



# Women *of* Ohio



Dear Mayor Andrew Ginther, Columbus City Council and Franklin County Commissioners

I am writing to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the support I received from the GCAC Fund for Artists, which enabled me to attend the NAASWCH (North American Association for the Study of Welsh Culture and History) Conference in summer 2025. Your support was instrumental in allowing me to connect with my Welsh heritage and share my project, Women of Ohio ([womenofohio.com](http://womenofohio.com)), with a new and engaged audience.

As a dual Welsh-American citizen, attending the conference was an invaluable experience. It allowed me to do a few important things.

- I engaged with scholars, artists, and members of the Welsh-American community, deepening my understanding of the Welsh contributions to Ohio's culture and history.
- I presented my project to an international audience, highlighting the achievements and stories of women from Ohio through art and poetry. This exposure fostered new collaborations and broadened the reach of the project.
- The conference provided opportunities to exchange ideas with other artists and scholars, strengthening networks that will support future arts and cultural initiatives in Columbus and beyond.

This grant has had a deeply personal impact for me. Following a preventive surgery after a cancer scare, it meant the world to be able to get back out into the world, connect with my heritage, and share Women of Ohio with a broader audience. Your support gave me renewed energy and inspiration to continue this work.

Thank you for believing in the arts and supporting artists in our community. It has been an honor to represent Columbus and share our stories on a wider stage.

With deep gratitude,  
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*Thank  
you*

