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**THE NATIONAL PERFORMANCE NETWORK/VISUAL ARTISTS NETWORK ADDS  
TEN NATIONAL PARTNERS**

The National Performance Network, including the Visual Artists Network, (NPN/VAN) based in New Orleans, is pleased to announce that the NPN/VAN Board of Directors has approved ten new NPN and VAN Partners to join the Network on July 1, 2016.

This concludes a two-year process that balanced a number of factors simultaneously including geography, aesthetics, and cultural diversity; values and mission alignment; and expanding new opportunities for artists. NPN/VAN received 100 nominations and invited 45 organizations to submit full applications. From this group ten organizations were selected to join the Network.

Partnership Committee Chair and Cowles Center Community Engagement Consultant, Michèle Steinwald says, *"The board and staff conducted thoughtful and sensitive work to come to this decision. The slate of new partners is a dynamic group of organizations, representing varying perspectives and practices across the country."*

**NPN**

[Arab American National Museum](#) (Dearborn, MI)

[Art2Action](#) (Tampa, FL)

[Bunnell Street Art Center](#) (Homer, AK)

[Contemporary Art Center Cincinnati](#) (Cincinnati, OH)

[International Sonoran Desert Alliance](#) (Ajo, AZ)

[Kelly Strayhorn Theater](#) (Pittsburgh, PA)

**VAN**

[All My Relations Arts](#) (Minneapolis, MN)

[Indianapolis Museum of Contemporary Art](#) (Indianapolis, IN)

[McColl Center for Art + Innovation](#) (Charlotte, NC)

[Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Art](#) (Brooklyn, NY)

The addition of these organizations expands the Network to 77 NPN and VAN Partners in 47 cities and 31 states across the country. Stanlyn Brevé, Director of National Programs stated, *"As NPN/VAN begins a new chapter, we are excited by the opportunities and energy that this group of organizations will infuse into the Network."*

**About NPN/VAN**

NPN/VAN is a relationship-based network of presenters and exhibitors that serve and connect diverse cultural organizations, artists and communities. Annually, NPN/VAN provides over 1.5 million dollars in support to artists through its network of 77 Partners. NPN/VAN generates paid opportunities for artists to create, exhibit, and tour work to diverse communities across the globe. Partners facilitate collaborations that inspire artistic experimentation, honor cultural heritage, and promote social change.

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