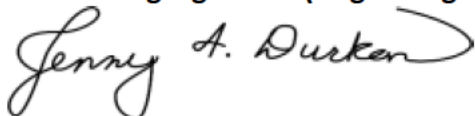




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Ebony Arunga</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Arts Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: 3/8/2021	Term of Position: * 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2022 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: Beacon Hill	Zip Code: 98108	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <p>Ebony Arunga is an Arts Manager, Advocate and Entrepreneur. She was born in Kisumu, Kenya and raised in the historically Black Central District of Seattle, Washington as part of a multi-faceted artistic family. In 2008 she graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a BFA in Theatre stage management and has since managed artists, projects and events both nationally and internationally. Her work spans across arts genres including theatre, film, music, dance, and literature.</p> <p>Ebony's presence in the Seattle arts scene grew prevalent through her work as an event producer at the legendary Faire Gallery Cafe. Carrying on the legacy of her mother, Marcia Tate Arunga, Ebony and her sister Nia relaunched Seaweed International in 2017, a Black owned business specializing in jewelry imported from Kenya with the mission to provoke a new consciousness in social justice and beauty. In 2020, she teamed up with Ijeoma Oluo, Gabriel Teodros and LANGSTON Seattle to manage the Seattle Artist Relief Fund (SARF), the largest COVID 19 relief fund geared towards directly supporting artists in Washington State. Ebony currently resides in Seattle, Washington with her husband and three children.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Jenny A. Durkan</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not the appointment date.

EBONY ARUNGA

ARTS MANAGER, ADVOCATE
& ENTREPRENEUR

EDUCATION

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)
BFA in Theatre Stage Management, 2008

ACTIVITIES

Cultural Space Agency Constituent
Building Arts Spaces Equitably, BASE 2020
Seattle Artist Relief Fund (SARF)
Board Member at LANGSTON Seattle
Board Member at Black Power Unlimited
Griot at Griot Girlz

CONTACT



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BUSINESS MANAGER

Ijeoma Oluo, 2019-Present

- Receive, organize and disseminate information
- Manage calendar and deadlines
- Negotiate fees and manage event logistics
- Co-create and manage Seattle Artist Relief Fund

CO-OWNER | OPERATOR

Seaweed International, 2014 - Present

- Build meaningful relationships with artists in Kenya
- Import jewelry from Kenya, East Africa to Seattle, Wa
- Sell products online and at local Black owned businesses
- Manage social media and website

CO-OWNER | PRODUCER

Arunga Music, 2013 - Present

- Secure venues, hire band and technical support staff
- Liaise with presenters, create, distribute technical riders
- Co-create and produce projects such as *Madaraka Festival* at MoPoP (Seattle) and *Music Never Sleeps* (Nairobi, Kenya)

EVENT MANAGER | DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Technology Access Foundation (TAF) 2017 - 2019

- Create, streamline and document TAF's event process
- Collaborate with stakeholders to achieve event vision
- Plan and execute multiple small to large scale events simultaneously

PROJECT MANAGER

ACES: Artists of Color Expo and Symposium
Shunpike, 2017 - 2018

- Maintain program budget, scope and timelines
- Convene stakeholders & frame collective vision
- Create and manage event schedules w/ 80 featured artists
- Connect artists of color to funding and resources.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR | STAGE MANAGER

Teen Summer Musical
Seattle Parks and Recreation, 2009 - 2017

- Manage design process of lights, sound, set, props and costumes designers
- Facilitate designer's access to resources & problem solve

Seattle Arts Commission Roster

16 Members: Pursuant to ordinance 121006, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms (Get-Engaged member serves a 1-year term):

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 7 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Commission-appointed
- 1 Get-Engaged

Roster as of 12/31/2020

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
2	M	1	1.	At-Large	Yeggy Michael	01/01/20	12/31/21	1 st	City Council
2	M	3	2.	At-Large	Quinton Morris	01/01/21	12/31/22	3 rd	City Council
3	F	1	3.	At-Large	Vanessa Villalobos	01/01/21	12/31/22	1 st	City Council
1	F	2	4.	At-Large	Cassie Chinn	01/01/20	12/31/21	3 rd	City Council
2	F	1	5.	At-Large	Dawn Chirwa	01/01/20	12/31/21	3 rd	City Council
5	F	3	6.	At-Large	Chieko Phillips	01/01/20	12/31/21	2 nd	City Council
1	O	2	7.	At-Large	Vivian Hua	01/01/20	12/31/21	1 st	City Council
6	M	3	8.	At-Large	Steven Galatro	01/01/20	12/31/21	3 rd	Commission
6	F	6	9.	At-Large	Sarah Wilke	01/01/21	12/31/22	3 rd	Mayor
2	F	3	10.	At-Large	Ebony Arunga	01/01/21	12/31/22	1 st	Mayor
6	F	3	11.	At-Large	Kayla DeMonte	01/01/20	12/31/21	1 st	Mayor
2	M	1	12.	At-Large	James Miles	01/01/21	12/31/22	2 nd	Mayor
6	F	2	13.	At-Large	Holly Jacobson	01/01/20	12/31/21	1 st	Mayor
9	F	3	14.	At-Large	Mikhael Mei Williams	01/01/21	12/31/22	2 nd	Mayor
9	M	1	15.	At-Large	Rick Araluce	01/01/21	12/31/22	1 st	Mayor
2	F	1	16.	Get-Engaged	Racquel West	09/01/20	8/31/21	One	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)	
	Men	Women	Transgender	Other/ Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other (Specification Optional)	Caucasia n/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial					
Mayor	2	6				3				4			2					
Council	2	4		1	2	3	1		1									
Other	1																	
Total	5	10		1	2	6	1		1	4			2					

Key:

*D List the corresponding Diversity Chart number (1 through 9)

**G List gender, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown, O= Other

RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.