

Dane County Award's Over \$137,000 in Grants to Local Arts Organizations

Dane Arts Awards 54 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. Fifty-three project grants and one capital request totaling \$137,119 were recently awarded in cycle 2 for “Dane Arts” project grants in 2019. Organizations requested over \$210,000 in support.

“Dane County is so fortunate to be home to so many creative artists,” County Executive Joe Parisi said. “Thanks to more county financial support this year along with the continued help of our private donors, together we’re better able to promote and support the work of the incredibly talented people and organizations in this community.”

The “Dane Arts” grants are funded by county dollars in conjunction with private donations 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.

This year, Dane County’s Dane Arts will award over \$250,000 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 1st, 2020, 4:00pm.

Grant recipients are listed below this announcement.

Dane Arts

2019 Cycle 2 Grants

Africasong Communications, Inc. - 40th Annual State of Wisconsin Tribute & Ceremony to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **Award: \$3,690.00**

On Monday, January 20, 2020 the State of Wisconsin will mark the 40th Annual Tribute & Ceremony honoring the legacy of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through words, music, and dance. It is free and open to the public, and annually draws a culturally diverse audience of approximately 3,500 individuals. The 90-minute program begins with an Honor Guard including members of Mason's Capital City Lodge, bagpipers and a trumpeter in solemn recognition of Dr. King's sacrifice and that of others who gave their lives for the Civil Rights cause. It proceeds with an invocation, dance/music performances, brief speeches, and concludes with a recitation of an excerpt of Dr. King's *I Have a Dream* speech by Dane County area youth.

American Players Theatre - "2019 Potency of Poetry (PoP)" **Award: \$3,675.00**

The goal of Potency of Poetry (PoP), conducted during the academic calendar year, is to utilize the unique performance skills of APT's teaching artists to infuse students with enthusiasm and enhanced appreciation of language and storytelling. Ultimately, this program gives students the tools to comprehend, appreciate and sometimes even fall in love with complex texts such as Shakespeare's. Students begin each PoP residency by exploring the "recipe" for different words, finding the ingredients, such as the prefix, suffix and root. They then go on to learn how context weaves words together. Then the teaching artist begins to show students how language comes together to form ideas, arguments, and more. The program is interactive, getting students away from their desks, and encourages them not just to hear language, but to use and experience it. PoP goes beyond just "decoding" language; the program makes language personal, purposeful, empowering and entertaining for the students.

Anders Svanoe – "New Music Series 2020" **Award: \$1,000.00**

I founded the New Music Series in 2018, with the simple mission of featuring new and original music presented by creative combinations of players from around the region. With a limited amount of pilot funding, I have organized 16 free public concerts.

The series has featured many of the finest Madison area players, including Russ Johnson, John Christensen, Michael Brenneis, Major Vistas, Tony Barba, Paul Hastil, Devin Drobka, Rodrigo Villanueva Conroy, and the Jon Hoel Trio. The series has also provided an opportunity for students in small jazz ensembles from Beloit College and UW-Whitewater to perform professionally to new audiences.

Based on what I've learned from the pilot series, in 2020 I seek to make the program more sustainable by limiting the series to eight monthly concerts during the academic year; diversifying financial support for the project through grants, sponsorship, and increased individual gifts; growing and diversifying the audience through improved marketing; and funding paid program coordination time so that I can dedicate more time to this project and build capacity.

Arts & Literature Laboratory - “Open 2020”

Award: \$1,910.00

ALL cultivates life-long participation in the arts and promotes a more just and creative culture in Dane County. The Open 2020 project will build on this work of democratizing access to participation in the arts through expanding the audience for literary arts, strengthening connections within the literary arts community and between writers and other artists, providing opportunities to move beyond cultural barriers through workshops that support participants in using art to address political differences, gender nonconformity, and other issues. In 2020, ALL will begin hosting monthly workshops in both prose and poetry. These will be facilitated and donation-based, in order to make them both sustainable and affordable. We will expand our write-ins, which give writers two hours of peace and quiet companionship for writing twice a month. This facilitates both the actual work and also networking.

Central Midwest Ballet - “Dance Collaborations and Community Performances”

Award: \$2,540.00

Central Midwest Ballet offers a nurturing training environment that encourages overall wellness and positive self-esteem. Our tuition assistance program ensures that children from any economic background can participate. Lastly, our Artisan Program allows students to pursue interests outside of dance such as newsletter publishing, costume design, graphic design and more. CMB seeks to participate in a diverse selection of venues and events to reach a wide audience. Now in our fourth year as an academy, we have established strong partnerships where our dancers are invited to perform on an annual basis.

