



**ART SHANTY PROJECTS**

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## **Art Shanty Projects Receives Significant Anonymous Grant, Joins Kite Festival for a Day on Ice**

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Art Shanty Projects is thrilled to report that we have just received a significant anonymous grant for the purpose of operating the on-ice festival in 2020 and 2021! The grant was received after the organization announced that we were unable to secure funding needed to execute an on-ice program in 2019. The grant will cover more than 50 percent of the cost of on-ice events in the coming two years and will help Art Shanty Projects move toward becoming a self-sustaining organization.

This news comes after Art Shanty Projects previously announced a partnership with Minneapolis Kite Festival to hold a fundraiser during the Kite Fest's on-ice event this Saturday, January 26. The fundraiser and community celebration will feature all day art shanty performances, activities, and art. This will be followed by a twilight after-party in a heated tent with bingo, raffles, s'mores and more! Art Shanty Projects is delighted to come out of hibernation this winter for just one day to celebrate the spirit of ASP and our return to Lake Harriet in 2020!

Art and performances will take place from noon to 4:00pm both next to and on the ice of Lake Harriet. The after-party takes place between 4:00 and 7:00pm. Unlike past Art Shanty Projects events, only one shanty, Ghosts of Art Shanty's Future is scheduled to make an appearance. A ghost-like shanty will host ice ghosts who will share haunting songs, scary stories and enchanted puppetry. The shanty will be created and operated by volunteer artists. Attendees are encouraged to make donations to help fund Art Shanty Projects.

In addition to the shanty, numerous volunteer artists will be performing, including Tomb of the Unknown Minnow, Literary DevICE, Don't You Feel It Too, and Preposterous Polemic. There will be an Old Fashioned Sing-A-Long, Art Bikes, Kazoo Band, Mini Art Car Rally, and Bingo. All are welcome to participate in Snowga. Bundle up and join us for a 30-minute yoga class. Please bring a mat if you have it.

“This grant makes a huge difference in Art Shanty Projects’ ability to continue our programming. It caught us completely by surprise!” declared Saulaman Schlegel, Co-chair of the organization’s board. “With this key funding, we can begin focusing more energy towards fulfilling our mission to fairly compensate our artists that make Art Shanty Projects so unique, and to including more diverse participation, including artists of color.”

More details about the grant and our plans for 2020 and beyond will be shared in the near future on Art Shanty Projects social media channels.

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Art Shanty Projects fosters construction of artist-driven temporary communities that explore the ways in which relatively unregulated public spaces can be used to create new and challenging artistic environments to expand the notions of art. The On-Ice Program, held annually on a frozen lake in Minnesota, provides a unique opportunity for artist-audience interaction in an unintimidating, non-gallery environment. Shanty artists and performers engage visitors through a variety of interactive activities. The result is a community collaboration to create a month-long event that attracts an array of curious locals, regional artists and visitors from beyond our borders. For more information, visit [artshantyprojects.org](http://artshantyprojects.org).