

Dane Arts Awards \$84,490

Forty-six Grants Supporting Arts and Cultural Activities Countywide with Public-Private Funds

Today, Dane County Executive Parisi and the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission announced the award of 46 project grants totaling \$84,490 for community arts and culture for the second grant cycle of the year. In the first grant cycle Dane Arts funded 62 project and short order grants totaling \$110,194 for community arts, cultural, and local history programs and 5 *capital* grants in the amount of \$4,857.

In the Commission's second Grant Cycle of 2016, 54 applications were submitted requesting a total of \$193,666. County dollars were combined with funds from the Endres Manufacturing Company Foundation, the Evjue Foundation, Inc., charitable arm of *The Capital Times*, the W. Jerome Frautschi Foundation, and the Pleasant T. Rowland Foundation.

"Congratulations to all who will be receiving grants from Dane County's Dane Arts program. Dane County is fortunate to be home to so many talented artists," said Dane County Executive Joe Parisi. "In my proposed 2017 budget I increased funding for Dane Arts so even more artists can benefit from grant opportunities."

This year, Dane County's Dane Arts will award almost \$200,000 in public-private funds to nonprofit organizations, schools, individuals, and municipalities for arts, cultural, and local history projects and programs offered countywide. The next project grant deadline is 4:30P.M., Wednesday, February 1, 2016, 4:00pm.

2016 Cycle 2 Dane Arts Project and Short Order Grants

Arts in Education

Lussier Community Education Center.

Award: \$1,630

Roughly 150 young people on Madison's west side explore a variety of art forms during afterschool and summer programming at the Lussier Community Education Center. Local artists guide students' engagement with ceramics, collage, hip-hop, video, and other media to be featured at the LCEC's Spring Gallery Night.

PLATO

Award: \$731

The Agora is a publication of PLATO: Participatory Learning and Teaching Organization, a member-led non-profit organization whose mission is two-fold: to develop and provide learning, teaching, and social opportunities for its members in association with the University of Wisconsin, and to provide scholarship support for returning adult students and other charitable purposes.

Madison Bach Musicians, Inc.**Award: \$380**

Members of the Madison Bach Musicians will give outreach performances and talks, as well as work with the music students, at Kromrey Middle School (Middleton) and Glacier Creek Middle School (Cross Plains). MBM will play music by Bach, Handel, Corelli, and Vivaldi on historical instruments--harpsichord, baroque violin, and baroque cello--and will discuss performance style.

Greater Madison Jazz Consortium**Award: \$2,754**

The Greater Madison Jazz Consortium will produce 8 jazz residencies in 2017 at elementary and middle schools in the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD). In so doing, we help MMSD achieve its goal of ensuring equity and access to high-quality arts education for all students.

Madison Symphony Orchestra Inc.**Award:****\$2,380**

The MSO's Fall Youth Concerts bring area elementary and middle school students into a world-class concert hall to experience live classical music performed by a professional symphony orchestra. The concerts are performed by the MSO in Overture Hall and feature the MSO's Fall Youth Concerto Competition winner(s).

Central Midwest Ballet**Award: \$1,595**

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story, *The Little Matchstick Girl* is an original ballet created to introduce our community to the beauty and artistry of dance, and to give our students an opportunity to perform in a professional quality production.

VSA Wisconsin**Award: \$2,160**

VSA Wisconsin will conduct for two visual art studio classes at the VSA Art Center on Madison's north side: Vets' Art Studio for approximately 30 veterans with disabilities, and Open Doors Studio for approximately 20 Madison area adults with disabilities.

American Players Theatre**Award: \$2,783**

Potency of Poetry is a week-long, in-school residency program utilizing the unique performance skills of APT's teaching artists to infuse students with an enthusiasm and enhanced appreciation of words, language and storytelling, laying the groundwork for a student population better equipped to understand and appreciate complex text such as Shakespeare's, and ultimately to become ready audience members.

Madison Symphony Orchestra Inc.**Award: \$2,380**

The MSO's Spring Young People's Concert 2017 brings middle and high school students into a world-class concert hall to experience live classical music performed by a professional symphony orchestra. The concert is performed by the Madison Symphony Orchestra, led by Music Director John DeMain in Overture Hall and features the MSO's Bolz Young Artist Competition winners.

