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DANE ARTS AWARDS \$110,096 TO LOCAL ARTISTS

*Forty-seven grants supporting arts and cultural activities countywide
with public-private funds*

MADISON - The Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission announces the award of 47 *project* grants totaling \$98,494 for community arts, cultural, and local history programs, and four *capital* grants in the amount of \$11,500. In the Commission's second and final grant cycle of the year, Dane 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 will be matched by more than \$2.2 million from other sources. *Grant recipients are listed below.*

"The projects selected for grants illustrate how individuals and groups are expressing themselves, entertaining, teaching and engaging their communities," said Dane County Executive Joe Parisi. "Dane County is fortunate to be home to so many wonderful artists and to benefit from their creative work."

This year, Dane Arts will award almost \$260,000 in public-private funds to nonprofit organizations, schools, individuals, and municipalities for arts, cultural, and local history projects and programs offered countywide.

Our 2015 grant cycles application deadlines are February 3, 2015 and August 4, 2015.

For more information about Dane Arts' grant program and other opportunities, see

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ARTISTS AND GROUPS RECEIVING 2014 GRANTS

Arts in Education

American Players Theatre, \$2,865 for *Potency of Poetry project*, 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 Music Makers, Inc., \$2,750 for *fall and spring 2014-2015 gala concerts* Music Makers will present two, free to the public, gala concerts at Middleton Area Performing Arts Center. They will showcase about ninety children from low-income families, performing on violin, cello, guitar, bass, keyboard, drums and voice, presenting a varied repertoire of classical, blues, spirituals, and folk tunes from various cultures.

Lake view Elementary, \$1,290 for *Welcome to the Great Green Growing Community Mural*, Our proposal converts an underutilized opportunity, a school facade, into a welcoming, public mural with the support of an artist of substance, Henry Hawkins. The eco-artistic design will send a strong message about our diversity and commitment to the arts, environment and academic excellence while honoring our culture, history and future.

Dance

Li Chiao-Ping Dance, \$2,765, for *Bodies of Hope*, this incorporates stories about girls and women overcoming obstacles in their lives. A hybrid of dance, spoken word, music, and video, celebrating diversity and community, "Bodies of Hope" is the featured new work in a concert that is part of LCPD's year-long celebration of its 20 years in Dane County

Madison Ballet, \$2,340, for *Behind the Curtains: 2015 School Performance of "The Nutcracker*, Madison Ballet's "Behind the Curtains" is a full-length performance of the holiday classic, "The Nutcracker," presented specifically for students. Combining a full-length professional ballet performance with a pre-performance Study Guide, "Behind the Curtains" provides students with a one-of-a-kind opportunity for a deeper understanding of dance and the art of ballet.

Madison Ballet, \$1,315, for *Spring 2015 Repertory Balanchine Ballet*, Madison Ballet intends to acquire the rights to two new ballets by choreographer George Balanchine for its final repertory production in the spring 2015. Balanchine's characteristically athletic and dynamic works offer the professional dancers of Madison Ballet unparalleled opportunities for artistic development while engaging new and dance-savvy audiences alike.

Kanopy Dance Theatre Inc., \$2,265, for *Martha Graham: In Her Footsteps*, Kanopy presents "Martha Graham: In Her Footsteps" featuring selections from Martha Graham's masterpiece "Appalachain Spring." Kanopy Directors: Thurrell's 'Miserere' (Have Mercy) is informed by Graham technique and aesthetic form; Cleary's premiere pays homage to Graham. Stanley Love, Director, Stanley Love Performance Group NYC presents 'Bonewash' celebrating Graham- deconstructed, set to pop-music.

Kanopy Dance Theatre Inc., \$1,720, for *Emergence: Gaia Rising*, In keeping with Kanopy's mission to present new works by local, national and international choreographers, and to encourage emerging artists, Kanopy's Emergence: Gaia Rising stages a potpourri of premieres by KDC artistic directors, dancers, guest artists. Featuring fusions of Mexican Folkloric with modern, Flamenco with ballet, Postmodern, Japanese Butoh infused works.



Multidisciplinary

Music Theatre of Madison, \$1,050, for 35MM: A Musical Exhibition, MTM will present the Wisconsin premiere of Ryan Scott Oliver's song cycle 35MM: A Musical Exhibition. The performance will be accompanied by a free photography exhibit at the Goodman Community Center, which will feature photos inspired by the songs

Overture Center, \$2,485, for 2015 International Festival, Overture's International Festival weaves tapestries of performances, crafts and foods with sounds, smells and flavors as vibrant as the costumes adorning the performers. We give voice to languages and cultures from around the world, and all the performers call Dane County home. One day every year, Local goes Global!

