

## The Asian American Center for Media and the Arts

WHO ARE WE	A coalition of Asian Pacific Islander Desi American arts organizations, art leaders, and small unincorporated arts groups.
WHAT WE DO	We leverage resources and create infrastructure to help artists, social entrepreneurs, and small business owners who engage Minnesotans through the creation, production, and exhibition of our work. Our art spans from visual arts, design, literature, theater, puppetry, film, comedy, and the performing arts. We are also teaching artists that host workshops and empower Minnesotans.
WHAT DO WE NEED	Provide space for the Minnesotan public to engage with our artmaking in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Host workshops.</li> <li>b) Create and produce art.</li> <li>c) Stage, film, and screen works and work-in-progress.</li> <li>d) Ideate and incubate APIDA arts entrepreneurs.</li> </ul>
WHY DO WE NEED THIS	<p>Art builds connections across cultures.</p> <p>Art is a healing tool for Asian communities.</p> <p>Art revitalizes cultural and business areas. When our constituents patronize our shows, screenings, and programs, they also patronize the businesses around our venues.</p> <p>We cultivate a more vibrant community when we develop emerging Asian American and BIPOC artists through mentorship, professional development workshops, and performance opportunities.</p> <p>Our programs provide opportunities for participants to pursue other artistic work. We are workforce development programs.</p>
ORGANIZATIONS	<p>anchovy films</p> <p>APIA MN Film Collective</p> <p>Banana Leaf Collective</p> <p>Funny Asian Women Kollektive</p>

ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUED

Go Ko Go Productions  
Lazy Hmong Woman Productions  
primordial space  
Refugenius Lab  
Spirited Films LLC  
Studio Gradient  
Studio Lithe  
Theater Hauv Siab

WHY US

We are award-winning artist organizations and leaders, who are known nationally in our respective fields. The majority of the leaders in this coalition are women.

Our awards include:

- 2 Arts Achievement Award from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council
- 3 Sally Awards from the Ordway Center for Performing Arts for Arts Access
- 3 Bush Leadership Fellows
- 3 McKnight Fellows

OUR ASK

\$200,000 to pay for space rental and costs as well as arts programming to engage Minnesotans in celebrating and education around the Asian American experience.

FISCAL SPONSORSHIP

Pathway Learning Center, an East Side St. Paul-based organization, was founded in 2014 under the guidance of Executive Director Penny Vang stands as an unparalleled force in the realm of education dedicated to empowering BIPOC youth and their families. Pathway Learning Center is unwaveringly committed to empowering educators, leaders, and communities by providing culturally inclusive professional development services in education, data and leadership development, social enterprises and financial literacy.

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