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ARTSNOW ANNOUNCES TWO VIRTUAL SERIES TO CONNECT COMMUNITY UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN LARGE SCALE SPRING/SUMMER ACTIVITIES

AKRON, OH (May 20, 2020) – Thanks to support from Akron Community Foundation and Knight Foundation, ArtsNow has launched two virtual series available to the public beginning Wed., May 20, 2020 at noon.

ArtsNow is a Summit County-based innovative nonprofit that connects arts, culture, community events, and artists through collaboration and by supporting the creative sector. Because of COVID-19, ArtsNow is connecting talented unemployed or underemployed artists with the forum and resources to share that talent with a community unable to take part in normal summer activities that would include summer art experiences and performances both indoor and outdoors.

These virtual sessions will include *Dreamers & Doers* and *Live from the Living Room*.

- **Dreamers & Doers** pair community leaders from within the arts and beyond for a conversation about leadership during the pandemic, what and how they are creating, and what innovations they are seeing.
- **Live from the Living Room** will bring the arts home in a live. From artists online painting class to theater for kids to music and meditation, it will truly be a virtual experience.

"The arts connect people. They inspire people," says Grace Myers, Corporate and Community Liaison for ArtsNow. "Arts provide solace, a space to reconnect with friends or strangers for a shared experience, and they will provide a path forward as we look to recovery. We're incredibly proud of these programs and incredibly grateful to our community of supporters for joining us in recognizing their importance."

If you're interested in contributing to keeping the arts alive in Summit County, please visit: artsnow.charityproud.org/Donate/MiniCampaign/7000. Or if you're interested in creating a virtual experience for your club, family, or business, contact Grace Myers at grace@artsnow.org.

For more information on the central calendar, please visit SummitLive365.com and for resources for Summit County nonprofits, arts and culture organizations, and individual artists and gig workers can be found at ArtsNow.org/covid-19-resources/.

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