



Dane County Awards \$74,375 in Grants to Local Arts Organizations

*Dane Arts Awards 52 Grants Supporting Arts and Cultural Activities
Countywide with Public-Private Funds*

Dozens of local organizations that promote community arts, history, and culture are receiving “Dane Arts” grants, County Executive Joe Parisi and the Dane County Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission announced today. 48 project, two short order, and two capital requests totaling \$74,375 were recently awarded in cycle two for “Dane Arts” grants in 2022.

“We are proud to have so many creative artists call Dane County home,” County Executive Joe Parisi said. “Through county funding, private donations, and ongoing partnerships, the ‘Dane Arts’ grants support the incredible work of our local artists and organizations in the Dane County community. Congratulations to this year’s recipients.”

The “Dane Arts” grants are funded by county dollars in conjunction with private donations from the Endres Manufacturing Company Foundation, the W. Jerome Frautschi Foundation, and the Pleasant T. Rowland Foundation.

This year, Dane County’s Dane Arts will award over \$170,000 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 February 1, 2023, 4:00pm.

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Grant recipients are listed below this announcement.

Arts in Education

American Players Theatre - *American Players Theatre In Classroom Residencies for Dane County Schools*

Award: \$1,738

Two specific week-long, in-classroom residency programs that utilize the unique skills of APT teaching artists to infuse students with enthusiasm and appreciation for classical texts and important literary works. The programs equip students with tools to clearly comprehend challenging literature, such as poetry and Shakespeare and compels them to discover the confidence to use and express language.

Benjamin Fritz - *Jilly Goats Gruff and Up River Organization is Children's Film Academy of Madison*

Award: \$1,344

Jilly Goats Gruff is the first production in our "College Crew" series. This means that the roles of director, camera person, and sound engineer are all done by college students seeking degrees in film. It is uncommon for them to get hands on experience even at our states largest universities, and they are finding this experience incredibly enlightening. The cast of Jilly Goats Gruff (a Norwegian fairytale) are elementary age youth from the Mount Horeb Area.

Little Picassos - *Little Picassos: a free art enrichment program for underserved families*

Award: \$1,413

Little Picassos is a free after school art enrichment program for underserved, low-income children in Madison, WI.

Madison Jazz Society – *Madison Jazz Society School Residency Program: Spring 2023*

Award: \$722

“Enriching Jazz Education for Madison’s Elementary and Middle School Students” provides MMSD students access to high-quality jazz music experiences and helps address lack of familiarity with this American art form. This project will enable MMSD students to learn from locally-based musicians who share their love of jazz and improvisation with students.

Madison Symphony Orchestra Inc. - *Spring Young People's Concert 2023*

Award: \$1,657

MSO's Spring Young People's Concert brings students in grades 9-12 into a world-class concert hall to experience live music performed by a professional symphony. The concert is performed by the Madison Symphony Orchestra led by MSO Associate Conductor Kyle Knox.

Magnum Opus Inc. - *School of the Arts Spring Showcase*

Award: \$719

Come and experience the first fine arts showcase from Magnum Opus School of the Arts. Offering the audience dance, theater, and music from an expansive age range and abilities. Help keep the arts alive today!

Monroe Street Arts Center - *Family Art Making Studio - a free bimonthly art making opportunity for families in the Madison area*

Award: \$1,155

Family Art Making Studio (FAMS) is a free art making opportunity for families in the Madison area. FAMS will provide exposure and access to art education without the barrier of registration fees for families. Bi-monthly classes will explore various visual art mediums and techniques which will foster creativity and connection.

Music con Brio, Inc - *Music con Brio's 11th Annual Community Concert Series*

Award: \$1,709

In 2022-23, Music con Brio will present its 11th Annual Community Concert Series, integrating music by Black Composers initiative. Partnering with MYArts and Emerson Elementary/the Goodman Center, Music con Brio will present two Community Concerts, professionally recording both to showcase online, providing motivation, outreach, and enriching collaborations between students, professional musicians, and the community.

Overture Center for the Arts - *2022-23 Disney Musicals in Schools*

Award: \$1,643

Disney Musicals in Schools is a driving force for increasing access, interest, and the diversity of youth theater participants throughout the county. Elementary school faculty are provided the training, materials, and tools necessary to support student performance and production for a sustainably built elementary theater program.

