Boulder County Arts Leadership Forum (BCALF) began in 2012. It was formed by Boulder County Arts Alliance under the direction of the Boulder Arts Commission to address issues impacting arts leaders and administrators. The original forum members had the vision to create an enduring platform for a strong, professional leadership group with a recognized agenda to effect change in the community, locally and statewide. In its short history, BCALF has made a significant contribution to countywide arts initiatives and is cited in both the City of Boulder Community Cultural Plan.

**OUR MISSION:**

BCALF supports and advocates for artists and arts organizations in Boulder County by fostering collaborations, sharing resources, facilitating discussions and creating opportunities to experience art.

Member Commitment:

- Monthly meetings which last 2.5 hours
- Annual panel events
- Two year term commitment
- Annual membership fee of $125

*There are a handful of other events throughout the year (Thirsty Artists, CCI Summit) where attendance is welcome, but optional.*

BCALF Initiatives and Programs:

*BCALF Panels* are discussions about hot topics impacting the arts community. Past topics include: “Get to Know Your Funders;” “Reinventing Arts Coverage” and “Artist Displacement.” BCALF Panel discussions have been a part of the Colorado Creative Industries Summit for the past three years.

*Thirsty Artists* is a networking event open to all in the community. Meets several times a year around important arts events in a local brewery or restaurant, usually on a Thursday.

*Arts Abandonment* is an art creation process for BCALF members where the art is literally abandoned in different locations.

*Peer-to-Peer Support* is a confidential process in which BCALF members or other community arts leaders present a problem or idea and use the combined knowledge and resources of the BCALF group to move forward.