Children's Theater of Madison - “Peter Pan”

Award: \$1,410.50

With *Peter Pan*, CTM brings the classic story by J.M. Barrie to the stage. This story continues to inspire and engage audiences 150 years after its publication. This Tony award-winning musical features familiar scores such as "I'm Flying," "I Won't Grow Up," and "Never Never Land." This production will be performed in the historic Capitol Theater at the Overture Center, March 14-22, 2020. CTM will present 7 public shows and 3 student matinees, with an estimated total attendance of 6,870 youth and adults.

Children's Theater of Madison – *Mockingbird*

Award: \$4,080.00

This production is aimed at our middle school level and above audiences, and will serve as a unique opportunity to learn about Asperger's Syndrome. The symptoms vary, but audiences will be exposed to what life is like for someone with Asperger's.

con vivo!...music with life - "Russian Romance"

Award: \$816.00

con vivo!...music with life presents "Russian Romance", a live performance of chamber music. This project is designed to enrich, entertain and educate our targeted audiences by presenting rarely performed works by well-known and lesser known composers. Through interactive discussion during the concert, music director Robert Taylor will provide fresh insight into the artistic and historical merits of the music and composers. One public performance with ticketed admission will be held at First Congregational Church on June 6, 2020. A free dress rehearsal/preview performance will take place on June 3, 2020 at Capitol Lakes Retirement Center in Madison to serve populations with limited financial resources and mobility. A reception will be held after the performances that allows the performers and audience to interact. On June 1, 2020, a portion of the program will be performed for music students at Monona Grove High School along with a discussion about the music and time for questions from the students.

con vivo!...music with life - "Introducing c.v.q!" con vivo! wind quintet

Award: \$720.00

con vivo!...music with life presents "Introducing C.V.Q!", a chamber music concert by con vivo!'s new wood wind quintet! The wood wind quintet is made up of flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and French horn. Unlike the string quartet with its homogeneous blend of sound color, the instruments in a wind quintet differ from each other considerably in technique, idiom, and timbre, creating a varied, unique and always interesting sound. One public performance with ticketed admission will be held at First Congregational Church on February 23, 2020. A free dress rehearsal/preview performance will take place on February 19, 2020 at Capitol Lakes Retirement Center in Madison to serve populations with limited financial resources and mobility. A reception will be held after the performances that allows the performers and audience to interact. On February 17, 2020, a portion of the program will be performed for music students at Middleton High School along with a discussion about the music and time for questions from the students.

Dance Wisconsin - "The Nutcracker" a celebration of tradition

Award: \$2,814.00

Dance Wisconsin will celebrate 43 productions of the Nutcracker in December. The Nutcracker brings to fruition Dance Wisconsin's mission to offer high quality, affordable, and educational productions to Dane County. Participation teaches performers the fundamentals and advanced principals of dance and life skills relating to teamwork, commitment, and goal attainment. The addition of working with professional dancers motivates performers to achieve their goals, enriches Dane County's arts culture and brings varied perspectives to the production.

Dimensions In Sound & The Studio Orchestra Inc. - "Senior Living Facilities Music Concerts"

Award: \$3,472.00

The project consists of at least twenty concerts performed by our two ensembles, Dimensions In Sound and The Studio Orchestra. These performances will occur at Dane County senior living facilities from November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2020, on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings.

Forward Theater – “Forward Theaters Production: “Every Brilliant Thing”

Award: \$3,457.30

Forward Theater is proud to bring the hit Off-Broadway solo show *Every Brilliant Thing* to Madison audiences in the masterful hands of veteran Wisconsin actor David Daniel. It will run January 23 – February 9, 2020. *Every Brilliant Thing* strikes a delicate balance between sobering loss and cathartic laughter. It’s a sensitively handled play about depression and the lengths we will go to for those we love.

Four Seasons Theatre - “The Greatest War: Wisconsin, World War One, & Why It Matters”

Award: \$2,450.00

The Greatest War: Wisconsin, World War One, and Why It Matters, a project that was the culmination of two years of researching, collaborating, and creating, debuted to a sold out audience at the Barrymore Theater. Now, in 2019, we’re partnering with the Wisconsin Union Theater to remount the concert at the Memorial Union. *The Greatest War’s* Artistic Director Ken Fitzsimmons describes this as his most ambitious project to date – researching primary sources, composing new songs, and bringing together a creative team that shares his passion for history and music. The Wisconsin Historical Society and Wisconsin Veteran’s Museum donated the use of archival materials, Four Seasons Theatre provided their expertise in producing large-scale productions, and Blizzard Lighting donated a large video wall.