Opera for the Young, Inc., \$1,720, for Family Opera Day featuring "Beauty and the Beast", Opera for the Young presents its fifth annual Family Opera Day at the Overture Center for the Arts on May 30th, 2015. A free performance of "Beauty and the Beast" will be complemented with workshops in theater, music, and design with assistance from the Madison Youth Choirs and Madison Children's Museum.

Simpson Street Free Press, \$1,300, for where in Dane County is the Simpson Street Free Press? Series, SSFP's "Where in Dane County" series brings local history and the arts alive for young readers. This project acts as a portal; it's how we teach local history and the arts. These feature stories lead young readers to fascinating content that celebrates history, performance, and the arts in Dane County.

Boys and Girls Club of Dane county, \$3,510, for Music Matters: Growing a Love for Jazz and Classical Music in Our Community's Youth, Boys & Girls Club of Dane County, Greater Madison Jazz Consortium, and Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra will provide 3 cycles of "Music Intensive" experiences for youth with individual and group lessons, ensembles, music appreciation; live music event attendance; allied activities in BG CDC's arts programs; and culminating performance featuring participants and welcoming the public.

Music

Sound Health \$500, for Music Outreach Program, The effects of listening to music have shown to bring comfort to hospital patients by easing pain, lowering blood pressure and improving coping abilities. UW-Madison School of Music's outreach program, Sound Health, aims to enrich UW Hospital by bringing live classical music performances to public spaces and enhance the healing environment.

Madison Youth Choir, \$1,435, for 5th Annual Madison Boychoir Festival, The effects of listening to music have shown to bring comfort to hospital patients by easing pain, lowering blood pressure and improving coping abilities. UW-Madison School of Music's outreach program, Sound Health, aims to enrich UW Hospital by bringing live classical music performances to public spaces and enhance the healing environment.

Grace Presents, \$1,680, for Grace Presents Concert Series, Grace Presents is a monthly concert series that is free and open to the public. The hour-long programs take place at Grace Episcopal Church at noon on one Saturday each month. Programs range from classical instrumental and vocal chamber music to blues, bluegrass, folk, jazz, and world music.

Wisconsin chamber Choir, \$930, for Performance of "Our Orphaned Souls" by Giles Swayne the Wisconsin Chamber Choir will perform the world premier of "Our Orphaned Souls," with text from Moby Dick, by British composer Giles Swayne.



Madison Youth Choirs, \$3,210, for 2015 Spring Concert Series, In preparing for the Spring Concert Series, the Madison Youth Choirs will engage in a semester-long theme exploring the art of movement and the ways in which singers can learn to use their whole bodies as instruments. MYC will welcome guest artists from the School of Madison Ballet and Dalcroze Eurhythmics instructor Diana Popowycz to collaborate with the choirs throughout the semester.

Middleton Community, \$2,780, for Winter and Spring Concerts Featuring Young Artists from Dane County, The Middleton Community Orchestra will present two concerts, featuring 70 Dane County musicians that comprise the orchestra in collaboration with guest artists Andy Olson, oboe and Thomas Kasdorf, piano. Guest conductor Kyle Knox and regular conductor Steve Kurr will conduct one concert each

Madison Opera, Inc., \$3,820, for Student Matinee Arts Education Program, Madison Opera's Student Matinee program features Stephen Sondheim's "Sweeney Todd" on February 4, 2015 in the Capitol Theater and Gioachino Rossini's "The Barber of Seville" on April 22, 2015 in Overture Hall. For over 30 years, Madison Opera has introduced students throughout Dane County to the classical performing arts through fully-staged opera performances.

John Duggleby, \$815, for Affordable Beat Generation Drum Circles/Kitchen Bands for Seniors/Disabled People, My project provides enjoyable, participatory percussion-oriented musical sessions in fully accessible environments for senior/disabled adults who would not receive such opportunities otherwise. The physically and mentally stimulating interactivity helps extend the resources for enrichment programs for senior centers and healthcare organizations.

Con vivo! Music with life, \$1,195, for "Girls Rule", presents a performance of live chamber music by women composers on Friday, March 13, 2015 at 7:30 pm at First Congregational Church in Madison. A professional chamber music ensemble comprised of seven core musicians who draw on their experience with the Madison Symphony Orchestra, Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra and other regional performing groups to deliver dynamic and high-caliber performances.

