## Arts Alliance L

# Revel24

#### **Mission**

Arts Alliance Illinois builds the creative sector's power through advocacy, policy change, and connection to resources to improve the quality of life in communities statewide.



We're so grateful you're joining us at the historic Ramova Theatre for Revel24: a night to celebrate Nora Daley, Amanda Williams, our collective accomplishments over the past year, and Arts Alliance's continuing work to champion our incredible creative state.

As Arts Alliance enters its 43rd year of advancing and defending the arts in Illinois, our sector is facing challenges old and new. Independent creatives are grappling with an ever-shifting post-pandemic landscape. Arts educators are heading to class with limited resources. Organizations are seeing larger overhead costs and smaller audiences. Our work standing with and behind the creative sector to champion adequate and stable funding for arts and culture has never been more important.

We know that the arts are a vital driver and stimulus for economic growth, a key component of a stable community, and a critical element in our overall quality of life. Right now, arts advocates across the state are advocating to their lawmakers for the Governor's proposed funding for the arts in the statewide budget and the creation and implementation of a Creative Economy Task Force to strategize around our sector's economic growth and impact. Our help desk is continuing to provide over a thousand creatives and organizations with critical information about connecting with public funding. We are continuing to provide artists opportunities to access space and determine new job pathways, all while supporting the creation of a critical bedrock of research around how our sector operates.

Progress isn't possible without moments of rest and celebration, and tonight, we're hitting pause to celebrate the achievements of our collective advocacy and the individuals who make Illinois a vibrant and creative place to call home. To Nora and Amanda, we say thank you for your commitment to our creative state. Tonight's party is a chance to laugh, dance, and revel together in honor of a brighter future.

Thank you to our sponsors, our donors, and to YOU for being a part of our Alliance.

Sincerely,

Claire Rice
Executive Director, Arts Alliance Illinois

Vickie Lakes-Battle
Board Chair, Arts Alliance Illinois

#### **Honorees**







**Nora Daley** Chair, Illinois Arts Council Citizen Advocate Award





Performance by Erech Bruce Trio

6pm: Get seated!

Performance by South Shore Drill Team

6:15pm: Welcome

Vickie Lakes-Battle, Board Chair of Arts Alliance Illinois & Executive Director of IFF

Claire Rice, Executive Director of Arts Alliance Illinois

6:30pm: Presentation of Citizens Advocate Award to Nora Daley

Governor JB Pritzker, First Lady MK Pritzker

6:40pm: Presentation of Creative Voice Award to Amanda Williams

Michelle T. Boone, President of The Poetry Foundation & Board Member of Arts

Alliance Illinois

6:50pm: Closing remarks

Claire Rice, Executive Director of Arts Alliance Illinois

7:00 - 8:30 pm: Celebration

Performances by DJ Rae Chardonnay and Roy Kinsey

#### **Double your impact**

Thanks to the generosity of the Rabb Family, any gift made this evening will be matched and doubled, up to \$25,000.

By supporting the Alliance, you're supporting:

**\$278M** (and counting!) in public investments for the arts.

**1:1 support and advocacy** for over 1,000 people and organizations applying for public funding.

**15,000+** Illinois artists and arts and culture organizations advocating for what they need to thrive.

**Arts administrators** from across the state engaging in anti-racism learning to build a better creative sector.

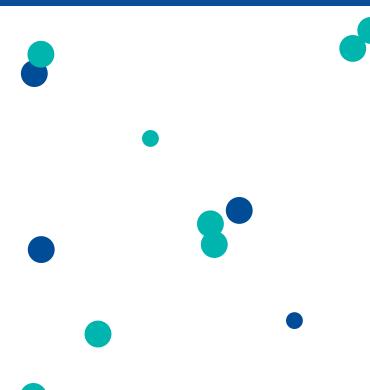
**Policies** that protect gig workers and creative entrepreneurs.

The fight for arts education in all public schools across Illinois.

