personal and professional relationship with those implementing the project. The founders of Rhythm Science Sound are some of the most loving and dedicated members of the entire Louisville community. They have a heart for the people and they have never stopped working for true transformative justice. They think bigger than mere reform, and reimagine the future in their everyday lives. This project is just one part of that reimagining. As an anthropologist who has worked with migrant youth and conducted research on hip hop culture and alternative ways of knowing, I can attest to the transformative power of music and dance in the lives of youth. It brings agency and power back into their lives and provides a community for telling their stories -- just one element of a more just society.

Project: The Soul of Christmas: Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): A wonderful mix of soul, r&b and gospel Christmas music showcasing the diverse local talent that is in such abundance in Louisville. Guaranteed to lighten the spirit. This grant will allow the show to move to a better venue so that all can attend and enjoy. Please grant the request. It is a worthy investment.

Project: Motown Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): I really enjoyed myself we took our Godmother and she really enjoyed it she is still talking about to this day. Hate we didn't get tickets for our other godparents. But please bring it back it was fantastic and we really enjoyed it.

Project: The Soul of Christmas: Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): I have been attending this musical, or shall I say the Motown Christmas Musical, for the past two years and have enjoyed it immensely. It really lifted my spirit and put me in the right frame of mind for celebrating Christmas. Reminiscing with old songs that I grew up, reminded me of why I used to enjoy good music and can associate the theme & message of this particular musical with that feeling. It also connected me with the reason for the season. I have supported Faith Works in the past and intend to do so in the future. It is truly a blessing to have a musical production that I can relate to, music that I can relate to, and at the same time getting me ready to celebrate Christmas. It will be a production that is worth attending and something that I can identify with pride.

Project: The Soul of Christmas; Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): Our youth at church really need this type of play. This brings our youth together for the Christmas Spirit. I have enjoyed all of Faith Works Plays over the years, and hope they continue performing the plays. This is good entertainment..

Project: The Soul of Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): Rush Trowel and Faith Works Studios is well-known in the Louisville community for producing great shows that are highly entertaining and reflective of the African-American experience. He works with very talented actors, singers and dancers and never disappoints his audience. This grant will allow him to expand his audience and bring a wonderful holiday tradition to the community.

Project: The Soul of Christmas : Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): This event will bring people from many different communities to a seasonal artistic performance. It will create collaboration among several groups of artists and strengthen minority arts groups.

Project: A Soulful Motown Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): This event is a Magical start to the holidays. Couples Single Young and Old have come to the many sold out performances. Supply has not met the Demand for A Motown Christmas. Unfortunately as patrons are turned away so is the revenue. The Bomhard is the only next logical step for the Most Incredible Holiday performance the city has to date. Playhouses outside of Louisville have sent invitations. This Sold Out Event and the revenue it earns should stay at the Ky Center4 Arts at the Bomhard....Regards

Project: Mixing Matters

Comment - (250 words or less): Jared and Sarah are so incredibly committed to the youth of Louisville and provide them a safe space to express themselves and to process the world around them. They are so supportive of these kids and are equipping these kids with incredible artistic skills.

Project: The Soul of Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): My whole family was blessed by this production. I would love to see it annually at the KY Center. Diverse, professional cast and excellent production. Look forward to 2018!!

Project: Soul of Christmas: Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): I have enjoyed the performances that Rush Trowel has presented and preformed. I appreciate that he uses local talent in his performances. I know that Black actor and actresses do not have many places to share their crafts except at their own churches. I also feel that Blacks do not have many family traditions at Christmas. It would be a great blessing for his troupe to perform at Kentucky Center for the Arts and for the performers to get paid for their time. I would enjoy getting dressed up, taking my family to an elegant facility and exposing the children and teens to a reasonably priced live performance.

Project: The Soul of Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): I had the privilege of attending this production last year! It was highly

entertaining and well done. What a great opportunity to bring it to a larger stage and more exposure through their outreach efforts.

Project: Rush Trowell-Faith Works

Comment - (250 words or less): Rush Trowell 's productions are always exciting. He gathers great talent, and brilliantly builds presentations that entertain and move.

Project: The Soul of Christmas, A Motown Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): Please give funding to this project. Your consideration and approval will ensure that a segment of our community previously, and theatrically deprived of the opportunity to have a stage to showcase their talents, will be given a chance to perform before the whole City.

Rush Trowel and Faith Works Studios Associates, have dedicated themselves to serve, assist, and employ local, talented artist from our community, who previously did not have a chance to perform. Their productions have been an awakening of pride and excitement for their community.

Funding from your organization will allow Faith Works Studio, and Associates to open doors for all people who otherwise found themselves excluded from Louisville's outstanding arts community. ...open the doors, and they will come.

