

Matty Wilder

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Proven leader with fifteen years of experience in the philanthropic and nonprofit sectors, with specific training and knowledge in grant making, strategic planning, assessment and evaluation, fundraising, board development, and community organizing.

Professional Experience

Senior Program Officer • *October 2013-present*

Program Officer • *June 2009-October 2013*

The Herb Alpert Foundation

Santa Monica, CA

Researching, identifying and analyzing potential grantee organizations and preparing written summaries and recommendations; managing relations with portfolio of 40 community arts organizations, including site visits, reporting, assessment, and grantee gatherings; facilitating community meetings and deepening community ties on a multi-year arts education initiative in Lawndale Elementary School District (LESD), Lawndale, CA; fostering collaborations and leading strategic planning amongst neighboring school districts and nonprofit partners on a multi-year regional arts education initiative in the South Bay region of Los Angeles County, including LESD.

Program Associate • **The Herb Alpert Foundation**

Santa Monica, CA, October 2007-June 2009

Worked closely with the President in researching, identifying and analyzing potential grantee organizations as well as helping to manage current grants.

Program Assistant/Associate • **The Alpert Award in the Arts**

Santa Monica, CA, August 2000-October 2007

Assisted the Director in all phases of awarding five annual \$75,000 prizes in Dance, Film/Video, Music, Theatre and Visual Arts, including: organizing and coordinating the receipt of written and creative materials; interacting with artists and promoting a smooth submission process; supervising and managing technical aspects of submission presentation before three-person discipline-specific panels; leading planning and coordination of annual celebration for recipient artists.

Professional Associations & Leadership Development

Bennington College Alumni Cooperative

Los Angeles co-chair, November 2014-present

Recruiting steering committee members and strategizing on building a robust regional network of engaged alumni, in order to celebrate alumni achievement, advance Bennington's mission and reputation in the broader community, and ensure the college's long-term financial sustainability.

Southern California Grantmakers (SCG), Public Policy Advisory Committee

Member since August 2014; Public Policy Advisory Committee member, November 2014-present

Working to educate SCG members on the political and legislative issues affecting philanthropy and the issue areas philanthropy supports; fostering engagement and collaborations with policymakers and the philanthropic sector to advance the work of philanthropy and build stronger communities; planning annual SCG Public Policy Conference.

Los Angeles Arts Funders (LAAF)

Member since November 2008; Co-chair since June 2012

Coordinating, determining agendas, and facilitating monthly meetings on a range of topics, including field research, policy issues, local funding updates, and other professional development opportunities; managing relations with members; occasionally organizing joint sessions with Education Funders Group.

Education Funders Group

Member since November 2008

Participating in quarterly meetings regarding federal, state, and local educational policy and reforms.

Grantmakers in the Arts (GIA)

Member since October 2007

Designing and leading sessions and conversations at annual conference; participating in periodic webinars on a variety of relevant topics throughout the year; actively engaging with Arts Education Funders Coalition, whose aim is to shift federal education policy toward more inclusion of the arts.

PICO National Network

National Leadership Training, August 2009

A six-day leadership development seminar that teaches the theory and practice of congregation-based organizing.

Board Service & Community Development

Project X Foundation for Art & Criticism

Board member, August 2014-present

Project X Foundation works to create platforms for critical art dialogue. In addition to publishing X-Tra, a quarterly art journal, Project X Projects produces Artist's Editions and books and a wide range of free events and exhibitions.

City of Pasadena Cultural Affairs, Panelist, Arts & Culture Grants, June 2014

City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Panelist, Arts Education, October 2010; Operating Support, November 2012

Los Angeles County Arts Commission, Panelist, Arts Education, February 2010

Reviewed applications and work samples and made recommendations for funding.

Community Corporation of Santa Monica (CCSM)/Related California

Artist Selection Committee, February-July 2014

Worked with management to review and assess applicants for affordable artist live/work lofts, part of a new downtown Santa Monica development, Belmar Apartments.

Six Points Fellowship

Los Angeles Advisory Committee Member, March 2011-April 2014

The Six Points Fellowship provides grants to emerging artists creating new work exploring Jewish ideas and experience.

Emerging Arts Leaders Los Angeles (EAL/LA)

Advisory Board Member, April 2010-present

A network of Americans for the Arts, Emerging Arts Leaders' mission is to ensure sustainable innovation in the next generation of arts sector leadership.

LA Voice

Board Member, January 2010-present; Treasurer, 2012-2014; Chair, March 2014-present

An affiliate of the PICO National Network, LA Voice works to improve communities throughout Los Angeles through organizing.

IKAR

Leadership Council Member, October 2008-December 2010

IKAR is a progressive Jewish spiritual and social justice community. Our organizing work has included campaigns on education and immigration reform.

Education

Liberty Hill Commissions Training Program, March-July 2014

A series of trainings designed to identify and vet citizens for appointment to city commissions and support them throughout the application process. Coursework included analysis of city finances, development of the budget, and ethics.

UCLA Extension, Independent coursework, January 2014-present

Coursework includes Strategic Planning for Nonprofit Organizations and Introduction to Statistical Reasoning.

Leadership LA Fellow (LLA 2013), March-October 2013

A program of the Southern California Leadership Network, in partnership with the LA Chamber of Commerce, Leadership LA includes nine monthly, full-day sessions devoted to key community issues and personal development exercises. Fellows learn through first-hand experiences about such issues as water, education, health care, and public safety with a diverse mix of leaders from various sectors.

SCG: Fundamentals of Effective Grantmaking, November-December 2006

A multi-session program introducing new foundation staff to core grantmaking competencies.

Bennington College, B.A. in Liberal Arts, 1996-2000

Designed a curriculum of study that included courses in acting and playwriting, dance/movement, sculpture, anthropology, and psychology.
