



KC Repertory Theatre Announces ArtSpark

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New FREE Digital Series Hosted by Artistic Associate Yetunde Felix-Ukwu,

ArtSpark kicks off with

Enrique Chi of Making Movies

Next Episode featuring Lonnie McFadden Premieres Feb. 17

Kansas City Repertory Theatre Artistic Director **Stuart Carden** today announced the launch of the new, free web-series **ArtSpark**, designed to tap into the pulse of Kansas City's art scene to ignite the spark of creativity in everyone. Hosted by **Yetunde Felix-Ukwu**, KCREP Artistic Associate, who meets with the artists who are shaping Kansas City and beyond to discover what gets their creative impulses firing. **ArtSpark** is a digital studio that offers collaboration with artists from diverse mediums to explore and inspire artistic expression. For more information, please visit <https://kcrep.org/artspark>. High-res photos and more can be found at <https://kcrep.org/press>.

Carden stated, "Especially in this time of isolation we are thrilled to share a new KCREP web-series that celebrates and

connects you to an extraordinary array of Kansas City art-makers and creatives. Artistic Associate Yetunde Felix-Ukwu brings an infectious joy to each conversation as she illuminates our guest artist's creative practice and artmaking. Each episode culminates with a fun "art prompt" designed just for you by Yetunde and the guest artist. We all need art in our lives, and we hope to inspire the artist in you with ArtSpark."

"The artistic scene in Kansas City is a proverbial gold mine," stated Felix – Ukwu. "There are so many artists whose work I am not familiar with, so each episode is an amazing opportunity for me to learn while sharing. I know there is a lot of digital content to choose from but ArtSpark excites me because it asks people not just to watch, but to go out and create. I'm hopeful audiences will have as much fun watching as they will participating in our fun and accessible 'Artistic Prompts'."

Save the Date for Episode 2

Episode 2 of KCREP's brand new web series, **ArtSpark**, will premiere on **Wednesday, February 17** with the jazz legend **Lonnie McFadden**. Lonnie is a world-renowned and beloved local treasure known as a jazz musician band leader, songwriter, tap dancer and the owner of Lonnie's Reno Club. For a complete bio, please visit <https://kcrep.org/artspark>.

Share Your Spark- Art Prompt!

Each **ArtSpark** episode features an interactive prompt that will spark the viewer's creativity. For episode one, Enrique challenges the viewer **to write new lyrics to their favorite song**. Viewers can share their creations using [#ArtSparksArt](#) on social media, or [email your creations at artspark@kcrep.org](mailto:artspark@kcrep.org). KCREP may even feature the submission in a future **ArtSpark** episode!

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About Kansas City Repertory Theatre

Kansas City Repertory Theatre, one of the nation's oldest and most respected regional theaters, produces theatrical excellence, creating and sharing stories at the center of our nation's creative crossroads. The Rep's mission is to advance the art form while cultivating passionate audiences, artists, and advocates to invest in our region's creative future. It builds community by connecting people through productions and outreach that educate, entertain, challenge, and inspire. Lauded by *The Wall Street Journal*, *TIME*, *Variety*, and *The Toronto Sun*, KCRep produces mainstage plays and special events at Spencer Theatre, where it serves as the professional theatre in residence at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Copaken Stage located in downtown Kansas City. KCRep employs more than 250 professional artists, technicians, and administrators, and serves more than 100,000 patrons and 12,000 school children annually. To receive updates and news, like KCRep at www.facebook.com/KCREP, follow on Twitter (@KCRep) or Instagram (@KCRepTheatre) or YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/user/kansascityrep>.