

## **Bonfils-Stanton Foundation announced new Trustee – and awards over \$1M in grants to arts organizations**

**DENVER, CO (October 30, 2019)** – Denver-based Bonfils-Stanton Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of [Michael Yankovich](#), President and CEO of Children’s Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus, as Community Trustee. This appointment follows the departure of Maruca Salazar who stepped down from the board after completion of her three-year term.

“We appreciated having Maruca’s voice and nonprofit experience as part of our board conversations these past three years; especially as we have honed our mission to expand diversity, equity and inclusion. Her involvement with the Foundation’s work and her love for the community helped bring big ideas to the table – and she was a joy to work with,” says Harold R. Logan, Jr., Bonfils-Stanton Foundation Chairman of the Board. “We are also happy to announce Mike Yankovich as the board’s new Community Trustee. In this role, Mike will provide his well-known brand of energy and humor, as well as his knowledge and expertise in various areas within the mission of Bonfils-Stanton Foundation. Mike’s work with the Children’s Museum and longstanding involvement in the community will play a vital role in the Foundation’s growth and innovation.”

Mike Yankovich was named President of the Children’s Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus in May 2010. He first joined the organization in 2003, and his focus has always been about developing high-quality, interactive exhibits and education programs that have helped shape children’s growth and development.

“I am serving on the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation’s Board because of my passion and role in early childhood development – and because of the significant benefits that arts can play in children’s lives,” says Mike Yankovich.

Learn more about [Mike Yankovich on Bonfils-Stanton Foundation’s website.](#)

**But that’s not all the news!** As part of its \$3 million in annual grantmaking, the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation also announced second quarter grants totaling \$1,245,000 to support the artistic and business endeavors of 10 Denver arts organizations.

Grants of note include significant capital commitments (\$500,000 each) to transformative facilities projects by two of Denver’s important dance organizations – Cleo Parker Robinson Dance and Wonderbound. Denver’s cultural organizations continue to struggle with access to appropriate affordable performance space, and both these projects will serve not just the home organizations, but many other community groups.



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**Second Quarter Awarded Grants:**

**Augustana Arts Inc.** - \$15,000 to support Stratus Chamber Orchestra's 2019-2020 Season and Splash into Arts Summer Series

**Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado** - \$15,000 for general operating support

**Cleo Park Robinson Dance (New Dance Theatre Inc)** - \$500,000 three-year capital grant to support the Campaign for the Future

**Colorado Nonprofit Association** - \$20,000 to build the capacity of nonprofit leaders in the arts through professional development opportunities tailored for the unique needs of arts organizations

**Denver Film Society** - \$25,000 to support the Mini-Festivals and Denver Film Festival Mini-Festival

**Opera Colorado** - \$65,000 for general operating support

**Platteforum** - \$20,000 for general operating support to help expand arts accessibility throughout the Denver metro area

**RedLine Denver** - \$75,000 three-year general operating support grant

**St. Martin's Chamber Choir** - \$10,000 for general operating support

**Wonderbound** - \$500,000 three-year capital grant to support the Wonderbound Permanent Performance and Rehearsal Facility

For a full list of grantees and to view each organization's profile, [visit bonfils-stantonfoundation.org](http://bonfils-stantonfoundation.org).

**For the Media:** Interviews are available with Gary Steuer, President and CEO of Bonfils-Stanton Foundation, or with leaders from each grantee's organization. Contact **Erica Boniface** at **303-717-8246** or at [Erica@ColoradoMediaNetwork.com](mailto:Erica@ColoradoMediaNetwork.com).

**About the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation:**

Every day, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation strategically invests in imagination and innovation, because cultivating the creative spark is vital to making our community an exciting place where people want to live, work and thrive. Since its founding, the Foundation has distributed over \$73 million in charitable contributions. Learn more at [Bonfils-StantonFoundation.org](http://Bonfils-StantonFoundation.org).

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