

Join Arts Midwest in looking ahead to
a bright, ambitious, and innovative future.



ARTS MIDWEST IS KNOWN FOR

its remarkable programs, commitment to creativity, vision for a strong and thriving Midwest, and deep sense of curiosity that drives all we do.

This reputation is thanks in large part to our founding President & CEO, David J. Fraher, who has helped nurture a culture of innovation and exploration at Arts Midwest, and who has guided the thoughtful investment of our resources in programs that broaden access to creativity across the country and the world.

As David prepares to step down in summer 2019 after more than 30 years with Arts Midwest, we look to honor and continue his legacy of curiosity, leadership, and impact.

To those ends, we are creating the **David Fraher Fund for Innovation**, a new resource that will permanently support the search for answers to a question that David has always asked, a question that lies at the heart of each of our programs and initiatives:

“WHAT IF?”



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WHAT IF we brought the world to kids
in communities all across the Midwest?



WHAT IF we convened the entire Midwest performing arts industry to make sure venues of all sizes could book outstanding artists from around the world?

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WHAT IF we shared the vibrant creativity and diversity of our region by touring Midwestern artists abroad?

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WHAT IF we used the arts to build bridges and connect us with ourselves, those we love, and the world around us?

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WHAT'S NEXT:

Join us by investing in curiosity and innovation

Help us engage the next generation of audiences in creative experiences across our region by making a contribution to the David Fraher Fund for Innovation.

Your support will both honor David's longstanding commitment to Arts Midwest and propel Arts Midwest forward—ensuring the adventurous and entrepreneurial spirit cultivated by David continues to thrive.

When you donate to the David Fraher Fund for Innovation, you will support:

- New initiatives that broaden access to creativity across our region;
- Strong programs that serve communities large and small;
- Bold projects that test new solutions and approaches.

Arts Midwest's dream is of a Midwest where innovative, boundary-crossing creative experiences bring us together and help us embrace our many differences. David shared that dream, and you can too.

The David Fraher Fund for Innovation has been established by Arts Midwest's Board of Directors as a Restricted Fund. Each year, an amount not to exceed 3% of the total value of the fund may be designated by the Board to support the exploration of new ideas, innovative enhancements to existing programs, or one-time special projects. Resources from the Fund are not intended to provide operating support for Arts Midwest's existing programs and services.



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“Arts Midwest World Fest plays an integral role in the degree of change that can be brought to a community. . . . Take me, for example. I was just a kid from small town Minnesota who didn’t know anything about African music. Now . . . I have the opportunity to change lives through the exact same program that helped shape and mold me.”

—BLAKE POTTHOFF, FAIRMONT, MN

*(2003–2005 Arts Midwest World Fest participating student
and 2019–2021 Arts Midwest World Fest partner)*