

## A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To Germantown:

I am thrilled to announce the launch of the Germantown Arts District (GAD), a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to creating and supporting opportunities for engagement around arts-based initiatives and programming in Germantown. I founded this organization to better do the work I have always been passionate about. By supporting and prioritizing arts & culture, we celebrate the diversity of our community and enhance the cultural fabric of Germantown.

The GAD understands the value and impact that empowering creativity can have on communities. We take that information a step further. By fostering environments conducive to exploration, we encourage all people to embrace and act on their creativity. We do this with the understanding that creativity is a vehicle for liberation.

This organization will work to support Germantown. We strive to design and deliver accessible community events, public relations in the voice of the public, and professional assistance to artists + businesses contributing to the cultural experience of Germantown. This organization is a nod to our legacy of "firsts" as we embark on this joint venture to discover what works for us. Believing in the value of our neighborhood and intimately understanding the position we are currently in, informs my confidence that I am ready to lead this initiative, but only with the support of my community. Nothing about us, without us.

I invite you to join me on this exciting journey. I look forward to building together to create and sustain a vibrant and dynamic arts district in Germantown. Please visit our website and follow us on social media to stay up-to-date with our latest news and events. As always, EVERYTHING IN LOVE!

Forever Yours in Partnership,

Kristen Clark

Founder,

Germantown Arts District