Dance

Dance Wisconsin

Award: \$1,706

Dance Wisconsin's production of "Nutcracker Ballet" is a family-friendly ballet, performed by local dancers. It includes a talented live orchestra, beautiful singers, and guest artists Gillian Murphy and James Whiteside courtesy of American Ballet Theatre.

Li Chiao-Ping Dance

Award:

\$2,385

A collaboration between choreographer Li Chiao-Ping and visual artist Douglas Rosenberg, *i-LAND* examines and explores the immigrant experience. Focusing on two ports of entry into the United States – Angel and Ellis Island – Li and Rosenberg interweave spoken text with Li's signature, inventive movement and Rosenberg's acclaimed visual designs to engage stories of immigrants from the late 1800s to the present.

Kanopy Dance Theatre Inc.

Award:

\$1,680

Kanopy presents *Baba Yaga: Portrait of the Wickedest Witch*. A folktale of a witch, peasant girl, magic doll, wicked stepsisters -all come to life in a Cinderella story. Complemented by puppetry, storytelling, costumes by acclaimed NYC designer David Quinn, and beautifully rendered by the creative choreography of Kanopy's Artistic Directors.

Kanopy Dance Theatre Inc.

Award:

\$1,855

Kanopy presents *Snapshots of Spain*, a collaboration with world renowned contemporary flamenco and Spanish artists. The production will include new works by Kanopy Directors, and guest artists inspired by the poetry of Lorca and Machado, the paintings of Goya, Dali, and Picasso, and the driving rhythms of Spanish music. Celebrate Spain's legacy of culture and art through elegant, contemporary and experimental dance.

Cycropia Aerial Dance, Inc.

Award:

\$1,446

Cycropia Aerial Dance is a community-oriented organization that encourages people, of Dane County and beyond, to experience a unique form of dance. Their spring show production will include new and existing aerial dance works. Audience members represent a diverse group, from children to adults, and from all walks of life and backgrounds.

Multidisciplinary Arts/Culture

Opera for the Young, Inc.

Award: \$1,060

Opera for the Young presents its seventh annual Family Opera Day at the Overture Center for the Arts in June 2017. A free performance of "*The Elixir of Love*" will be complemented with workshops in theater, music, and design with assistance from the Madison Youth Choirs and

Madison Children's Museum OFTY involves children in all aspects of the show - from design to performance. In this engaging manner, OFTY fulfills its mission to ignite enthusiasm for opera.

Overture Center Foundation
\$2,753

Award:

On February 25, 2017, Dane County residents will again have the opportunity to participate in Overture's International Festival to connect with cultures, languages and people representing countries from all over the world. The International Festival is the most ethnically diverse event in Dane County.

TAPIT/new works.

Award: \$1,643

TAPIT/new works Ensemble Theater will create and produce a new multi-disciplinary production, *Typhoid Mary & Patient Zero: A play set at the intersection of public health and personal freedom*. Free outreach events with participants in UW-Madison's PEOPLE and Nursing School programs will engage college students and young people from minority backgrounds.

Theatre LILA
\$3,308

Award:

This piece hopes to illuminate and expose our fragility, humor and strength-collectively as we are exposed and drawn into moments both magical and painfully-real elicited from *The BED*. Theatre LILA is dedicated to and focused on presenting stories and plays which are told and performed by a diverse group of artists. By collaborating with the UW-Madison Memorial Union Performing Arts Committee we are hoping to expand our audience to include a younger and more diverse audience.

Arts & Literature Laboratory, Inc.

Award: \$1,634

Arts + Literature Laboratory is proud to present *The Watershed Reading Series*, a monthly reading featuring local, regional and national, award-winning writers. On the third Friday of each month, the Watershed Reading Series at Arts + Literature Laboratory features three to five local and visiting writers of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction. This is an organization committed to equitable access for all to literary arts (and visual arts) programming.

Simpson Street Free Press.

Award: \$901

This series brings local history, music, and the arts alive for young readers. Producing "*Where in Dane County*" is a core curriculum, writing-for-publication process. It's how we teach local history and the arts. These stories lead young readers to fascinating content that celebrates history and the arts in Dane County.

Music

PEBOGA

Award: \$1,828

Fall Gospel Fest is a one-day inspirational music event that serves as a platform for both contemporary and traditional gospel music and features national recording artists who share the stage with local artists.

