



COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: February 3, 2021

Location: Zoom

Time: 7-8 pm

Members Present: Alana Damron, Elijah Fisher, Britt Arnesen, Teri Vore, Iris Jandreau, Maria Zepeda, Anthony Brown, Jimmie Denny, and Callie Morris

Icebreaker: What is your main form of creation and how can it benefit you and our community?

Updates:

- **Concluded our pilot program of MAMAcademy**
 - A beginners course of sound engineering/ setting up home studios and composition/songwriting.
 - Next MAMAcademy will be this fall. Date TBD
 - Educators: J Bradley and Matt Olson
 - Students: Kara Conaway, Jessica Mijo Brinkerhoff, Stephen Jay Clement, Iris Jandreau and Lindsey Stormo
- **MAM (Missoula Arts Museum) + MAMA Community Album Titled 'Getting Thru'**
 - Partnering with Missoula Arts Museum during their virtual fundraiser to release the album.
 - [Pre-order](#) your copy or download from Bandcamp on February 5th.
- **2 new team members:** Amanda Miller (Event Coordinator); Kaitlyn Byrnes (Outreach Coordinator)
- **New website launch!** Yay! mama4mt.org
- **Looking for new members/volunteers!** Searching for a diverse group of professionals, government and foundation executives, educators, grassroots organizers and business executives and/or community leaders, who will bring access, resources and influence to MAMA. This is an exceptional opportunity to foster the growth and development of a strong and vibrant local nonprofit organization affiliated with a national movement. As a culturally competent organization, qualified men and women, people of color, ethnic minorities, physically challenged, candidates of diverse sexual orientation and/or gender expression and other minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.) If interested, please contact the board development committee by sending an email to mama4mt@gmail.com.
- **Upcoming events**
 - Songwriters Circle: Montana - Friday, June 25 (location TBD)
 - Miles of Music - Saturday, June 26
 - Baby MAMA - Meadowlark Medal TBD
- **MAMA is away February 8-26** (if needing immediate attention/assistance send an email to mama4mt@gmail.com)
- **Montana Arts Council Giving artist COVID release grants.**
<https://art.mt.gov/>



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- Things Opening Up:
 - ZACC social distance sessions – with a small audience (?)
 - Cranky Sam's and other bars having music.
 - Giggle Box hosting comedy and music with limited capacity.
- Currents expanding into the new community center
- Blog for MAMA-Looking for guest writers every other month to expand the voice and perspective of MAMA
 - Member submissions – people expressing how they want to see MAMA. What they see the needs are in Montana.
 - Alana suggested a documentary series featuring Artists.
 - Performing Rights Organization blog post
 - A rhythm runs through it Podcast – artist interview series. Website and podcast episodes released song
 - Tying in a blog post about each session
 - Hearing from musicians, sound technicians, engineers, audience members
 - Albums, songs, experiences as a result of COVID.