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2017 Art In the Loop Artists & Music Series Announced

(Kansas City, Missouri) – The Art in the Loop Foundation is pleased to announce the schedule of summer art installations and performances by local artists who were selected for “**Art in the Loop Project: Cue!**” This year marks the fourth for the Art in the Loop Project and includes new partnerships and new Downtown Kansas City, Missouri locations, that provide more opportunities for audiences to interact with and enjoy the work of local artists.

The **2017 Art in the Loop Project: Cue!** infuses the center of Downtown Kansas City with innovative and engaging temporary art that will refresh, intrigue and surprise Downtown employees, residents, and visitors. The project also creates opportunities for local emerging and established artists to extend their practice into the Downtown environment with curatorial, professional and logistical support. **2017 Art in the Loop Project: Cue!** is a curated outdoor exhibition of temporary artworks and performances presented in four locations Downtown:

- 1) **Art in the Park** - City Market Park, 3rd & Main;
- 2) **Art on the Line** - KC Streetcar, stops located along Main Street from the City Market to Union Station;
- 3) **Art at the Library** - Kansas City Public Library Central Library, 14 W. 10th St. ; and
- 4) **Prairie Logic on the Green Roof** - 1261 Main St., 6th floor in the Power & Light District.

This year Art in the Loop will also bring a diverse array of musicians to Downtown Kansas City through a lunchtime concert series on Wednesdays, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., from May 17 through September 13, at the same locations where artwork is installed.

A kickoff presentation by participating artists, moderated by Jessica Borusky, is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Kansas City Public Library, 14 West 10th St. A reception follows the presentation. This event is co-hosted by the Kansas City Public Library, the Downtown Council of Kansas City, Missouri and the City of Kansas City, Missouri.

Art in the Park (City Market Park, 3rd & Main)

The Municipal Art Commission of the City of Kansas City, Missouri through a competitive selection process, chose four local artists (see list below) to activate City Market Park from May through September with temporary artworks and performances. In the event of rain, performances will take place in the City Market's northwest courtyard.

Artists and Art Installations

- **Chris Dahlquist**, *History Vendor*
- **Monica Dixon**, *Cloud Canopy*
- **Beth Nybeck**, *Breathe*
- **Maria Ogedengbe**, *Fancy This*

Music Series

- May 17, **Jeremy Sharp & The Center State**, acoustic pop/folk/Americana
- May 24, **John Currey & Echoes of Africa**, drum ensemble
- May 31, TBD
- June 7, **AJ Young**, singer/songwriter
- June 14, **Eddie Moore & The Outer Circle**, jazz/soul/hip hop
- June 21, **Jerad Tomasino**, experimental Indie-Rock

Art on the Line (KC Streetcar):

Art in the Loop is partnering with the KC Streetcar Authority to install the following temporary installations and performances at streetcar stops from May through September. Performances will take place onboard KC Streetcar unless otherwise noted.

Artist and Art Installations

- **Sarah Star**, *Run this Town: A Civic Trail* (Trailhead at River Market West Stop)
- **Beth Byrd-Lonski** *Silly Walkways* (Library Stop - Southbound)
- **Barry Anderson**, *Totemic Persona* (Metro Center Stop - Northbound)
- **J.T. Daniels**, *Wait Here* (Power & Light District Stop - Southbound)
- **Shelby Burchett**, *Don't Wait: Get Lost* (Union Station Stop)
- **Lauren Thompson & Jeff Evrard**, *Then & Now: Faces of KC* (Location TBD)

Art Performance

- **Jon Johnson** directs an improvisational dance performance, *Cue!*, starts at Union Station, August 9

Music Series

- June 28, **Sky Smeed**, folk singer
- July 5, **Nick Carswell**, Irish americana
- July 12, **Betse & Clarke**, a fiddle and banjo duo with a sense of adventure
- July 19, **Molly McLaughlin with Into the Sun**, Irish/folk trio
- July 26, **Enrique Chi**, alternative/Afro-Cuban
- August 2, **Fred Wickham & The Naughty Pines**, classic country music (This performance will take place at Union Station.)
- August 16, **Candice Hill**, steel-pan percussion (at Union Station.)

Art at the Library (Kansas City Public Library Central Library, 14 W 10th St.):

Artist performances will take place in Kirk Hall and on the Rooftop Terrace.

Art Performances

- **Jeremy Zimmerman**, performs *Inscribed* a site-specific dance theater piece, Friday, Aug. 5, 5:30 p.m. as part of the Library's First Friday open house, Art Starts at the Library
- **Hema Sharma, Anjali Tata-Hudson, and Jayashree George**, perform *Vrikshasan: Where is your back?* And an example of *chitra nattiyam* (or dance painting) in Kirk Hall, Wednesday, Aug. 30, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- **Annette Billings**, poet presents *Places!* in Kirk Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Music Series

- June 2, 5:30 p.m., **Cucharada** will perform tango music on the Rooftop Terrace as part of the Library's First Friday open house, Art Starts at the Library
- Aug. 23, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., **Kartez Addison & Roy "Sauce" Handy**, hip-hop music on the Rooftop Terrace
- Sept. 6, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., **Gerald Trimble & Trio Jambaroque**, connecting cultures through the ages on original historic instruments in Kirk Hall

Prairie Logic on the Green Roof (a permanent art installation by Janet Zweig and el dorado inc, that serves as a performance space at 1261 Main St., 6th Floor - roof of the parking garage.)

- **Daniel Morel** leads, *Kansas City Calling*, an evening length musical happening featuring brass musicians from the UMKC Conservatory of Dance and Music, on Tuesday, May 2, 7 to 8 p.m.

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For more information about the project, the artists and performance schedule visit www.artintheloop.com, www.facebook.com/artintheloop, or twitter.com/ArtintheLoop.