Madison Flute Club**Award: \$798**

The Wisconsin Flute Festival, a program of the Madison Flute Club, is an annual one day educational intensive which brings together flutists, flute enthusiasts and music lovers of all ages and ability levels from throughout the Midwest.

Madison Youth Choirs**Award: \$1,575**

Madison Youth Choirs, in collaboration with the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD), will host the 7th Annual Madison Boy choir Festival on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Shaped by participant feedback and evaluation discussions from six successful past festivals, the 2017 event is expected to serve between 400-500 students in a daylong celebration of high-quality choral music.

City of Madison**Award: \$2,236**

For more than a decade, Concerts on the Rooftop at Monona Terrace has provided an opportunity for thousands of music fans to enjoy the spirit of Dane County in a world class venue at no charge. The 6 concerts showcase a variety of music, opportunities for dance, great food and spectacular views!

Con vivo!...music with life.**Award: \$851**

Con vivo!...music with life presents '*Capitol Europeans*' a performance of live chamber music on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 7:30 pm at First Congregational Church in Madison. This organization is a dynamic, professional chamber music ensemble comprised of seven core musicians drawn from the Madison Symphony Orchestra, Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra and other regional performing groups.

Con vivo!...music with life.**Award: \$1,106**

This project '*Kindred Spirits*' is designed to enrich, entertain, and educate our targeted audiences by presenting rarely performed works by well-known composers. Through interactive discussion during the concert, musical director Robert Taylor will provide fresh insight into the artistic and historical merits of the music and composers. Con vivo!...music with life is a dynamic, professional chamber music ensemble comprised of seven core musicians drawn from the Madison Symphony Orchestra, Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra and other regional performing groups.

Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras.**Award: \$1,571**

The Bolz Spring Concerts serve as the last performances of the WYSO season, and our diverse orchestra members are able to showcase their musical progress from the beginning of the season including instrumental mastery, poise and confidence and musical understanding.

Grace Presents**Award: \$731**

Grace Present's monthly concert series offers a broad range of musical styles including jazz, classical, folk, world and more. Hour-long lunchtime concerts, held on the third Saturday of the month at Noon, are free for all to enjoy and feature exceptionally talented musicians from the

local area. Offering free concerts of diverse styles draws a wide range of people to our Grace Presents concerts. The series features Dane County musicians almost exclusively.

Greater Madison Jazz Consortium

Award: \$1,742

The Greater Madison Jazz Consortium will present *"InDIGenous Jazz,"* a series of four free concerts of music composed and performed by our community's finest jazz musicians. Each concert will include a Q&A with the evening's featured performers through which audiences deepen their understanding and appreciation of jazz.

Madison Music Collective

Award: \$1,077

The Madison Music Collective will produce two extraordinary event/concerts. The first concert features the internationally renowned and groundbreaking Gabriel Alegria Afro Peruvian Jazz Sextet. Our second concert/event stars Richie Cole & the Madison Alto Madness Orchestra in an homage to Charlie Parker's "Yard bird" opera being presented by Madison Opera.

Madison Choral Project

Award: \$2,236

The Madison Choral Project, a fully professional choir, will welcome a diverse audience to a spring concert series celebrating new compositions written after the year 2000, including the Wisconsin premiere of Ted Hearne's "Privilege," works by David Lang and Joby Talbot, and a world premiere by Madison-based composer Japser Alice Kaye.

Madison Youth Choirs

Award: \$3,150

Madison Youth Choirs' spring semester will encompass 16 weeks of choral rehearsals and several public performances focusing on a theme entitled "Hide and Seek." All nine performing choirs will also perform this program on a spring 2017 tour to a combined 25 schools and retirement homes. Over 500 young singers in Madison Youth Choirs' performing ensembles will sharpen their critical thinking, analytical, and investigative skills to identify patterns, puzzles and secret structures in musical compositions.

Madison Opera, Inc.

Award:

\$1,995

Madison Opera offers a range of youth engagement activities, all designed to share the magic of live professional opera with students from around Dane County, helping bridge the gap left by dwindling arts exposure and education in our schools. We are financially accessible, with tickets to our mainstage productions beginning at \$18 and a popular student rush program.

