



Empowering Young Creatives in Franklin, Tennessee

FlaxCo is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to serving and empowering young creatives in the Franklin, Tennessee area. We provide the community, resources, space, and mentorship necessary to hone their craft, explore their creativity, grow in their artistic endeavors, and develop as healthy, mature humans. Our on-site Artist in Residence program connects aspiring artists with skilled professionals across genres, offering practical and creative guidance within a safe, dynamic community. We also invite artists and industry professionals as Itinerant Mentors and Guest Artists on an ad-hoc basis.

Mission

We exist to serve young creatives by curating a dynamic and safe community that encourages exploration and growth through collaboration and mentoring. We lead relationally, build community before platform, and believe every person has something valuable to contribute.

Vision

Through our dedication to the next generation of young artists, dreams will be nurtured, skills and craft sharpened, great art created, and the unique impact only produced through creative people will be unleashed as a blessing to our community. We believe creativity can transform people and communities, and that healthy artists create healthy culture.

Core Values

- **Dignity** — Every person is inherently worthy. We treat people with respect, listen deeply, and create spaces where individuals are seen and taken seriously.
- **Formation** — Character is cultivated. Who we are becoming matters as much as what we create. We value inner formation through vulnerability, accountability, and humble reflection.
- **Craft** — What we create should be meaningful and well-formed. We pursue excellence, originality, and work that contributes something real.
- **Practice** — Growth happens through doing. We show up, take risks, and learn through real experience rather than waiting for perfection.
- **Belonging** — People flourish in community. We create places where outsiders become insiders through encouragement, honesty, and shared growth.
- **Stewardship** — What has been entrusted to us is meant to be cultivated. We develop our gifts and seek to leave people, places, and creative communities stronger than we found them.

The Odeon at The Factory

Franklin's new home for live music, creative energy, and artistic collaboration. Part venue, part creative playground, The Odeon brings a broad spectrum of performers, visual artists, and fans together for memorable, bespoke, and intimate experiences. We champion bold expression—supporting rising talent (ages 16–25), celebrating established voices, and building a space where creativity actually means something. Shows, sessions, workshops, residencies, showcases, and private events—if it inspires and connects, it belongs at The Odeon.

Occupying the former Mockingbird Theater at The Factory, it benefits from existing stage, seating, lighting, sound, built-in audiences, and central position in Franklin's creative ecosystem. This allows us to focus resources on people and programming rather than construction. Run by FlaxCo, The Odeon becomes a cultural engine, a youth bridge, and a creative heartbeat for Franklin—generating earned revenue that supports FlaxCo's mission-aligned programming across the city.

Core Programs

Artist in Residence — Immersive on-site mentorship connecting young artists with professional mentors.

Itinerant Mentors & Guest Artists — Flexible workshops, critiques, and inspiration from working artists and industry professionals.

Creative Community — Performance venue, gallery, and art playground fostering collaboration and belonging.

Possible Impact

For the Artist (Creative): Emotive — feels seen, safe, and deeply belongs. Transformational — grows in authenticity, resilience, courage, and a clear creative identity. Logical — develops stronger technical skills, a compelling body of work/portfolio, meaningful professional relationships, and tangible opportunities (exhibitions, collaborations, further growth).

For the Mentor: Emotive — experiences renewed purpose, joy, and a sense of legacy. Transformational — deepens empathy, leadership, and stewardship while reconnecting with their own early journey. Logical — refines mentoring skills, gains powerful impact stories, expands their network, and contributes to lasting cultural flourishing.

Partner With FlaxCo

Support the next generation of creatives. Whether you had this kind of community growing up or wish you had, your partnership helps young artists thrive in Franklin, Tennessee.

Contact us to explore sponsorship, mentorship, or partnership opportunities.