



BUILDING A NEW VISION FOR BLACK ARTS IN PORTLAND AT THE HISTORIC INTERSTATE FIREHOUSE CULTURAL CENTER

WHAT IS THE IFCC?

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC) is a community-based arts center located in North Portland at 5340 N Interstate Avenue. It was founded in 1982 by Portland's first Black Commissioner and Parks Director, Charles Jordan.

IFCC has a 99-seat theater, rehearsal studio, and gallery, and has served as the cultural home for the African American community in N/NE since its founding. IFCC was managed by nonprofits up until 2014. Since 2018, the building has been used for short term leases by arts organizations.

In July 2018, former Parks Commissioner Amanda Fritz appointed a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to develop a vision and recommend a sustainable operating model for IFCC.

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY'S VISION?

- The IFCC CAC envisions IFCC as a Center for Black Arts and Culture.
- To uphold this vision, the CAC recommends that this center be operated by a managing nonprofit in partnership with PP&R and the City.
- An expansion of the current facility is needed due to its size and space constraints.

**IFCC IS "AN ANCHOR FACILITY WHERE THE
HISTORY OF PORTLAND'S BLACK COMMUNITY
- AND ITS RICH ARTS AND CULTURE
CONTRIBUTIONS - CAN BE PRESENTED,
DISPLAYED, DISCUSSED, AND HONORED"**

- IFCC CAC'S VISION STATEMENT

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*Vanport survivors visiting Vanport exhibit at IFCC
Courtesy of Vanport Mosaic*

WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW?

FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Parks Local Option Levy is funding a feasibility study to determine the viability and sustainability of a Center for Black Arts and Culture at the Interstate Firehouse site to fulfill the City's and IFCC Community Advisory Committee's vision. Learn more at portland.gov/parks/construction/ifcc.

ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAM - CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

The application is now open for the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC) Grant and Residency Program. This is part of the City of Portland's Relief and Recovery for Artists of Color initiative, funded by the American Rescue Plan. Applications for the first grant cycle are due Friday, August 26, 2022 at 5pm. Learn more at portland.gov/parks/ifcc-grant.



**"I SUPPORT AND
CELEBRATE THE
WORK ALREADY
COMPLETED BY THE
COMMUNITY AND
LOOK FORWARD
TO THE RESULTS
OF OUR SHARED
EFFORTS"**

**- PARKS
COMMISSIONER
CARMEN RUBIO**

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED IN THE FUTURE OF IFCC?



PARTICIPATE IN AN ARTIST RESIDENCY

ATTEND A PERFORMANCE

**THERE WILL BE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO COME AS
THIS COMMUNITY-LED VISION MOVES FORWARD!**

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