UW Community Arts Collaboratory - *Whoopsocket Live Album Recording*

Award: \$1,687

Whoopsocket arts residency program and performing ensemble works with emergent readers and writers to create original theatre pieces written by budding authors and performed by professional performers. This project will support Whoopsocket's Live Album Recording at Madison Youth Arts Center, celebrating the creativity and brilliance of young people from Madison, while showcasing Whoopsocket's diverse cast of musicians and actors.

Dance

Dance Wisconsin - *45th anniversary of The Nutcracker*

Award: \$1,674

Dance Wisconsin celebrates 45 years of entertaining Dane County. Rich in artistic creativity, their Nutcracker has evolved over the decades. In 2021, Dance Wisconsin debuted a Nutcracker with updated costumes and choreography to better reflect the diversified world and removed inappropriate cultural messages.

Isthmus Dance Collective - *Memento Mori*

Award: \$1,065

The leaves have changed and fallen, the wheel of the year has turned, and now we are reminded of the time of the year that signifies death - Memento Mori: an evening of delights that weave through memories of birth, life, aging, and death. Warm your bones in the warm glow of vivacious

inter-disciplinary dance collaborations that range from modern dance on skateboards with aerial, to flamenco and Mexican folkloric fusion.

Kanopy Dance Theatre Inc - *Kanopy Dance Company Presents Connexions*

Award: \$1,650

Kanopy's Connexions features guest artists Lloyd Knight and choreographer Jamar Roberts-- leaders in shaping the future of American Modern Dance and important artists of color. Through an artist's residency, Mr. Lloyd choreographed a new work for the Kanopy and performs as soloist in Jamar Robert's poignant "Born to Love".

KLJ Movement Inc. - *KLJ Movement Dance Production*

Award: \$1,362

KLJ Movement Dance Production focuses on the power of performances, they emphasize their values through being intentional about the titles, themes, music, and variety of styles within performances that reflect their values of compassion, authenticity, social justice, learning, and ultimately joy.

Li Chiao-Ping Dance - *Li Chiao-Ping Dance presents November 2022 concert, "bits 'n pieces"*

Award: \$1,657

LCPD's November concert "bits 'n pieces" is a performance event for the whole family. This showcase features LCPD works both new and old. They invite the entire Dane County community and beyond to join them for a delightful performance that celebrates the power of dance to transmit, transport, transcend, and transform us.

Madison Contemporary Vision Dance - *Creativity and Confidence - New Youth Program's first performance project*

Award: \$1,565

Creativity and Confidence is the first performance project for Madison Contemporary Dance's new Youth Program. Underserved youth will train with professional dancers Sara Rohs, Papa Kobina Brewoo, and assistant Sontee Duncan, studying ballet, modern, contemporary, hip-hop, breakdancing, and tumbling. Students will perform with Madison Contemporary Dance and the Hitterz Collective.

Multidisciplinary Arts/Culture

ARTS for ALL Wisconsin, Inc. - *Spark! Arts & Culture programming for people with Alzheimer's and Dementia*

Award: \$1,652

SPARK! is an arts and culture program for people with early to mid-stage memory loss and their care partners. All SPARK! programs are free for participants and care partners to attend together, in the comfortable and accessible environment of the Madison Art Center.

Cultural Connections - *Art Express Club Culturalconnections.madison.org*

Award: \$1,747

The Art Express Club youth of Cultural Connections, a nonprofit that supports youth impacted by incarceration, will exhibit work that ranges from large abstract paintings that express their take on social change to still life derived from the work of artists of color.

Madison Children's Museum - *Winter in the Wonderground*

Award: \$1,738

Madison Children's Museum's "Winter in the Wonderground" presents three full months of sports & arts (SPARTS) programming and art installations to help families embrace Wisconsin winters in the Wonderground, a creative and distinctive outdoor play space that was created in direct response to the pandemic.

