



Inspire and Engage with Taiko

TaikoArts Midwest: 449 Front Ave, St. Paul, MN 55117



FUNDING REQUEST

\$2M TO SUPPORT RENOVATION ON 449 FRONT AVENUE, TO PROVIDE A HOME FOR TAIKOARTS MIDWEST AND A MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY EVENT SPACE

Sources	Amount	Uses	Amount
State of Minnesota	\$2.0M	Building Acquisition	\$0.5M
Private Fundraising	\$1.4M	Renovation	\$1.5M
YTD Secured	\$0.3M	Professional Fees	\$0.3M
Pending Approvals	\$0.2M	Staff Expansion	\$1.3M
		Reserves & Contingency	\$0.3M
Total	\$3.9M	Total	\$3.9M

IMPACT:

- We are **SHOVEL READY** to break ground. TAM will be an anchor organization to revitalize Front Avenue in North End St. Paul.
- We will increase staff and provide new employment opportunities.
- Few arts organizations or venues serve North End St. Paul, a diverse community with many first-generation immigrants.
- We need a permanent home. Due to unique needs for space, access, and ability to make NOISE, we are forced to move every 3 years when leases are not renewed. We cannot grow or fulfill our mission without a new home.
- The AAPI community faces increased racial discrimination and hostility. TAM promotes healing to AAPI artists, community members, and others; providing embodied, heart-centered artistic training, collaboration, and performances for participants and audiences alike.
- The Pandemic continues to have health, economic, and psychological effects on us all. Drumming can provide profound positive effects on general health and wellness, with the power to ease stress, fatigue, anxiety, hypertension, asthma, chronic pain, arthritis, mental illness, and addiction (Smith, 2014 & Fancourt, 2016).

TaikoArts Midwest (TAM) is a Saint Paul-based organization whose mission is to develop, produce, and promote artistic excellence in Taiko performance, using drums to build community. We are an AAPI, female, and queer-led organization that uses the culturally rooted art of taiko drumming to achieve our mission through a contemporary, embodied practice.

- The **ONLY** source of professional taiko in MN and have national and international influence in the art form.
- Unique therapeutic taiko programming for BIPOC, LGBTQIA+ youth, and homeless youth.
- Embodied cultural practice that empowers and heals.
- Produced a feature documentary film, **Finding Her Beat**. It is screening worldwide at festivals and is a catalyst for gender equity.

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