Please fund The Soul of Christmas: A Motown Christmas, from Faith Works Studio. Thank you for your support.

Project: The Soul of Christmas: Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): It is with great pleasure to see these organizations combined and applying for this grant. All of these programs have greatly improved the community of Metro Louisville. Unlocking resources, such as this grant, will allow greater reach and more impactful connection to the community in the area of Arts!

Project: Mixing Matters

Comment - (250 words or less): As a music nerd who got a scholarship to college through my love of string bass, I've always loved funk and hip hop as much as classical and jazz. This project could make a difference in the lives of a lot of kids who may not relate to STEAM in traditional ways.

Project: Kentuciana's All-Inclusive Art Browser

Comment - (250 words or less): This is sorely needed in this area. I would love to see this happen.

Project: LAB

Comment - (250 words or less): This would be very helpful to artists who could be inspired by seeing work from others, who could be interviewed themselves, and network.

Project: OneWest Flux Gallery Wall

Comment - (250 words or less): The one thing I noticed as an Artist in Moving from Fort Wayne to the Louisville area, is that there isn't a place for both Amateur and Professional Artist to participate in Monthly Shows or to Showcase their Work. It was a great disappointment. I was very active in Fort Wayne at their Artlink Gallery & in Artist organizations. I've lived in Louisville about four years & haven't participated in anything. There's no place to participate. So, I think having the Gallery Wall is a great idea. I hope there would be perhaps an entire Gallery with contests Open or Judged, for Local Artists who want to display their work, but have no place to show without knowing someone.

Project: The Soul of Christmas - Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): We went to see this show for the first time last year and had a wonderful experience. The staging was great, the actors were very professional, and the music was fantastic. We will definitely look forward to seeing this show again this year and having it performed at the Kentucky Center will help enable more theater goers enjoy this high energy, great music, and very community binding show.

Project: 2017 Motown Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): I really enjoyed last year's performance of Motown Christmas. I felt the performers did a great job utilizing the small space they had, although they could've had a little more space to live out some the performances, it was excellent over all. It was amazing at the all the talent that was present, young and aged, specifically the adolescents involved and how they could enjoy the rhythmic accounts of classics. Faith Works does a wonderful job recruiting from the community and allowing people to showcase their talents and believe in themselves. I would love to attend another session of Motown Christmas.

Project: The Soul of Christmas: Motown Christmas 2017!

Comment - (250 words or less): This project is very deserving of a grant that will allow this production to take place in the Bombard theatre! This local company, Faith Works Studios, has used local artist to put on many outstanding productions. There is a need for a larger venue that will be more conducive to a large scale production such as this. The community looks forward to the Christmas production each year. It is important not to disappoint them this year. How wonderful it would be to attend The Soul of Christmas: Motown Christmas 2017! in the Bombard theatre!!

Project: Motown Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): I went to see Motown Christmas last year and it was wonderful! I honestly have no clue how I would get into the Christmas spirit without it. The singers were so amazing,

it was like watching a show from Broadway! I cannot wait to see what this year holds!!! Hopefully, with funding, it will be bigger and better than ever!!

Project: Motown Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): Loved seeing Motown Christmas last year! It's great to use local talent for such a wonderful, uplifting show!

Project: THE SOUL OF CHRISTMAS: MOTOWN CHRISTMAS 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): This is a great project.

Project: Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): I missed this performance last year but all of my friends who attended had nothing but good things to say about this performance. It deserves to be considered for this grant.

Project: The Soul of Christmas: Motown 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): The experience of watching the skillful actors was phenomenal but watching the audience as we went down memory lane was priceless as we sang along and to songs that took you to a moment in time. This performance brought in such a diverse audience which is something that only strengthens the community. Faith Works Studios is bringing life back to the arts for everyone.

Project: Faith works studio 2017 Motown Christmas Musical

Comment - (250 words or less): The show was excellent in 2016 and I think everyone should have the opportunity to see it this year. The cast was wonderful, the director/producer puts on great performances throughout the city. It is culturally valuable and beneficial for all to be connected and participate in the Arts, especially minorities who may not have such opportunities.

Project: SOUL OF CHRISTMAS - MOTOWN 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): I think we need more diversity in the arts in Louisville. This an opportunity to do that.

Project: Motown Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): Motown!!!

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovator

Comment - (250 words or less): This project benefits the entire downtown community, not just The Brown School. It is inarguable that all kids need outdoor space to play. The Brown School is completely lacking in outdoor play space. Renovating Peace Park would provide that for this unique and exceptional K-12 school. It would also provide those in the surrounding, somewhat blighted, community with an



attractive, safe place to take their children to play. The park's juxtaposition to the school could even plant seeds of academic ambition in the hearts of the preschool-ages children who play there. A win-win for all!