PEBOGA, \$2,630, for 2014 Fall Gospel Fest, 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, \$2, 245, for Evelyn Steenbock Fall Concerts, The Evelyn Steenbock Fall Concerts serve as the first performances of the WYSO season, in which our diverse group of young musicians can display their talents and reap the rewards of their hard work. The Steenbock Concerts series is dedicated to private and school music teachers, who will be honored for their great efforts in advancing music education.

Madison Symphony, \$2,675 for fall youth concerts 2014, 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 Madison Symphony Orchestra in Overture Hall and feature the MSO's Fall Youth Concerto Competition winners.

Madison Symphony, \$2,675 for spring young people's concert 2015, The MSO's Spring Young People's Concert brings middle and high school students into a world-class performing arts center to experience live classical music performed by a professional symphony orchestra. Performed by the MSO and Maestro John DeMain at Overture Center, the SYPC features the MSO's Bolz Young Artist Competition winners.

Madison music Collective, \$2,760 for MMC Jazz spans 2014-2015, The Madison Music Collective's "Jazz On A Sunday" series will highlight vocalist Connie Evingson with Laura Caviani, piano and Pete Whitman, sax; trumpeter Russ Johnson Quartet; vibraphonist Christian Tamburr and local musicians; the Chicago Yestet. MMC will co-sponsor a workshop with the Wisconsin Union Theater featuring drummer Terri Lyne Carrington.



Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras, \$2,385 for *winterfest concerts*, The Winterfest Concerts, performed by WYSO's 365 young musicians in four 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.

Con vivo! Music with life, \$1,095 for *con vivo! Presents "German Masters"*, presents a performance of live chamber music by German composers on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 7:30 pm at First Congregational Church in Madison.

City of Madison, \$3,105, for *concerts on the rooftop on Monona terrace*, for nearly two decades, Concerts on the Rooftop at Monona Terrace have provided an opportunity for thousands of music fans to enjoy the spirit of Dane County in a world class venue at no charge. The six concerts showcase a variety of music, opportunities for dance, great food and spectacular views!

Madison Bach Musicians, \$2,900 for *Pygmalion*, Madison Bach Musicians will perform Jean-Philippe Rameau's 1745 opera-ballet *Pygmalion* on April 17 & 19, 2015. The concerts feature a 22-piece baroque orchestra, four outstanding vocal soloists, and four dancers. On April 18 MBM will perform an outreach event at UW-Madison School of Music featuring selections from *Pygmalion*.

Dimensions in sound and the studio orchestra Inc., \$1,205 for *Senior Living Establishments Concerts Project*, DISSO is made up of two non-profit musical groups (50 musicians) dedicated to preserving and presenting classical works of the Big Band era and symphonic orchestral music. We bring professional quality music to senior living establishments, no longer able to seek out this music due to advanced age or disabilities.

Music con Brio, Inc., \$2,965 for *third annual community concert series*, in 2014-15, Music con Brio students will perform two community concerts in Madison, working in partnership with diverse local professional artists and exploring different types of ethnic and contemporary classical music. These concerts will provide motivating performance opportunities for the students, outreach to the wider community and exciting collaborations across arts organizations.

Theatre

Children's Theatre of Madison, \$2,340 for *The music lesson*, CTM will present *The Music Lesson*, an award-winning young adult drama that weaves together classical music with the events of the Bosnian War and the innocent victims it left behind. It's a tale of two countries, two families, two generations, and the ways they teach and heal each other.

Children's Theatre of Madison, \$2,105 for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, In March 2015, CTM presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, one of Shakespeare's most humorous and accessible plays. The lives of four young Athenians and a troupe of wannabe actors are forever changed when they enter an enchanted forest where mischievous fairies wreak havoc and the forces of nature collide.

Playtime Productions, \$2,520 for *The Snow Queen*, Playtime Productions follows Gerda on her quest to find her friend, ensnared by a powerful sorceress, to the land of the SNOW QUEEN at 15 Dane County venues, at low cost for the entire family. Laugh at the antics of the crow and the zany Lady Summer on this perilous journey.

Forward Theater, \$2,340 for *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" production Project*, Forward Theater Company will present the Wisconsin premiere of the 2013 Tony Award winner for Best Play *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* by Christopher Durang. The play will be presented at Overture Center for three weeks in April 2015, and will be complemented by pre-show talks every Thursday and Sunday and post-show talkbacks after every performance.



Playtime Productions, \$2,105 for *Snow White*, Mistreated by a jealous queen and abandoned in a desolate wood, Playtime Productions helps SNOW WHITE find a new whimsical home among a family of small strangers. Encounter the adventure of her persistence and bravery through danger at 15 Dane County venues at low cost for the entire family.

