

ARTS FORT WORTH

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Arts Fort Worth Announces Management Transition of Fort Worth Community Arts Center

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 (Fort Worth, Texas)- After 22 years of incubating arts initiatives and empowering local artists and performers in Fort Worth's historic Cultural District, Arts Fort Worth will wind down its management of the Fort Worth Community Arts Center at 1300 Gendy Street. Through its programming and services, Arts Fort Worth created a space for thousands of visual and performing artists to share their voice, deepen their practice, and grow their careers. The galleries, offices, theaters, and studios became vital spaces for the community to gather, produce, perform, connect to and experience the arts. For those two decades, the Arts Center served as a cornerstone of the Fort Worth arts community and impacted the arts far beyond. Ultimately, repairing, maintaining, and managing this important 77,000 square foot public facility presented a significant challenge, and the cost of continuing its operations is now unsustainable.

The circumstances that make managing the building untenable do not signal the end of Arts Fort Worth's mission. Instead, the organization is making this transition to ensure long-term sustainability for its commitment to creating belonging through advocacy, strengthening community partnerships, and developing resources that meet the evolving needs of the community. The organization will continue incentivizing arts and culture programs through grants, engaging neighborhoods in producing one-of-a-kind works of art through the Fort Worth Public Art program. In March of 2025, Arts Fort Worth will again celebrate the local arts community through the Heart of Gold awards and introduce its first-ever local arts summit.

"While changes like this can feel surprising and concerning, Arts Fort Worth isn't turning its back on the local arts community. We will focus on leading the growth of our arts ecosystem into an even more accessible, sustainable, and vibrant future," said Wesley Gentle, Executive Director and President of Arts Fort Worth.