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Business Council for the Arts Presents Bridging Arts & Leadership

A Board Matching Event Connecting Visionary Business Leaders with Premier Arts Nonprofits

Dallas, TX – March 13, 2026 – On April 2, 2026, [Business Council for the Arts \(BCA\)](#) in partnership with [The Arts Community Alliance \(TACA\)](#), will proudly host the second Bridging Arts & Leadership, a dynamic board-matching event designed to spark immediate, meaningful connections between North Texas business leaders and more than 50 leading arts and cultural organizations. This year, the event is being presented by Texas Instruments, whose continued commitment to community leadership and arts engagement helps make this initiative possible.

Described as "speed dating for the arts," Bridging Arts & Leadership accelerates the path from interest to impact by pairing corporate and community professionals with nonprofit arts organizations actively seeking new board members. Participating organizations will include many of the region's most respected institutions—such as Arts Mission Oak Cliff, the Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas Opera, Dallas Symphony Orchestra, TITAS, Uptown Players, and Verdigris.

For more than three decades, BCA's Leadership Arts Institute (LAI) has successfully placed more than 1,500 influential business leaders on arts boards across North Texas. Yet, the need for deeper and more consistent corporate engagement remains pressing. Data from SMU DataArts continues to report a 35% decline in corporate support for the arts compared to pre-pandemic levels, underscoring the importance of initiatives that strengthen organizational leadership and sustainability.

"This event represents a powerful opportunity to meet a critical community need," said Stacie Adams, CEO of Business Council for the Arts. "When business and community leaders share their expertise, networks, and passion with arts nonprofits, it strengthens both the sector and the overall vitality of North Texas. We are thrilled to offer a platform where meaningful connections can translate into immediate and lasting impact."

Event Highlights:

- A unique "speed dating for the arts" format, facilitating introductions between business/community leaders and arts organizations seeking board members.

- Direct conversations with executive and board leadership from participating arts organizations.

Why Attend?

- Identify an arts organization whose mission aligns with your leadership goals and personal values.
- Make a direct and meaningful contribution to the cultural landscape of North Texas.
- Expand your professional network by engaging with fellow business and community leaders committed to civic impact.

Event Details:

Date: April 2, 2026

Time: 5:00–8:00 PM

Location: The Stack in Deep Ellum
2700 Commerce St, Dallas, TX 75226

How to Register:

Individuals interested in board service must register using the Individual Registration Form here: <https://ntbca.org/bridging-arts-leadership/>

Bridging Arts & Leadership is a signature program of Business Council for the Arts (BCA), presented by Texas Instruments and presented in partnership with TACA. The event supports and expands the work of BCA's Leadership Arts Institute. To learn more about LAI or to apply for the 2026–2027 cohort, visit www.ntbca.org/lai.

About Business Council for the Arts:

Business Council for the Arts (BCA), guided by a diverse Board of Directors including Founder's Chair Nancy A. Nasher and Board Chair Joel Austin, is a nonprofit organization representing more than 150 businesses and organizations throughout North Texas. Founded in 1988 by Raymond D. Nasher, BCA advances the arts in workplaces, education, and communities, serving as the region's premier connector between business and the arts.

Through innovative programs—including the Leadership Arts Institute, On My Own Time™, Arts & Health, Arts & Real Estate, and Art at Work—BCA helps cultivate arts advocates, support local artists, and drive cultural and economic impact across North Texas. BCA is also the regional partner for Americans for the Arts' economic impact studies, most recently producing The Arts & Economic Prosperity Study 6, reinforcing the critical role of the arts in regional growth and quality of life.

For more information or to join as a BCA member, visit www.ntbca.org.