Project: 36 miles

Comment - (250 words or less): This project could have an out sized impact on the region. Seeing the Ohio as it is and envisioning it as an asset could be a game changer. The project follows in the path of many other cities who saw their rivers anew... Providence, RI with WaterFire, San Antonio with River Walk etc... Helping Louisvillians see this important part of the landscape could catalyze cultural, civic and environmental growth in Louisville.

Project: UNDERPAST

Comment - (250 words or less): Great idea.

Project: Louisville Civic Orchestra

Comment - (250 words or less): Please support the Louisville Civic Orchestra's project. This company provides accessible free concerts to the public in a relaxed inviting atmosphere where parents feel free to bring their children. Very important

Project: 36 Miles: Revealing The Ohio

Comment - (250 words or less): This looks like a fascinating project. What an opportunity to engage and educate the community about our river.

Project: The Gap program

Comment - (250 words or less): The purpose of this project is to use film arts to prevent youth violence, develop youth character, and prepare young people for employment opportunities in a growing industry through education and training...

The introduction revisions exactly what we need in west Louisville. Please help us

Project: Arts Related Field Trips for our Child Development Center

Comment - (250 words or less): The children that we serve at Neighborhood House CDC come from families that do not have the means to give them cultural experiences. The times that most of them will experience The Arts is through what we can offer them. We would love to partner with you to give them opportunities to use their imaginations that they would not have otherwise.

Project: LaCucarachita Children's Production

Comment - (250 words or less): LaCucarachita Children's Production focuses on the importance of inner beauty and the joy of reading It shows that females can be independent and live comfortably on their

own while still developing meaningful relationships with a romantic partner. All of these topics are covered in an entertaining story geared toward children and families.

Bon Air Library - Branch Manager

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): In preparation for getting our kindergartener into school, my husband and I joined many other parents in a whirlwind of JCS school tours last fall. We were looking for a unicorn—the perfect mix of rigorous academics, arts education, student and faculty diversity, recognition that kids are humans who deserve respect and dignity yet can be depended on to govern themselves with guidance, and an atmosphere that celebrates students bringing their full selves to school, whatever that may look like. We were really excited by our options but knew full well we wouldn't find our unicorn. And then we visited the Brown School.

It was all of those things! I'm pretty sure I sure heard an angel chorus in my head while Mr. Shawn was describing the students' mock election and Suzuki violin instruction... But then he explained that, while walking field trips to Stage One or to the Orchestra are a regular occurrence at Brown, all regular instruction and play happens inside the building because this magical place didn't possess a shred of green space. How could a school so rich in so many things be void of a spot—even a modest one—to play outside? Doesn't a young, creative brain need fresh air?

About that time, we saw a post on Facebook from a Brown School parent explaining that, after a multi-year process, Martha Ellison Peace Park (across from the school) had been acquired. We made a donation to the effort our family could afford and my husband spent a Saturday with others picking up hypodermic needles and raking glass from the park's grass. Every person there—and many more in the Brown School community—would give up countless more days to commit this asset to our kids and to the community.

Project: Relevance to the Present...

Comment - (250 words or less): Voices to be heard-fabulous!

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): My son is a new student at Brown, and we are extremely pleased with the school, so much that we are about to apply for my daughter to attend as well. Our only disappointment with the school was that there was no outdoor play area with grass/trees or play equipment for the students. The Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation project has significantly improved our mindset and our commitment to such a wonderful school, who has decided to convert a tiny piece of land from a hazardous and dangerous area into a peaceful, safe, and environmental outdoor classroom. It will not only be a source of pride for the Brown School, but for the city of Louisville as well.

Project: The Soul of Christmas: Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): The Theatre and Performing Arts are an essential part of our cultural history. It is through the art of story telling and music that we are able to find our connection to the past, present and future. Without the inclusion and proper funding of this type of work we deprive ourselves and preceeding generations of knowing just how intricately woven together each culture, race, ethnicity and gender is. There is a demand in the Louisville Community for strong images and impactful representation to be presented in a wholesome and meaningful display. Minority businesses and non-profit organizations who work diligently to provide such substance for the area should be received with open arms and gracious donations to further their projects. I ask that the Rush Trowel and Faith Works Studios (along with those collaborating with them in their efforts) be awarded the highest grant possible for this presentation. This is not just a show this is a true vision for the cultural development of our community unfolding. Many of Louisville's gifted individuals who wish to pursue their dreams in the arts will be inspired and compelled by what they see to follow their heart and challenge themselves to RISE to their fullest potential, proving that the 'Ville is the very best place to enjoy Quality Service and Performances!

Project: Soul of Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): Our community is in serious need of opportunity for the youth and community to have projects to be a part of that enhance the core of the person. Soul Christmas is a dynamite chance to help others do something new and engage with the Arts!