

**Celebrating 15 Years of the  
Comprehensive Arts Institute**  
**BUILDING LEADERS THROUGH MUSIC AND CREATIVITY**  
**HONORING THE PAST \* INSPIRING THE FUTURE**

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Arts Institute was founded in 2011, with a vision to provide quality arts education, mentorship, leadership development, and creative opportunities for youth throughout the Kansas City community, and,

WHEREAS, for fifteen years, the Comprehensive Arts Institute has dedicated itself to empowering young people through music, creativity, discipline, collaboration, and artistic excellence – creating safe and inspiring spaces where students can grow in confidence and purpose, and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of James Ward and Angela Ward, the organization has impacted countless families, students, educators, and community members through performances, workshops, mentorship programs, and cultural enrichment initiatives, and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Arts Institute has remained committed to preserving the rich tradition of jazz, creative expression, and community leadership while preparing future generations to thrive artistically, academically, and personally, and

WHEREAS, the organization has cultivated opportunities for youth who may no otherwise have access to high-quality instruction, encouraging excellence, self-expression, teamwork, leadership, and lifelong learning, and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Arts Institute continues to serve as a cultural and educational beacon within Kansas City by bringing together students, families, artists, educators, and supporters in celebration of music, creativity, and community impact, and

WHEREAS, the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, held on June 9, 2026, recognizes the remarkable accomplishments, enduring vision, and continued dedication of the Comprehensive Arts Institute and all who have contributed to its success over the years;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it proclaimed that we join in celebration the  
15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
COMPREHENSIVE ARTS INSTITUTE

And honor its extraordinary commitment to  
*Building Leaders Through Music and Creativity*

While recognizing its lasting contributions to the cultural and educational life of the Kansas City  
Community.

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Presented this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_