

BUTLER ARTS

ROLLIE AND CHERI DICK **PERFORMANCE FUND**

2027-2028 GRANT CYCLE APPLICATION

» **ABOUT THE ROLLIE AND CHERI DICK ARTS PERFORMANCE FUND**

The Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund was established by Butler Arts to strengthen the Indianapolis arts community by reducing the financial barriers organizations face when presenting performances in Butler Arts venues.

Through the Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund, selected organizations will receive support toward eligible Butler Arts venue expenses, including facility rental and event labor costs. Awards are provided as a waiver or reduction of eligible Butler charges and are not distributed as monetary grants.

The Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund is open to nonprofit and community-based arts organizations interested in presenting performances at Butler University.

Awards made through this application cycle may be used for eligible performances occurring during the 2027–2028 season: June 1, 2027 through May 31, 2028.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2027

Award Notification: May 2027

Eligible Performance Period: June 1, 2027–May 31, 2028

» **ELIGIBILITY AND AWARD INFORMATION**

Organizations applying to the Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund should be seeking support for artistic performances or programming presented in a Butler Arts venue.

Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund awards may be applied toward eligible Butler Arts expenses associated with the presentation, including:

- Butler venue rental
- Eligible Butler event and production labor

Unless specifically included in an award, Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund support does not cover expenses such as artist fees, travel, lodging, catering, marketing, equipment or production rentals from outside vendors, ticketing expenses, or other non-Butler costs.

Receiving a Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund award does not guarantee the availability of a particular Butler Arts venue or performance date. All performances remain subject to Butler's standard scheduling, contracting, technical, safety, and event requirements.

Awards must be used for the approved programming during the 2027–2028 season and have no monetary value. Unused awards expire at the conclusion of the award period unless otherwise approved by Butler Arts.

» SECTION 1: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT: _____

TITLE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ORGANIZATION ADDRESS: _____

ORGANIZATION WEBSITE: _____

ORGANIZATION TYPE:

☐ 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

☐ OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

☐ COMMUNITY-BASED ARTS ORGANIZATION

☐ OTHER: _____

ORGANIZATION MISSION

Please briefly describe your organization's mission and primary artistic or community programming.
Maximum 250 words.

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

Please provide your organization's approximate annual operating budget.

STAFFING

NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES: _____

NUMBER OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEES: _____

» SECTION 2: HISTORY WITH BUTLER ARTS

Has your organization previously presented a performance or program in a Butler Arts venue?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please identify the Butler venue(s) your organization has used and briefly describe your history of presenting at Butler.

Please include, if known, your most recent performance and approximately how frequently your organization presents at Butler.

Maximum 250 words.

Previous presentation at Butler is **not required** to receive an award.

» SECTION 3: PROPOSED PERFORMANCE OR PROGRAMMING

Please describe the performance or programming you anticipate presenting at Butler Arts during the 2027–2028 season.

Please include the type of performance or program, anticipated number of performances, approximate dates or time of year, and any other information that will help the committee understand the proposed activity.

Maximum 500 words.

ANTICIPATED PERFORMANCE DATE(S) OR TIMEFRAME

Exact dates are not required at the time of application.

ANTICIPATED BUDGET FOR PROPOSED PERFORMANCE

Exact budget details are not required at the time of the application.

WHICH BUTLER ARTS VENUE ARE YOU INTERESTED IN USING?

- ☐ Clowes Memorial Hall
- ☐ Schrott Center for the Arts
- ☐ Shelton Auditorium
- ☐ Allen Whitehill Clowes Ballroom
- ☐ Other Butler venue: _____
- ☐ Unsure / Seeking Butler's recommendation

ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE

Please provide your anticipated total attendance for the proposed performance(s).

WHO WILL THIS PERFORMANCE OR PROGRAMMING SERVE?

Please briefly describe the intended audience, community, or participants. *Maximum 250 words.*

WHAT ROLE DOES PRESENTING THIS WORK AT BUTLER PLAY IN YOUR ORGANIZATION'S ARTISTIC OR COMMUNITY MISSION? *Maximum 300 words.*

» SECTION 4: FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND NEED

Would your organization be able to present this performance at Butler Arts without Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund support?

- ☐ Yes, as currently planned
- ☐ Yes, but at a reduced scale
- ☐ Uncertain
- ☐ No

Please explain how Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund support would affect your organization's ability to present this work.

For example, support might allow your organization to expand the scale or quality of a production, maintain affordable ticket prices, increase artist compensation, serve additional audiences, or make a performance financially possible.

Maximum 500 words.

» SECTION 5: SUPPORT REQUESTED

What level of support are you requesting?

- ☐ Full waiver of eligible Butler Arts venue rental and labor costs
- ☐ Partial waiver of eligible Butler Arts venue rental and labor costs
- ☐ Unsure / Requesting that Butler determine an appropriate level of support based on projected costs and available funding

If partial support would be sufficient, please describe the level of assistance that would meaningfully support your organization.

Maximum 200 words.

The Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund Committee may recommend an award amount or level of support different from the amount requested based on available resources, eligible expenses, and the number of organizations seeking support.

» SECTION 6: COMMUNITY AND ARTISTIC IMPACT

What would Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund support allow your organization to do that would otherwise be difficult or impossible?

Please describe the anticipated artistic, organizational, financial, or community impact of receiving an award.

Maximum 300 words.

Is there anything else you would like the Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund Committee to consider when reviewing your application?

Optional. Maximum 200 words.

» SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed by Butler Arts based on factors including:

- The anticipated financial impact of Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund support
- Artistic and community benefit of the proposed programming
- Feasibility of the proposed performance or program
- Anticipated use of Butler Arts facilities
- The organization's history of presenting at Butler Arts, when applicable
- Available Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund resources

Organizations with an established history of presenting performances in Butler Arts venues will receive priority consideration; however, previous use of a Butler venue is not required.

Butler Arts may contact applicants during the review process to request additional information or clarification regarding proposed programming, scheduling, venue requirements, or anticipated expenses.

Final award amounts will be determined by Butler Arts based on available Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund resources and eligible Butler expenses.

» APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

By submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the organization identified above.

I understand that a Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund award:

- Is not a cash grant;
- May only be applied toward eligible Butler Arts expenses identified in the award;
- Does not guarantee venue or date availability;
- Remains subject to Butler Arts' standard contracting, scheduling, production, safety, and event requirements;
- Must be used for approved programming occurring between June 1, 2027 and May 31, 2028, unless otherwise approved by Butler Arts.

» AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE NAME

TITLE: _____

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

» QUESTIONS?

For questions regarding the Rollie and Cheri Dick Arts Performance Fund, eligibility, Butler Arts venues, or the application process, please contact:

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We appreciate your organization's contribution to the arts and cultural community and look forward to learning more about your work.

Learn more: <https://www.butlerartspresents.org/arts-performance-fund>