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Mr. Michael Miles
5308 North Glenwood
Chicago, Illinois 60640

Dear Michael:

I wanted to take a moment to personally congratulate you on being selected to receive a 2019 Individual Artists Program grant from the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. We are pleased to recognize your artistic talent and the vigor of your project with this grant award.

The art and creativity that you provide is a vital part of life for Chicago's residents and allows our city to thrive. We have all seen firsthand how the arts benefits both individuals and the greater community by creating pathways for reflection and expression. The arts also create a window through which we share our perspectives and give a voice to the people, neighborhoods, and character of our city.

I take great pride in the strength, renown, bravery, and inventiveness of Chicago's arts sector. From poetry slams and music festivals, to Oscar-nominated films and city-wide initiatives such as the Year of Chicago Theatre, the diversity and output of Chicago's artists is truly remarkable. This work not only enlivens our city, it shows the world that what our artists have to offer is distinct, resonant, and uniquely Chicagoan. Supporting the arts through our Cultural Grants Program is important to the growth and future of Chicago.

Again, congratulations on receiving the 2019 Individual Artists Program Grant, I am grateful for all you give to Chicago and we are honored to support your work this year. You have my best wishes for much continued success.

Sincerely,

Mayor