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**RIMON: THE MINNESOTA JEWISH ARTS COUNCIL NAMED ONE OF AMERICA'S  
TOP 50 INNOVATIVE JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS**

*Eleventh Annual Slingshot Guide Highlights the Best of the Thriving Jewish Nonprofit World*

**Minneapolis, MN**—*Rimon: The Minnesota Jewish Arts Council* has been named one of North America's top 50 innovative nonprofit Jewish organizations in the eleventh annual Slingshot Guide. This is the fifth consecutive year *Rimon* has been recognized by Slingshot and the only Minnesota nonprofit to receive the honor in 2016.

Selected from among hundreds of finalists reviewed by 93 professionals with expertise in grant-making and Jewish communal life, the Guide called *Rimon* "a model of how to bring both Jewish artists and their art into... the center of Jewish community life through high-impact collaborations, education, arts advocacy, and creative alliances that build community in lasting ways." Organizations selected in this year's Guide were evaluated on their innovative approach, the impact they have in their work, the leadership they have in their sector, and their effectiveness at achieving results.

Stephanie Rhodes, Executive Director of Slingshot, observed, "Slingshot's work is to help Jews find, fund, and connect to meaningful, exciting experiences in Jewish life. After 11 years, the book remains relevant because it continues to highlight organizations doing exceptional work, serving as the trailblazers for what is possible and inspiring all of us. Whether we look to the guide for funding ideas, best practices or trends in Jewish life, it remains a resource for all of us, providing tremendous hope for our collective future. This year (was) more competitive than ever before, resulting in an extraordinary snapshot of the field."

*Rimon*, an initiative of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation, was created in 1995 to strengthen Jewish life in Minnesota and to think strategically about how Minnesota's Jewish artists might link their lives and work with the community in which they lived. It provides tools and resources, such as Project Support grants, to nurture the work of artists. *Rimon* creates public forums for artists and audiences to find each other, either through web-based platforms or face-to-face events such as Artist Salons, conferences, and festivals. To date, *Rimon* has offered support to over two hundred artists in every genre of artistic expression.

For further information about *Rimon: The Minnesota Jewish Arts Council*, visit [www.rimonMN.org](http://www.rimonMN.org).