

## Artists with Disabilities Access Program

**Danny Belanger** is the director of arts education and accessibility for the Louisiana Division of the Arts, where he works to increase arts education opportunities in Louisiana schools and throughout the state. As accessibility coordinator for the arts in Louisiana, he works with underserved populations to increase arts accessibility to the aging, veterans, incarcerated individuals, the physically ill, and other marginalized individuals. He received his MPA in nonprofit/public/organizational management from Louisiana State University in 2007 and has also worked as the director of information and data management at the Louisiana Office of Cultural Development.

**Deborah Griffing** is a professional studio artist with a BA in ceramics and an MFA in painting from the Ohio State University. She received the Ohio Arts Council's Individual Excellence Award in 2002 and 2013, and her work is included in the permanent collections of the Greater Columbus Convention Center. In 2005, Griffing joined Goodwill Columbus to develop Goodwill Art Studio & Gallery, which is now a recognized arts program providing income and support for many artists with disabilities and other barriers. She has been a keynote speaker at: The Quilt Surface Design Symposium, 2016; The Columbus Cultural Arts Center, 2015; and the Ohio State University, Urban Arts Space, 2013.

**Hannah Mason-Macklin** is the manager of interpretation and engagement at the Columbus Museum of Art, where she created a revolutionary initiative called "Museum in Progress" that pushes against the distortion of historic fences that cover colonialist histories and practices in museums. Mason-Macklin's work centers on the premise that museums can be building blocks of social healing, and she gave a TEDx Talk about this topic in 2019. She received her BFA in fine and studio arts from the Columbus College of Art & Design in 2014.

**Cary Johnston** is the creative director and founder of Shopworks Theatre Company in Columbus, Ohio. Shopworks is an adult day habilitation program that serves the developmental disability community through theatre arts. Johnston has led the troupe to be actors for hire, employed by the Autism Society of Central Ohio, Ohio History Center, and other organizations. Johnston presented "Reducing the Use of Physical Interventions through Skill Building" at the NAAD Conference and has worked with VSA to develop the "Autism and Ambassadorship" program, which led to her speaking nationally for the LEAD Conference 2017. Johnston is also the recipient of the 2018 Franklin County Star Award.