Four Seasons Theatre, \$3,010 for *Great American Songbook Project* - A Grand Night for Singing, Four Seasons Theatre's Great American Songbook Project features both year round outreach concerts at retirement communities and assisted living centers (12 programs annually) as well as ticketed performances for one weekend at the Overture Center each year. For the 2014-2015 season our program, A Grand Night for Singing, will feature the music of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II.

First Act Children's Theatre, \$685 for *Class Act: Bringing Live Performance to School*, First Act Children's Theatre's Class Act brings lively theatre to elementary schools across Dane County. A Friend In Need explores the joys and challenges of friendship and what it means to be a good friend. With music, puppetry and movement, Class Act brings high energy and fun to a serious subject.

StageQ, Inc., \$560, for *Christmas with the Crawford's* - *Community Outreach Project*, StageQ will produce "Christmas with the Crawford's" and host a series of community talkbacks throughout the play's run, with talkback speakers like Madison Drag Impersonators, the cast, and design team members. In addition the playwright, Richard Winchester, will take part in a community panel.

Visual Arts

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, \$2,760 for *Narayan Mahon: Lands in Limbo*, The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art is proud to present Narayan Mahon: Lands in Limbo, the first solo museum exhibition of work by Narayan Mahon, a Madison-based photographer. Through this series of photographs, Mahon artfully documents the experiences and complexities of life in unrecognized countries.

Chazen Museum of Art, \$1,675 for *Spring 2015 Exhibition of Contemporary Chinese Art Project*, Based upon the museum's groundbreaking work to introduce Americans to Xu Bing -- now a global artistic superstar, and through on-the-ground research to identify emerging artists, this exhibition will showcase top artists from China's prolific and provocative contemporary art movement -- most of whom are utterly new to American or Western audiences

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters, \$3,180 for *Waterways: Sarah FitzSimons, Marsha McDonald, John Miller, and Roy Staab (March 10-May 10, 2015) Project*, Waterways will pair the work of four Wisconsin visual artists (Sarah Fitzsimons, Marsha McDonald, John Miller, and Roy Staab) with a series of interdisciplinary programs about the science and cultural stories surrounding Wisconsin waters. In addition to sharing four significant artists' vision and expression with our visitors, Waterways will inspire viewers to reflect on their own relationship with the waters around us.

NAMI Wisconsin, \$954 for *9th Annual Healing Art Show*, NAMI Wisconsin hosts its Annual Healing Art Show as part of Mental Illness Awareness Week. The show displays works from creative individuals who have experienced mental illness. The purpose of the show is to break down stigma surrounding mental illness by highlighting talents and strengths that far overshadow mental illness.

Monona Bay Neighborhood Association, \$3,510 for *Brittingham Garden Place Making Project*, The Brittingham Garden Place Making Project will commission a sculptural archway with ornamental benches and fence at a community garden located on the bike path in the City of Madison's Brittingham Park. The components of the project feature leaf-like elements creating a tranquil gathering spot for gardeners, neighbors, and passersby.



Jessica Doing, \$472 for *Justified Art!* Justified Art! Is a visual art exhibition that provides a platform for artists to contribute to the ongoing dialogue surrounding Dane County's systemic racial inequities? Artists will be selected by a distinguished jury and will have the opportunity to showcase their work at the Overture Center for the Arts.

Capital

Friends of Historic Oregon, \$3,000 for *Restoration of Oregon Pump House*, The restoration of the state and national Village of Oregon historic Pump House is a county icon. This historic Pump House was the place of the first village home, constructed in 1843. The newly restored building will become a new village community space creating new history as the new Oregon Welcome Center.

Emerson Elementary, \$2,500 for *Play for All Through Music*, Our goal is to create an inclusive playground for children of all abilities through Free notes concert quality outdoor musical instruments. Free notes can be enjoyed by everyone and are fully accessible to people of all ages and abilities, including people with physical disabilities, thereby bringing out the inner musician in us all.

Wisconsin Heights High, \$3,000 for *Wisconsin Heights High School Drama Equipment*, Wisconsin Heights High School is applying for funding to purchase wireless headset microphones and supporting equipment for use in high school theater rehearsals and performances each year.

Madison Theatre Guild, \$3,000 for *Madison Theatre Guild Roof Restoration*, Madison Theatre Guild wishes to redo its roof over the historic Firehouse portion of its building. The building is used by the Guild to build sets, hold auditions, store props and costumes, and to rent costumes out to the community.