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Resources to Support the Arts during Coronavirus



Lost Walks performing at CBCA's 2020 Business for the Arts Awards. Image by Amanda Tipton Photography

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We are living in unprecedented, uncertain times. Just like you, we at CBCA are closely monitoring updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization, as well as our local, state and national governments, and adhering to their recommendations in order to slow the spread of this novel Coronavirus and the COVID-19 outbreak. Many of CBCA's upcoming events have been postponed, canceled, or will be moved to virtual platforms. Please check our [website](#) for updates.

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this crisis. There are also numerous ways that the rest of our constituents can support the creative sector and ensure that the arts remain a part of our lives.

It is now that we need the arts most as a society to unite us, provide comfort, and ease stress in troubling times. We must do our part with positivity, hope, compassion and action.

Resources for Artists, Creative Professionals, Businesses and Cultural Organizations

[A national freelance artists resource list](#) (includes emergency funding opportunities, virtual events, mental health resources, advocacy alerts, etc.)

[CERF+ Artist Safety Net](#)

[ArtsReady](#)

[Colorado Artist Talents and Skills Database](#). What other skills or opportunities can you offer during this time?

[Economic Impact Survey](#) from Americans for the Arts (national)

[Needs and Impact Survey](#) from RedLine Contemporary Arts Center (local)

Apply for financial assistance or emergency relief funds through one of these Colorado funds:

[RiNo Support Fund Micro-Grants](#) (RiNo Arts District)

[IMAGINE 2020 Artist Assistance Fund](#) (Denver Arts & Venues, City of Denver)

[Martha Kate Thomas Fund for Artists Grant](#) (Boulder County Arts Alliance)

[Denver Metro Area Artist Relief Fund](#) (crowd-funded, artist-organized)

[Colorado Artist Relief Fund](#) (crowd-funded, artist-organized)

Apply for financial assistance or emergency relief funds through one of these national funds:

[Actors Fund](#)

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[Equal Sound Corona Relief Fund](#)

[Foundation for Contemporary Arts Emergency Grants](#)

[MusiCares COVID-19 Relief Fund](#)

[Rauschenberg Emergency Grants](#)

[Sweet Relief Assistance Fund](#)

[Americans for the Arts' COVID-19 resource and response center](#)

[Colorado Small Business Development Centers COVID-19 Small Business Response Resources](#)

[Disaster Loan Assistance](#) from the U.S. Small Business Administration (contact your local SBDC for technical assistance)

[Denver Small Business Emergency Relief Funds](#)

Legal Alerts and Resources from [Snell & Wilmer, Holland & Hart](#) and [Constangy Brooks Smith & Prophete](#)

StateraArts [Emergency Response Directory](#) includes Advocacy, Social Justice Action, Artist who are Caregivers, Travel, Funding and Teaching resources

[Employers Council](#)

303 Magazine [resources for musicians](#)

Other aggregated lists of resources and assistance: [Colorado Creative Industries](#), [Colorado Nonprofit Association](#), [B:CIVIC](#), [Creative Capital](#), [Grantmakers in the Arts](#)

Informational Webinars and Virtual Discussions

[TRG Arts' Virtual Roundtable Series](#). These are weekly 30-minute virtual conversations with Jill Robinson, CEO

[Differentiation Zone Weekly Strategy Conference Calls](#), led by Karla Raines from Corona Insights, every Tuesday at 10:00 am

[Help! What Can I Do if the Coronavirus Prevents Me From Fulfilling My Contracts?](#) from Stinson on March 24 at 11:00 am MT

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CBCA is exploring moving our upcoming trainings for artists and cultural organizations to virtual platforms. Check back here and our social media for more info.

How can you support the creative sector?

If you had tickets to an upcoming cultural event (i.e., performance, concert, exhibition, lecture), consider donating that ticket back to the organization.

Purchase a gift certificate now for a future arts event or experience. Invest in your own cultural future by supporting arts organizations today.

Make a financial donation directly to a cultural organization. You can find a list of [SCFD organizations](#) in the Denver metro or search statewide through [ColoradoGives.org](#)

[Hire an artist!](#) This is a crowd-sourced database of Colorado artist with various skills. Do you need some web design done? Social media? Tutoring? Translation? Babysitting? Career coaching?

Donate to one of the local crowd-funded artist-organized Artist Relief Funds: [Denver Metro Area Artist Relief Fund](#) and the [Colorado Artist Relief Fund](#)

Did you know that you can donate your Colorado state refund to a nonprofit? Use this opportunity to support the arts through [ReFund CO](#).

If you're an organization that typically hires artists, please consider continuing to support those professionals (For example, check out [Youth on Record's](#) response).

Springboard for the Arts' [principles for ethical cancellations](#) (if you had to cancel events due to social distancing precautions)

We need the arts in our lives more than ever! What else can you do to feed your soul and benefit from the power of creativity?

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and facility online.

Tune-in and support the [NoCo Live From Home Showcase](#), a weekly livestream concert page dedicated to Northern Colorado artists, and the upcoming [Rocky Mountain Virtual Music Festival](#)

Explore [Denver's Public Art Collection](#) through a virtual tour

[Boulder Arts Week](#) is going ONLINE (March 27 - April 4)

Get daily creative inspiration and activities from organizations like [Inside the Orchestra](#) and [Lighthouse Writers](#)

Check out the creative activities, educational guides and entertainment sources through your local libraries, like [Anythink](#) (Adams County) and [Denver Public Library](#)

Take a virtual safari with the [Denver Zoo](#)

Tune your Spotify playlist to a Colorado band or musician. Listen to a Colorado podcast, like [Headroom Sessions](#) or through [House of Pod](#).

[The Social Distancing Festival](#) is an online artist's community to celebrate and showcase the work of the many artists around the world who have been affected by the need for social distancing due to the spread of Coronavirus.

[Digital Theatre](#) is providing temporary free access to their archive of theatre performances, interviews and rehearsals due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

Here are [450 Ivy League courses](#) you can take online right now for free

Engage in a [Creative Sprint](#)

Michelin-Star Chef Massimo Bottura is offering free cooking lessons on his [Instagram](#)

Tune to the [NoCo Live From Home Show](#) to livestream and support Northern Colorado Artists

NPR has a running list of where to [Stream Live Concerts](#)

Keep an eye out for opportunities to support local arts virtually, such as live-streamed concerts or performances

**This is not an exhaustive list! Email main@cbca.org to let us know about other resources, virtual events or other ideas are out there. We will continually update this list.*

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