

Owsley County Alliance for Recreation and Entertainment

## STATEMENT ON CULTURAL EQUITY

*To support a full creative life for all, OCARE, Inc. commits to creating policies and practices of cultural equity that empower a just, inclusive, equitable nation.*

### **DEFINITION OF CULTURAL EQUITY**

Cultural equity embodies the values, policies, and practices that ensure that all people—including but not limited to those who have been historically underrepresented based on race/ethnicity, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, socioeconomic status, geography, citizenship status, or religion—are represented in the development of arts policy; the support of artists; the nurturing of accessible, thriving venues for expression; and the fair distribution of programmatic, financial, and informational resources.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & AFFIRMATIONS**

Cultural equity is critical to the long-term viability of the arts community.

OCARE, Inc. will hold ourselves accountable, as we recognize by acknowledging and challenging our inequities and working together with partners and stakeholders is how we will make change happen.

Everyone deserves equal access to a full, vibrant creative life, which is essential to a healthy and thriving society.

Placing the work of artists in the public challenges inequities and encourages alternatives.

### **ADVOCACY THROUGH ACTION**

*To provide informed, authentic leadership for cultural equity, OCARE strives to...*

**Pursue cultural consciousness throughout our organization** through substantive learning and formal, transparent policies.

**Acknowledge and dismantle any inequities** within our policies, systems, programs, and services, and report organization progress.

**Commit time and resources to expand more diverse leadership** within our board, staff, and advisory bodies.

## **ENCOURAGING PROGRESS**

*To pursue needed systemic change related to equity, OCARE strives to...*

**Encourage substantive learning to build cultural consciousness** and to proliferate pro-equity policies and practices by all of our constituencies and audiences.

**Improve the cultural leadership pipeline** by creating and supporting programs and policies that foster leadership that reflects the full breadth of American society.

**Generate and aggregate quantitative and qualitative research related to equity** to make incremental, measurable progress towards cultural equity more visible.

**Advocate for public and private-sector policy** that promotes cultural equity.