



Kansas City artist (painter, muralist, educator, and president of the [Latino Writers Collective](#)) José Faus (left) speaks with [Alliance of Artists Communities](#) Executive Director Caitlin Strokosch after her talk on Tuesday evening, while other artists networked with each other. There are about 500 residency programs in the United States and more than 400 more worldwide. Strokosch's organization maintains a searchable database of places that support people and their artistic processes — not product — and keeps in touch with them through site visits and other reporting. Her visit to Kansas City was the first 2010 Artist ESP (Entrepreneur Speakers Program) event for 2010. (Below, Ms. Strokosch) Photos: T. Abeln



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Last night, [KCArtist Link](#) and the [UMKC Small Business & Technology Development Center](#) (with sponsorship from [Spencer Fane Britt & Browne LLP](#)) kicked off the 2010 Artist ESP speakers program with a talk by Caitlin Strokosch, the executive director of the [Alliance of Artists Communities](#), based in Providence, RI. Speaking to a full room of artists gathered at the [Arts Incubator](#), Ms. Strokosch explained application tips and talked from her experience of being at the hub of a network of communities all looking to help artists follow their creative processes.

"They give artists the opportunity to be transformed," she said, describing the differences in programs and how to find the right fit by evaluating the "sense of place" each unique program offers. The next Artist Entrepreneur Speakers Program is June 29, with Esther Robinson, filmmaker and executive director of [ArtHome](#) in New York City. Look for more on Review about these profession development opportunities soon.

Meanwhile, Review has the full First Friday calendar digest ready for you, including Crossroads (but there is always more!), up and ready for you to start planning. Check back for more images and updated information, as well as new reviews and articles we're working on right now.

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