Madison Reading Project – *Summer Reading Books and Arts Inspiration Kits*

Award: \$854

Madison Reading Project's "Summer Reading Books and Arts Inspiration Kits" program partners with countywide social services and neighborhood centers where they bring culturally and linguistically diverse books and literacy-related creative art projects to children of all ages. Several are co-visit programs with MSCR's Art Cart.

Opera for the Young - *Family Opera Day featuring "The Barber of Seville"*

Award: \$1,547

Opera for the Young presents its 13th annual Family Opera Day at the Overture Center for the Arts in June 2022. A free performance of Barber of Seville will be complemented by area partners with workshops in theater and design (Madison Children's Museum), movement and mindfulness (little om BIG OM), and music (Madison Youth Choirs).

TNW Ensemble Theater, Inc. - *Sketchy Ideas: Expanding Arts Silos*

Award: \$1,148

Sketchy Ideas is a collaboration of visual arts, music, theater, and the written word. It features the drawings and musings of Madison-based artist Randall Berndt, with violinist Paran Amirinazari, and actors Liz Light, Andrew Lonsdale, and Matt Reines, with stage direction and integration of theater, music, and visual arts by Donna Peckett.

Urban Triage - *Annual Urban Harvest Festival*

Award: \$1,716

Urban Annual Harvest Festival is Urban Triage's Second Festival celebrating all they've sowed over the summer and since the beginning of Urban Triage. The Harvest celebration is grounded in sustainability, growth, and community.

UW Madison Arts on Campus - *Wisconsin Film Festival: Big Screens, Little Folks*

Award: \$1,694

Big Screens, Little Folks, an extension of UW-Madison's Wisconsin Film Festival, will offer public screenings of 30 family features length films and shorts in theaters on the UW campus and in neighborhoods. School-sponsored field trips in April 2023 in partnership with Dane County area schools will transport young audiences (4K-12th grade) to the theater where they will enjoy relevant, educational, and unique cinematic experiences unavailable anywhere else in Dane County.

Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets - 2023 Winter Festival of Poetry

Award: \$914

The Winter Festival of Poetry is an eight-week long series of poetry readings taking place on Sunday afternoons beginning in mid-January and running through early March. Each week, six poets will read their works for 10 to 12 minutes, each beginning at 2:00 p.m. and usually ending around 3:30 p.m.

Music

Arts & Literature Laboratory, Inc. - Madison Jazz Festival 2023

Award: \$1,691

The Madison Jazz Festival is a 10-day celebration of jazz throughout Greater Madison, culminating with a headlining concert at the Memorial Union Terrace. Programs range from talks and film screenings to concerts, collaborative performances, and jazz jams occur daily from June 9-18, 2023.

con vivo!...music with life - con vivo!...music with life presents "Northern Lights" chamber music concerts

Award: \$866

con vivo!...music with life presents "Northern Lights," a performance of live chamber music on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 7:30 pm at First Congregational Church in Madison. The concert includes music for winds, strings, and piano by Scandinavian composers.

Dimensions In Sound & The Studio Orchestra Inc. - Starting Small Ensembles to Reach More Seniors in Need

Award: \$1,449

Dimensions In Sound & The Studio Orchestra (DISSO) is a non-profit organization based in Madison, Wisconsin. The organization's two separate music ensembles are dedicated to performing for residents in senior living communities who are unable to seek out big band and orchestral entertainment because of their advanced age or disabilities.

Grace Presents - Grace Presents - HD Livestreaming capabilities and artist fees for Sept 2022-April 2023

Award: \$1,217

The Grace Presents HD Virtual Concert Series provides a solution to the problem around connecting Madison's diverse communities to local musical performances during the COVID-19 pandemic. Featuring a broad range of musical styles representative of Madison's diversity, these top-quality, multi-camera concerts feature exceptionally talented musicians based in Dane County, and are free for all to enjoy from the comfort and safety of their living rooms.

Madison Bach Musicians, Inc. - 12th Annual Holiday Concert, Latin American Baroque on Dec. 11, 2022. Outreach Event at Madison East High School, Dec. 9.

Award: \$1,210

Madison Bach Musicians' twelfth annual Holiday Concert--December 11, 2022--will feature music of the Latin American Baroque. This Sunday afternoon event will be held at Madison's historic First Congregational Church. Concert will also be livestreamed. On Friday December 9,

MBM will give a concert/discussion of this Latin American Baroque repertoire for students at Madison East High School.