Fresco Opera Theatre – *Opera on the Point*

Award: \$1,875.00

Fresco has performed “Folklore and Legends” for the past two seasons at Picnic Point on the UW-Madison campus. The patrons need to walk about a half mile to get to the point where we perform. As the sun goes down, we build a massive fire as the audience seats themselves around it. We then sing arias that tell the story of folklore and legends under the moon lit night. This performance is free to the public. It demonstrates the power of nature and how we as people interact with it.

Grace Presents - “Market Season 2020”

Award: \$1,050.00

Grace Presents was conceived to provide performance opportunities for both emerging and more established artists. This project grant is focused on increasing available funds to host four additional free public concerts on the square during market season. As a general rule, Grace Presents' guest artists are primarily local, although GP has welcomed artists from as far away as Ukraine. Some are well-known, such as children's musician Ken Lonquist and the Madison Bach Musicians. However, GP takes pride in giving less publicly familiar musicians, such as Echelon String Quartet and Jackson Borges, opportunities for exposure and provides audiences a chance to discover new talent. In part due to the range of genres and artists GP engages, audience size varies from about 50 to 300.

Greater Madison Jazz Consortium - *Madison Jazz Society School Residency Program* **Award: \$3,492.00**

The Madison Jazz Society will produce 4 to 6 jazz residencies in Fall 2019-Winter 2020 at elementary and middle schools in the Madison Metropolitan School District selected through a Fall 2019 request for proposal (RFP) process that will be open to all MMSD K-8 Art and Music Teachers and Arts Liaisons. The residencies will be conducted with students in general music, band, choral and/or orchestra classes. An email was sent out by Peter Kuzma, MMSD Arts Education Coordinator on June 5 to the appropriate teachers. Two teachers, one from a middle school and one elementary school contacted MJS School Residency Program Coordinator, Susan Fox to express an interest in a residency in Fall 2019 and Winter 2020. A meeting is scheduled in mid-July to discuss a potential residency application from these two teachers. Any residency will be partially supported by Dane Arts.

Isthmus Arts and Culture Inc. - *Multicultural Dance Program* **Award: \$580.00**

This project consists of two parts: Classic Chinese dance lessons and local community festival performances. Isthmus Arts and Culture Inc. anticipate hundreds of audience across genders, ages and races. Upon completion of the 15 weeks of lessons, we will showcase in the local community festivals and events. The performance will introduce the genuine Chinese arts to our local community.

Julia Levine - *Lakes as Home: Stories of Black Angle* **Award: \$2,280.00**

This project will develop a photographic exhibit concerning the lives and narratives of Black shore fishers in Madison, WI. The exhibit will act as a creative interpretation of developing research from Professor Monica White. Currently, Professor White is exploring the social, political, cultural, and economic narratives that shape shore fishing by the Black community in Madison with the University's Hatch Grant. Her research ties the current popularity of fishing to a deep history of waterways for the Black community, from escaping slavery via rivers to self-provisioning from public lakes.

Just Bach - *Just Bach Season 2* **Award: \$1,165.00**

The concerts will regularly feature UW-Madison students in order to introduce students to the music of Bach, the practice of historically-informed performance, and the experience of performing without a conductor. The concerts will be free of charge, so that anyone from the Madison community may attend.

Kanopy Dance Theatre Inc. - *Kanopy Dance Company's "Love Is Love"* **Award: \$2,450.00**

Kanopy's Love is Love will be performed at the Overture Center for the Arts in February 2020. In celebration of all queer and cis-gender relationships, Lin Manuel Miranda famously proclaimed "Love is love is love is love," during a Tony acceptance speech for *Hamilton*. Now Kanopy Dance echoes that powerful and passionate declaration through dance. To mark Valentine's Day we present "Adam & StEVE" by noted New York choreographer Stanley Love. In this regional

premiere, Adam and Steve live in a Garden of Eden planted firmly in the disco era, where all are free to be who they are. Costume designer David Quinn returns to drape the Kanopy company in the flashy garb of Studio 54, an Eden where God looks down on a plethora of genders who could be contemporaries of Liberace, Elton John or David Bowie. The apple is a red purse. Also, on the program: Stanley Love's *The Love Number*; NYC choreographer Ede Thurrell's *Living End I & II*; and *Patsy*. NYC and Chicago guest artists include: Stanley Love, Director of SLPG; Lloyd Mayor, Martha Graham Dance Company; Arnie Apostol, Ede Thurrell, Solomon Bowser, freelance artists; and David Quinn, costume designer.

