



OFFICE OF MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL  
CITY OF CHICAGO

April 10, 2018

Michael Miles  
5308 North Glenwood Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60640

Dear Michael:

I am writing to personally congratulate you on being selected to receive a 2018 Individual Artists Program grant from the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. We are pleased to recognize your exceptional talent with this grant award.

All of us at the City of Chicago believe that art is an essential part of our lives and integral to a thriving City. The arts strengthen communities through reflection, expression and insight, while bringing energy and beauty to our City, and are a universal means of communicating the stories of the individuals, communities and character that make up our great City. It is because of artists like you that Chicago has one of the most dynamic and innovative arts and culture scenes in the country.

I take great pride in strengthening Chicago's arts community by supporting their work through initiatives like our Cultural Grants Program. Over the past year we have seen film productions increase exponentially, local theater artists and musicians receiving national awards, and new works of public art developed in all 50 wards. Chicago's artists are committed to local neighborhoods and serve as cultural ambassadors for the City of Chicago by sharing their distinctive work with audiences around the world.

The City of Chicago is grateful for the role your creativity has played in that effort, and honored to support your work this year.

Thank you, and once again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

Mayor