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Charlotte Street Foundation Launches New Pilot Program, The StartUp Residency *Supporting Kansas City's up-and-coming, creative startups*



[Kansas City, MO] Charlotte Street Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of a new pilot program—the StartUp Residency. This unique program in Kansas City is committed to fostering the development of an up-and-coming, innovative arts initiative less than three years old and in its early stages of development. This pilot program builds upon Charlotte Street’s 20-year history of providing support and catalytic opportunities for Kansas City-based arts initiatives, entrepreneurs, and collaborative groups. Deadline for applications is February 6th with the 12-month residency launching March 6th, 2017 in Downtown Kansas City.

Charlotte Street Executive/Artistic Director, Amy Kligman said, “We noticed that a number of “startup”-like efforts were coming up through CSF programming—the studio residency, the venues, and Rocket Grants specifically, but none of those opportunities were really designed to launch a new artist-run entity.” The StartUp Residency aims to do just that—support young, emerging arts and cultural organizations and startups in Kansas City and ensure their sustainability and success.

Chosen by a selection committee comprised of arts administrators and arts entrepreneurs, the selected recipient receives; 12 months of rent-free storefront space at Charlotte Street’s Project Space located at 21 East 12th Street in Downtown Kansas City, Missouri; Artist Inc or Artist Inc II professional development training



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opportunity; mentoring and networking opportunities; and cross-marketing opportunities through Charlotte Street.

“CSF has long been a part of cultivating these “DIY” organizations, whether it be a publication, a young performance space, or some kind of hybrid arts-business with a social or cultural benefit,” continues Executive Director, Amy Kligman. “Our interest in this is to see startups emerge and become established pieces of Kansas City’s cultural map, contributing to the overall excitement and diversity in our city’s arts ecology.”

Visit www.charlottestreet.org to find out more information, application criteria, and instructions on how to apply.

Please contact Communications Manager, Elizabeth Gault (elizabeth@charlottestreet.org) for questions or interviews.

ABOUT CHARLOTTE STREET

Charlotte Street identifies the needs and fuels the evolution of an ever-changing multidisciplinary arts ecosystem, acting as its primary provocateur. Charlotte Street cultivates the contemporary, the exceptional, and the unexpected in the practice of artists working in and engaging with the Kansas City art community. Since 1997, Charlotte Street has distributed over \$1.1 million in awards and grants to artists and their innovative projects, and connected individual artists to each other and to the greater Kansas City community. For more information about Charlotte Street, its awards, programs, and initiatives, visit www.charlottestreet.org.