



Arts Through It All

At a time when we've lost so much, we can keep the art, culture and scientific discovery that sustains us by reconnecting with its value in our lives. We're featuring the creators, connectors and collaborators who help us make a better world.

Steve Wilson



**With boundless energy and endless optimism,
Steve Wilson faces the future**

The best way to understand Steve Wilson might be knowing that he enthusiastically understudied his wife once in a production of *Tartuffe* at the Arvada Center.

His wife Leslie, a long-time stage actress with the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, had overlapping shows and Wilson stepped in to finish the last week of her run as Madame Pernelle. He gamely shaved his ubiquitous beard and, literally, jumped into her costume.

“We had this crazy idea that turned out to be just perfect. And a whole lot of fun,” Wilson said.

What you should take away from this is a few things that underpin Wilson’s entire career to this point. First, he’s not unwilling to take risks, big public ones. Second, he believes deeply in the ability of the arts to transform each one of us, promoting dialogue and deeper understanding of the human experience. And finally, he understands collaboration in his bones.

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We fund culture.

In a normal year, SCFD sponsored organizations reach 4.3 million students through school-based arts activities.

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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.



Arts through it All.

- Forgo Ticket Refunds
- Donate Today
- Support Colorado Artists

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.

Denver Arts Week 2020 will pivot to Denver Arts Week(end) this year

What is Denver Arts Week(end)? Now in its 14th year, Denver Arts Week(end), Nov. 6-8, is a celebration of all things *art* in The Mile High City. Featuring in-person, virtual and hybrid events with a cultural or arts focus. Spanning all arts and cultural genres including visual arts, performing arts, film and literature, music and more. Check it out at www.denverartsweek.com.

Arts in Society grants give 32 artists and organizations \$495,000

Arts in Society supports the integration of arts and culture into multiple disciplines critical to the health and well-being of Coloradans. The program funds collaborations across Colorado, bringing together artists and professionals from a wide variety of non-arts sectors to positively impact social justice and community welfare through empowering community-based initiatives.

Over the last four years, the [Arts in Society grant program](#) has provided over \$2 million to projects that engage arts organizations and artists as partners in illuminating and finding solutions to a wide array of civic and social challenges faced by Colorado communities. This year's second round of 2020 grantees will receive project funding between \$7,500 and \$25,000, in addition to professional development training through a community learning program. Awardees represent a diverse group of individual artists and activists, arts organizations and nonprofit organizations.

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the SCFD, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation, Hemera Foundation, Colorado Creative Industries, The Colorado Health Foundation and Denver Arts & Venues.

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 Sept.24. Information about joining the virtual meeting will be posted ahead of the meeting date.

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