Middleton Community Orchestra

Award: \$1,995

Performed by outstanding, amateur musicians from Dane County in collaboration with some of classical music's brightest stars who have ties to the area, MCO's Winter and Spring Concerts are affordable, accessible community events perfect for audiences of ALL ages. General Admission is \$10, and all students are admitted FREE of charge. At any given concert, there is a young, local soloist collaborating with the 70 musicians in the MCO performing for an audience of 300-400 at the Middleton Performing Arts Center.

Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras

Award: \$1,723

The Diane Endres Ballweg Winterfest Concert Series, performed by WYSO's more than 480 young musicians in five orchestras, feature the most challenging repertoire of the year. These performances inspire WYSO members to increase their instrumental skills, listen closely to their fellow musicians, and give a stunning display of their talents to an appreciative audience.

Theatre

Theatre LILA \$3,308

Award:

Theatre LILA and Four Seasons Theatre present *Big Fish, the musical*: a father's story, a son's journey and life's epic adventure. LILA puts its style of inventive physical storytelling into this collaboration to present a magical tale about a family coming together—and the beauty of dreaming bigger.

First Act Children's Theatre

Award: \$779

First Act Children's Theatre's *A Friend In Need* explores the joys and challenges of friendship. With music, puppetry and movement, Class Act brings high energy and fun to a serious subject. Puppetry, songs and audience interaction help tell the story in all Class Act productions. Student volunteers take small roles in the show.

Playtime Productions \$1,505

Award:

PlayTime will prepare and present its own version of the classic Charles Perrault tale, Cinderella, entitled *If the Shoe Fits-A Cinderella Story*. Children and families will enjoy delightfully funny sequences as the proper foot is sought for and the shoe is tried on repeatedly, through PTP's drama, song and dance. During the Dane County tour, 25 children will learn the craft of theatre by doing.

PlayTime Productions

Award: \$1,505

A twister warps Dorothy into the land of the wacky, weird, and wizardly Oz who resides in cyberspace. Toto becomes Mouse and he and Dot follow the world wide web as PlayTime Productions spirals this WWW.OZ tale to life at 15 Dane County venues, at low cost for the entire family.

Forward Theater

Award: \$3,570

Forward Theater is proud to present its first commissioned play, *Learning to Stay*, an adaptation by Jim DeVita of Madison author Erin Celello's novel. The show will run for 18 performances over 3 weeks at The Playhouse in Overture Center and will be accompanied by extensive opportunities to engage the community in discussion.

Children's Theater of Madison

Award: \$2,550

CTM will present *To the Promised Land* in The Playhouse at Overture Center for the Arts from April 22 through May 3, 2017. *To the Promised Land* is a story about two girls who grow up in the same house on Walnut Street in Milwaukee, sixty years apart from each other; through a

magical connection, they discover their similarities, their shared strength and hope, and how they both must overcome injustices to realize their dreams.

Children's Theater of Madison

Award: \$2,363

CTM brings *Seussical*TM to The Playhouse in Overture Center for the Arts from February 25 – March 12, 2017. An imaginative musical that brings together characters and stories from Dr. Seuss' most loved books, *Seussical*TM teaches about the power of being unique, and the importance of fighting for your beliefs.

Visual Arts

Mount Horeb Area Arts Association

Award: \$760

The 11th Annual Spring Art Tour is an artists' studio tour showcase planned for June 2-4, 2017. This 3-day open-art-studios event is free to the public, family friendly, and will highlight the artwork and studio spaces of about 2-3 dozen artists living and working within a 20-mile radius of Mount Horeb. We anticipate the upcoming tour will draw approximately 650-750 residents from Madison, Dane County and beyond.

Arts + Literature Laboratory

Award:

\$3,039

Next summer, Arts + Literature Laboratory will launch *CSArt Madison*—southern Wisconsin's first Community Supported Art program—in an endeavor to support the local culture and creative economy of Dane County. *CSArt Madison* asks shareholders to invest directly in the arts community with a “buy local” mentality.

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters

Award: \$1,436

Terese Agnew: Writing in Stone is a large-scale, collaborative installation combining towering sculptural monuments, sound recordings, photographs, and live performance to honor transformative ideas and events from Wisconsin's past. It expresses the belief that ideas themselves are monumental, and that the wisdom of our ancestors can offer powerful inspiration today.

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

Award: \$1,900

Young at Art – a biennial exhibition that features artworks by K-12 students – will be presented at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art from February 11 to April 23. The exhibition celebrates the talents of our community's youngest artists and the value of visual art instruction in the public schools.