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WE CAN HELP ARTISTS CONTINUE TO LEAD THE WAY.

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Dear Friend,

Longer days are here! With the return of evening sun, we can feel hope on the horizon. We hope you do as well!

To say 2020 was challenging might be the understatement of the decade. Our enclosed annual report, created in partnership with Whitman County-based visual artist Jiemei Lin, serves to tell that story, including our work serving artists in the pandemic, our continued journey towards organizational change and equity, and the community of supporters that helped make it happen.

Through it all, we found reasons to celebrate, and be inspired by, the resilience of artists. Again and again, Washington State artists stepped forward as leaders: creating murals that centered calls for racial and economic justice, bringing people together for online performances, organizing for community action, and supporting other artists in need. As we fundraised for our own Relief Fund, we were humbled to see artists create the Seattle Artist Relief Fund, Shade Literary Arts Queer Writers of Color Relief Fund, and more. These collective efforts brought financial support and hope to thousands. They also served as a reminder that artists are critical to our recovery from this crisis.

At Artist Trust, the incredible resiliency of artists has inspired us to work even harder.

In just the first four months of this year, we have already supported more than 140 artists with nearly \$300,000, in need- and merit-based funding, and reached hundreds more through online programming and resources. But we know that there is much more to be done, and that artists will continue to need our support more than ever.

We hope that you will join us now with a gift in support of artists.

Your donation will help provide funding, career-building opportunities, free and sliding-scale programming, and resources to individual artists across Washington State, through the end of the pandemic and beyond.

Artists are the ones we have looked to for inspiration, leadership, and healing throughout this crisis. As we look to the future, we know that with your support, we can help artists continue to lead the way.

Our very best,
The Artist Trust Staff

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