

# ARTS & CULTURE SUMMIT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025  
**HISTORIC FIFTH STREET SCHOOL**

8:00 AM

CHECK IN, MINGLE AND BREAKFAST

8:45 AM

WELCOME PERFORMANCE

9:00 AM

WELCOME FROM MAYOR **SHELLEY BERKLEY** AND  
DEPUTY PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR **JENNIFER KLEVEN**

9:15 AM

MUSEUMS: CULTURAL AND CIVIC PARTNERSHIPS

**Heather Harmon** Executive Director, Las Vegas Museum of Art  
**Michael Govan** CEO, Los Angeles County Museum of Art

10:00 AM | BREAK

10:15 AM

THE HEART OF CINEMA: LAS VEGAS AS AN EMERGING CENTER OF THE FILM INDUSTRY

**Dr. Heather Addison** Chair, UNLV Department of Film  
**Danette Tull** Deputy Director, Nevada Film Office  
**Adam Paul** Assistant Professor, UNLV Department of Film  
**Jensen Bollozos** Filmmaker & Co-Founder, Eccentric Artists  
**Shahab Zargari** Filmmaker & Communications Specialists UNLV College of Fine Arts

11:15 AM | BREAK

11:30 AM

STATE OF THE ARTS, A NATIONAL REPORT

**Ayanna N. Hudson** Chief Programs Officer, Americans for the Arts

12:15 PM | LUNCH, PERFORMANCES AND NETWORKING

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1:30- 2:30 PM

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ARTIST  
AND GALLERIST ASK THE EXPERTS WORKSHOP

MODERATOR: **Michele Quinn** MCQ FINE ART

**Emmanuel Muñoz** Scrambled Eggz, Gallerist/Curator  
**Fawn Douglas** Nuwu Art, Artist/Gallery Director  
**Chase McCurdy** 33.G, Artist/Gallery Owner  
**Krystal Ramirez** Artist/Instructor  
**Erik Beehn** Artist/Teacher/Framer

GROWING THE LAS VEGAS  
ARTS COMMUNITY

MODERATOR: **Jeana Blackman Taylor** Artist/Cirque du  
Soleil and Founder/JBT Creative

**Sarah O'Connell** Co-Vice President, ACE Chamber  
**Wendy Kveck** Co-founder/Board Member,  
Southern Nevada Arts Coalition  
**Gary Leffler** Director of Development & Community Relations,  
Huntridge Theater / SoHo Playhouse LV  
**Daz Weller** Co-founder, THIRD Street

2:45 – 3:45 PM

EXPLORING MENTORSHIP  
IN ARTS ADMINISTRATION

**Colette LaBouff**  
Executive Director, Black Mountain Institute  
**Charlotte Wyatt**  
Associate Director of Programs, Black Mountain Institute

SO, YOU WANT TO  
BE A TEACHING ARTIST?

MODERATOR: **Cory Goble**  
Senior Cultural Specialist, City of Las Vegas  
**Terané Comito** Director of Education, Nevada Ballet Theatre  
**Vogue Robinson** Teaching Artist  
**Chad Scott** PhD, MFA, Assistant Professor,  
Art Education & Visual Culture, UNLV  
**Melanie Jupp Soehnlen** Director of Education  
and Outreach, The Smith Center

4:00 – 5:00 PM

CHART YOUR COURSE TO SUCCESS:  
CONNECT, ASSESS & THRIVE

**Heather Pomponio** Senior Program Director  
at the Emily Hall Tremain Foundation

NEVADA GRANT LAB

5:00 – 6:00 PM | HAPPY HOUR LIGHT BITES AND SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED

Cash bar available