Madison Bach Musicians, Inc. - *Mozart's Chamber Music--with Eric Hoeprich, clarinet. April 22-23, 2023 Concerts. Outreach presentation for WYSO on April 23.*

Award: \$1,039

Madison Bach Musicians will perform a program titled Mozart's Chamber Music, with guest Eric Hoeprich clarinet on April 22 & 23, 2023 at First Unitarian Society of Madison, Atrium Auditorium. The April 22 concert will also be livestreamed for ticketed patrons--available through May 22. On April 20, Eric Hoeprich will give a masterclass at UW-Madison, and on April 23 he will give a presentation to the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Madison Flute Club - *2023 Wisconsin Flute Festival*

Award: \$1,525

Wisconsin Flute Festival is an engaging and educational day celebrating flute. The Festival includes workshops, lectures, performances, competitions, masterclasses, and an exhibit hall. The 2022 Festival will include both in-person and virtual components to improve accessibility and impact through and expanded paid and free offerings.

Madison Music Collective - *DIG JAZZ Concert Series Spring 2023: Original Music from Local Artists*

Award: \$1,441

The DIG JAZZ Series presents new music composed by local and regional musicians in a wide variety of jazz-related styles. Entering its 9th year, in which it will present its 60th concert and beyond, the series has been enthusiastically received and remains immensely popular.

Madison Opera, Inc. - *Trouble in Tahiti and The Seven Deadly Sins*

Award: \$1,478

Madison Opera will present a double-bill of Leonard Bernstein's *Trouble in Tahiti* and Kurt Weill's *The Seven Deadly Sins* in February 2023 in the Capitol Theater. This new production shares two stories of longing and searching woven together with a jazz beat and features Kanopy Dance in the Weill piece.

Madison Youth Choirs - *Madison Youth Choirs' 2023 Spring Concert Series*

Award: \$1,657

From January through May 2023, the 400 young singers of Madison Youth Choirs will explore a variety of classical and contemporary choral repertoire reflecting the complex themes emerging from Saint-Exupéry's "The Little Prince." This semester-long study will culminate in a public concert series at the Verona Performing Arts Center in May 2023.

Make Music Madison - *Neighborhood Main Stages*

Award: \$1,618

Make Music Madison's Neighborhood Main Stages project addresses equity issues in the local music scene by incubating new music hosts in areas that lack traditional venues, and recruiting and compensating a diverse network of musicians.

Middleton Community Orchestra - *Expanding our reach-building capacity to reach new audiences and serve more of the community. Three concerts.*

Award: \$1,650

Performed by outstanding amateur musicians from Dane County in collaboration with some of classical music's brightest local stars, MCO's 13th anniversary concerts are affordable, accessible community events perfect for audiences of ALL ages. General Admission is \$15, and all students (including college age) are admitted FREE of charge. This project expands the MCO's reach by performing two concerts at the new, downtown Hamel Music Center.

PEBOGA - *2022 Fall Gospel Fest*

Award: \$1,531

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.

Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras, Inc. - *WYSO Music Makers Vivaci Violins Project*

Award: \$1,596

WYSO Music Makers *Vivaci Violins* project will create a new Music Makers class of violins with 10 beginning students all at the same level, for the first time in WYSO history.

Theater

Children's Theater of Madison - *FINDER AND THE NORTH STAR*

Award: \$1,463

CTM will present a world premiere play, *Finder & The North Star* by Erica Berman in the Starlight Theater at Madison Youth Arts Center (MYArts) from February 18 – March 5, 2023. This play will be part of World Premiere Wisconsin, a statewide festival celebrating new plays and musicals.

Forward Theater – *Artemisia*

Award: \$1,716

Forward Theater has commissioned award-winning playwright Lauren Gunderson to create a new work for our company as part of World Premiere Wisconsin, a statewide festival we initiated for 2023. A series of public and private programs will nurture this piece, while offering audiences a look at the creative process, and, for us, opportunities for partnership with other arts organizations.

