Leadership Arts

Be Part of Leadership Arts 2022–2023

Applications due by Friday, August 12
For 25 years, CBCA has built a pipeline of leaders in the arts through Leadership Arts. This unique nine-month program inspires and equips professionals to be effective nonprofit board members and arts advocates.

The 2022-2023 Leadership Arts program is back in-person with 12 engaging sessions hosted at cultural venues across the Denver metro area.

We are seeking a diverse cohort that reflects our community and welcomes a wide range of personal and professional backgrounds.
Make an Impact

- Learn the ins and outs of nonprofit board service
- Connect with professionals from a variety of industries and backgrounds
- Sharpen your leadership skills and build confidence
- Become a more engaged and effective arts advocate
- Leverage applicable business skills in a new way
- Network with like-minded individuals
- Make a difference in our cultural community
Network and Engage

Each cohort comprises a diverse mix of personal and professional backgrounds. They range in industry sector, career level and experience, but all share an interest in the arts and civic engagement.

There are over 1,000 Leadership Arts graduates, many of whom continue to serve in our cultural sector.
What to Expect in Leadership Arts 2022-2023

From September 2022 through May 2023, the Leadership Arts cohort will gather to learn, discuss and engage with topics relevant to volunteer service, civic leadership and arts advocacy.

The curriculum covers board governance, legal and fiscal stewardship, equity and inclusion, fundraising, advocacy, as well as current topics in the arts like social justice, healing and creative districts.

Interactive sessions are led by professionals in the field, consultants and community leaders, augmented with hands-on arts experiences, behind-the-scenes tours and engaging activities.

All 12 in-person sessions will be hosted at various cultural venues and arts organizations across the Denver metro area. Each session is followed by an informal happy hour.
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What People Are Saying About Leadership Arts

“Leadership Arts was an amazing program. I met so many interesting and diverse professionals, many of whom I’ve stayed connected with after the program. It gave me a better understanding of Denver’s arts and music scene. It also introduced me to many nonprofit cultural spaces in our community.”
- Thanh Nguyen, VP Private Wealth Banker, BOK Financial

“Leadership Arts provided a thorough intro to board service, covering topics from bylaws to legal issues, fundraising, working with staff, crisis management, diversity, mission and so much more. Expert voices shared their experiences, challenges and victories to foster realistic expectations for my future board involvement.”
- Erin Bird, Communications Manager, Denver Botanic Gardens

“Leadership Arts was a wonderful experience, the topics covered are comprehensive for anyone interested in leadership within the arts sector. I expanded my understanding of the local creative community and made some lifelong friends in my cohort. I can’t say enough how impactful this program is for folks looking to take the next step in serving their community.”
- Jasmine Chu, Arts Coordinator, Children’s Hospital Colorado

“I recommend CBCA’s Leadership Arts program as a way to familiarize yourself with both board responsibilities as well as the broader arts community in Colorado. Serving on a board offers an opportunity to view organizations and organizational activity from a different perspective; those experiences can enhance your business skills and effectiveness at influencing outcomes throughout your career. By serving on the board of an arts organization, you can also contribute to the community at large and connect with other people who share your values and interests.”
- John Walthier, VP Treasury Operations, Prologis

“After going through Leadership Arts, I feel prepared to serve on boards, excel in my career, and be a more engaged member of my community. The arts are vital to society’s well-being, and it’s great to have a program that educates a diverse group of people on how to be better advocates for organizations that bring so much joy, healing and enrichment.”
- Clara Shelton, Marketing Coordinator/Copywriter, Colorado Public Radio

“Being new to the nonprofit world, this was exactly the program I needed to better educate myself on how to be a contributing board member. The program brought in great speakers that shared their experiences and insight on how to be the best board member you can be. Also, being new to the Denver area, the program was a great way to network and meet like minded individuals.”
- Joe Sever, Advisor at Forte Commercial Real Estate
Apply Online at **CBCA.ORG** by August 12

**Program Tuition Fees**
- CBCA Members and their employees: $1,850 per person
- Three employees of a CBCA Member company: $1,600 per person
- Non-Members: $2,350 per person

**EARLY BIRD:** Apply by July 15 and save 10% off the total tuition.

*There is a $30 non-refundable application fee.*

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Deborah Jordy Leadership Arts Scholarship Fund provides a limited number of full and partial scholarships. Preference is given to applicants from historically marginalized communities.

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