



## Arts Through It All

At a time when we've lost so much, we can keep the art and culture that sustains us by reconnecting with its value in our lives. We're featuring the creatives and connectors who feed our souls and often help us make sense of the kinds of moments we are in right now. We'll show you, in brief snapshot form, the people behind the performances. How they are coping. What they are learning. And how you can help.

**Florence Ayers**



### **Every community needs a Florence Ayers**

Every community needs a connector. That person who makes space where there wasn't space before. Who creates opportunity out of whole cloth.

For the black arts community, Florence Ayers is one of those people.

Ayers has given more than three decades to creating and producing the Colorado Black Arts Festival, which now stands as an annual opportunity for thousands to gather and see the plethora of talent that exists in black performing artists, musical artists and visual artists. The festival also features rich contributions of African art and culture and, of course, a parade. This year's festival will add a twist to its 34-year history. It will be entirely virtual August 7 through August 9.

[Read more.](#)

[Attend the Colorado Black Arts Festival](#)



[Attend a past festival >](#)



## We fund culture.

In a normal year, more than 100 arts, culture and scientific events are free or reduced cost because of the support provided by the SCFD, which is really, you.

[Learn more about our impact](#)



## Engage with Us

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The SCFD is proud to be a part of [Arts Through It All](#), an effort to support the individuals that power our creative sector. If you can help, we urge you to join us in doing so.



- Forgo Ticket Refunds
- Donate Today
- Support Colorado Artists

Do you know a teen who loves the organizations that the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) supports? Are they looking to gain leadership experience and to make a difference in their community while having fun? The SCFD Teen Council aims to connect teens from all backgrounds with opportunities to engage in arts, science, and culture. We are looking for ambitious, hardworking teens that will put leadership skills to use while working with other teens to support the goals and efforts of SCFD. This includes their primary purpose of preservation of visual arts, performing arts, cultural history, natural history, and natural sciences. Students currently in grades 9th-11th are welcome to apply, as well as current 8th graders who will be in 9th grade during the 2020-2021 school year. This application is due by July 18th, 2020. If selected to interview, applicants must be available August 16th, 2020. [Teens can apply here.](#)

### **Calling all arts, culture, and scientific non-profits**

Today, the SCFD provides funding for nearly 300 organizations across the entire seven county Denver metro area. Is there an organization you love or which you are a part of that is a good fit to join the SCFD family? The first step is applying for eligibility and this process is open now through the fall. [Visit our website to learn more about what it takes to qualify](#) and see if an organization you love can receive support.

### **SCFD Board of Directors news**

The SCFD is governed by a board of directors with representation from district member counties Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson. The board oversees district funding and ensures the district is running the way voters intended. The board meets eight times a year and all meetings are open to the public.

- The next board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on July 23. Information about joining the virtual meeting will be posted ahead of the meeting date.

[See the full calendar of 2020 board meetings.](#)