StageQ - *Sophomore World Production of "Laced" by Samantha Mueller*

Award: \$1,485

StageQ will workshop and produce the sophomore production and Wisconsin premier of a play titled "Laced" by a young, queer playwright, Samantha Mueller. A piece that is fiery and poetic, so contemporary and relevant to an LGBTQ+ community staring down a future of political uncertainty and vulnerability.

Strollers Theatre, Ltd. - *Strollers' 2022/2023 Season*

Award: \$1,672

For their 65th season, Strollers is taking a deep dive into the darker side of humanity. Presenting *Bent*, a story of hopeless love in a Nazi concentration camp, *Hir*, the tale of a dishonorably

discharged soldier returning home to find his family in chaos, and a premier production of a script by Madison native Sam White in which two expectant mothers in two different eras wrestle with the social mores of their times, *Strollers* is exploring what makes us who we are like never before.

Visual Arts

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art - *MMoCA Young at Art*

Award: \$1,724

Coinciding with Youth Art Month, MMoCA's *Young at Art* honors K-12 youth artists and celebrates their talent. In addition, the exhibition draws attention to the critical role visual arts educators have in providing a robust curriculum, developing visual communication strategies, and enhancing community connections.

Madison Public Art Project - *Riding Waves*

Award: \$1,415

MPAP is delighted to commission "Riding Waves" a new public art mural at the Beltline exit ramp at Monona Drive. This mural serves to shine a light on the importance of destigmatizing mental illness. Audifax will create this mural as a tool to bring awareness, uplift, inspire, and explore a more equitable future.

Maria Amalia Wood - *REMENDANDO MEMORIAS (MENDING MEMORIES)*

Award: \$1,761

Remendando Memorias (Mending Memories) is a community art project led by Maria Amalia during her one-year art residency at Synergy Ventures Foundation that welcomes Latina immigrants (ages 12+) living in Dane County, to meet every month for two hours and connect with one another through embroidery and storytelling. Sessions will be in Spanish. Online sign-up is required to attend.

Village of Oregon - *New Village of Oregon Public Art Program*

Award: \$1,731

The Village of Oregon has established a new Public Art Program, with various sculptures designed to promote local art, the first in Dane County. Sculptures from local artists within Dane County have been created to make the Village of Oregon a destination point for Public Art within Dane County. This new Public Art encourages active lifestyles, tourism, and fosters art education and lifelong learning.

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters - *Joseph Mougel & Richard Moninski: paired solo exhibitions*

Award: \$1,269

Photographer and video artist Joseph Mougel and painter Richard Moninski combine textile patterns and plant imagery to create artwork that subtly critiques the Western tradition of natural history and scientific illustration. Juxtaposing camouflage design, floral embroidery, specimen collections, and the colonial documentation of Indigenous culture, their work provokes important questions about the cultural backdrop to seemingly neutral image traditions.

Capital

Madison Circus Space - Mats for expanded capacity

Award: \$1,500

The Madison Circus Space is requesting \$3,000 for the purchase of crash mats and roll out mats to increase capacity for aerial and partner acrobatics in our new permanent facility.

Overture Center for the Arts - 2022-23 Woodshop Technology Upgrade

Award: \$1,500

The Woodshop Technology Upgrades project is an opportunity to improve the overall safety and workflow of the Overture Center woodshop. The shop is used by local, touring and national productions to repair and create larger-than-life sets for musical, dance, theater, and opera performances. The woodshop also supports regular building maintenance.

Short Order

Central Midwest Ballet - Concerto Live! Celebrating Dance & Music

Award: \$600

Live performance matters. So Central Midwest Ballet Academy dancers and Mt. Olive Lutheran Church musicians and singers are collaborating to mingle new choreographic works with compositions by local pianist/composer Tim Adrianson. Come enjoy this free community event which fuses live dance and music.

Emerson Elementary School - Drum and Dance Residency with Mandjou Mara

Award: \$800

Emerson Elementary School will host Guinean-born musician Mandjou Mara for a 3-week drum and dance residency in February-March 2023. Mandjou Mara will teach each 4th and 5th grade class a song, a drum pattern, and a dance, which they will present in a collaborative performance with Limanya Drum and Dance Ensemble at the end of the residency.