

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS

2021 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Cesear's Forum

Your Project Title: Joan Didion's THE YEAR OF MAGICAL THINKING

Your Project Summary: An adaptation of the award-winning, bestselling memoir, Joan Didion transforms the story of the sudden and unexpected loss of her husband and their only daughter into a stunning and powerful one-woman play.

Final Score: Somewhat. Overall, the panel felt that the applicant provided some evidence throughout the application that the funding criteria were met.

CAC Grant Amount: \$4,000

To ensure an impartial and transparent application review process, CAC convened an online panel of arts and cultural professionals from outside the region who evaluated and scored eligible applications.

Panelists scored each application based on the Funding Criteria—Public Benefit, Artistic and Cultural Vibrancy and Organizational Capacity—with an emphasis on Public Benefit. For more details regarding the panel process and full panelist bios, please review the [Panel Guide](#).



Stevi Knighton
(Columbus, OH)



Katie Skayhan
(Boulder, CO)



Lawrence Jackson
(Tuscaloosa, AL)

Below you will find the panel's scores and any feedback in response to the question: **With an emphasis on public benefit, does the applicant demonstrate evidence that it meets CAC's three funding criteria?**

Note: Panelist scores and comments are presented in no particular order.

Panelist 1

Score: Yes

Panelist 2

Score: No

I would want to know more about the process for selecting work and how the organization might engage with nontraditional theatre goers.

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

The project defines an ideal audience instead of the community it serves. The project lacks information about its efforts to share power, increase access to arts and culture experiences, and develop meaningful relationships in the community. I can see how the programming helps the community think creatively/differently, but I would like to know more about how the programming choices were informed by the community (beyond the presence of the pandemic).

Questions? Cuyahoga Arts & Culture is here to assist. Please contact:

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