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Featuring performances by

Erech Bruce Trio
South Shore Drum Line
Roy Kinsey
DJ Rae Chardonnay

And special guests

## Governor JB & First Lady MK Pritzker

Plus: The Illinois Art Education Association is proud to present 45 outstanding pieces of kindergarten—12th-grade student artwork. See their work on display in the main lobby!

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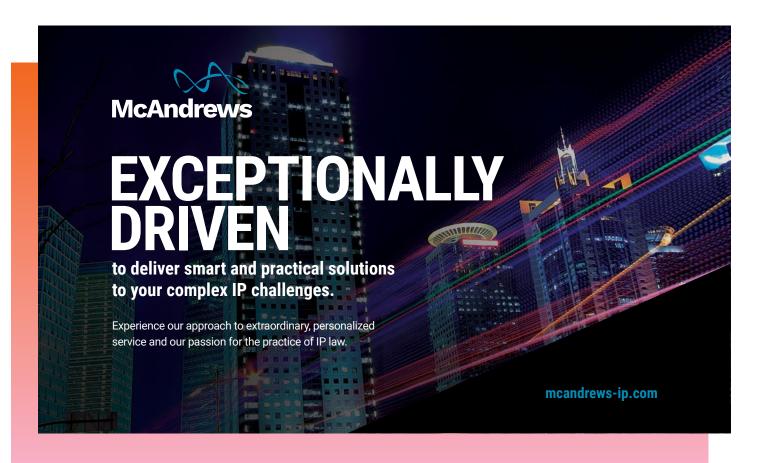
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Nicole Eisenman, From Success to Obscurity, 2004. Oil on canvas;  $51\times40$  in. (129.5 × 101.6 cm). Hall Collection. Image courtesy Hall Collection.

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- Educational resources
- Programming
- Community collaboration



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- Access to Industry Mentors and a Global Network
- Monthly Co-working Days with workshops
- 3 month Artist and Professional Cohorts



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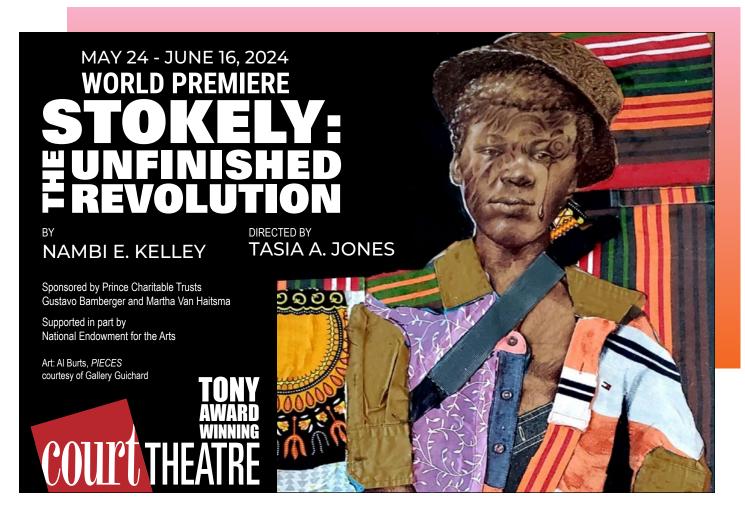
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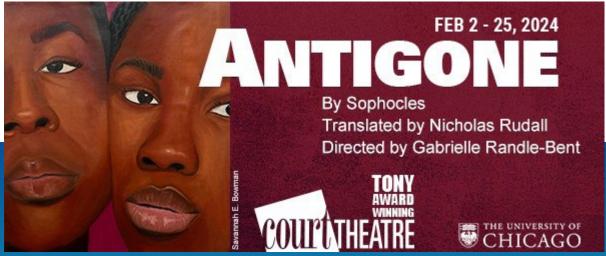


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Congratulations to Arts Alliance for another year of wonderful work in helping to maintain funding for arts in illinois.

- Joyce Chelberg