



**ART SHANTY PROJECTS**

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## **Art Shanty Projects Hiring Artistic Director, Planning for 2020**

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As a newly revitalized Art Shanty Projects gears up for its return to the ice in 2020, the board is preparing to fill multiple roles, beginning with an Artistic Director position. The Artistic Director will be responsible for conceiving, developing, and implementing the artistic vision and mission of the organization. The selected candidate will make major decisions about the ongoing development of Art Shanty Projects' aesthetic values and activities in consultation with the Board of Directors. They are responsible for building a joyous and functioning community on the ice by engaging with the artists. Other paid staff positions are being developed by the Board at this time and will be advertised soon.

The Board has spent the past year reviewing feedback received and designing operational improvements to make the organization more sustainable. After deliberating on feedback received from our artists and supporters and reviewing our organizational processes, Art Shanty Projects is making adjustments to our business model, staffing plan, community engagement and equitable response in delivering our mission.

Separately, within the last four months, the organization has received funding from multiple anonymous grant sources to produce on-ice festivals in 2020 and 2021. Though the weather is warming up and Spring is finally here, Art Shanty Projects is already in high gear getting ready for our return to Lake Harriet in 2020! The call for artists will be published by July and artists will be selected in September.

For more information about the Artistic Director role and other news related to future programming, please visit our website:

<https://artshantyprojects.org/2019/art-shanty-projects-is-hiring/>.

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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](https://artshantyprojects.org).