Kanopy Dance Theatre Inc. - "The Far-out Prophecies of Nostradamus" Award: \$1,400.00

Kanopy Dance presents "The Far-Out Prophecies of Nostradamus". In a landmark collaboration, Kanopy Dance will partner with Madison's page-to-stage theater company, Are We Delicious? to create an entire show based around the mysterious French astrologer, physician and poet Nostradamus. Starting with a blank slate, Kanopy Dance and Are We Delicious? will create an evening full of witchcraft, superstition and prophecies. Composers Sean Michael Dargan (Get Back Wisconsin) and Cat Capellaro and Andrew Rohn (VO5, *Walmartopia*, *Temps!*) will set the tone with an original, psychedelic soundtrack reminiscent of Jefferson Airplane and The Beatles' "Yellow Submarine."

Li Chiao-Ping Dance - 7DaysDancing: Dance and Performance events directed/choreographed by Li Chiao-Ping Award: \$4,200.00

LCPD's project is to produce 7DaysDancing: Dance and Performance events directed/choreographed by Li Chiao-Ping in Dane County. This 7-part series of crafted live art experiences will activate our community spaces in new, inventive, and inviting ways, with seven distinct events on the seven days of the week. These public events serve to engage audiences to see dance out of traditional theater spaces, connect live art to the artworks being exhibited, and feel more comfortable within spaces sometimes perceived as intimidating places belonging to those more educated, established, and privileged. These free events will help break down barriers, welcoming people from all walks of life, from all over Dane County and beyond. Since we would like to offer these events as free and open to the public, we will actively seek out local area support to help defray costs related to this project.

Madison Bach Musicians, Inc. - Ninth Annual Baroque Holiday Concert Award: \$1,352.00

The Madison Bach Musicians ninth annual *Baroque Holiday Concert*—featuring Bach Cantatas BWV 51 and 196 and the Torelli Trumpet Concerto—will be held on Saturday evening December 7, 2019 in the magnificent sanctuary of Madison's First Congregational Church. On Friday morning December 6, MBM will perform an outreach concert-lecture of this repertoire for an assembly in the new auditorium at Madison East High School.

Madison Bach Musicians, Inc. - Monteverdi's "Vespers of 1610"

Claudio Monteverdi's *Vespers of 1610* is widely recognized as one of the supreme masterpieces of music. On April 25 & 26, 2020, Madison Bach Musicians will offer two complete period-

ensemble performances of the *Vespers* in the ideal acoustic setting of the Atrium Auditorium at First Unitarian Society of Madison.

Madison Choral Project - 2019 Winter Concert Series

Award: \$3,461.50

Madison Choral Project (MCP) will continue to develop its mission to “inspire, heal, and garner joy in the experience of live music while educating and strengthening the next generation of singers and listeners” through a winter concert series featuring music from diverse cultural traditions and highlighting the immense talent of local singers, musicians, and composers in December 2019. The centerpiece of the concert series will be a new work MCP has commissioned from Theravadan Buddhist composer Justin Merritt, the youngest-ever winner of the ASCAP Foundation/Rudolf Nissam Prize. Merritt’s piece will set Bhante Sujato’s translation of the *Theragatha*, a Buddhist text, to music, introducing many in the Madison community to their first experience of a choral work based on Eastern scriptural tradition.

Madison Choral Project - Madison Choral Project's 2020 Collaborative Concerts: MYC Side-by-Side and Brahms Requiem

Award: \$2,597.50

In 2020, Madison Choral Project will collaborate with fellow artists on both the early and well-established ends of their performing careers. In February, the sopranos and altos of MCP will join the young women (ages 15-18) of Madison Youth Choirs' (MYC) Cantabile choir, providing mentorship and vocal modeling within rehearsals and performing in a culminating concert demonstrating the vibrant and varied colors of treble voices. Rehearsals for the Madison Youth Choirs collaboration will take place in February 2020 at Westgate Studios, MYC's home location, with a culminating concert set for Saturday, February 22, 2020, 7:30pm at First Congregational Church in Madison. The final performances of the Brahms Requiem will be presented on Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30, 2020, both at 7:30pm at First Congregational Church.

Madison Flute Club - “2020 Wisconsin Flute Festival”

Award: \$3,577.00

The Wisconsin Flute Festival is a program of the Madison Flute Club which will be held on the UW-Madison campus in the Pyle Center on April 4, 2020. It is an annual educational event designed to inspire and empower flutists of all ages and abilities, while appealing to music enthusiasts at large. The Festival is ticketed, though registration fees are kept low, with early registration and group discounts available, to reduce any financial barriers to attendance and encourage greater participation. Additionally, a featured guest artist is invited to participate in the Festival each year. The guest artist for the 2020 Festival is Venezuelan-born flutist Marcos Granados.

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art - James Cagle: A Final Meditation on Art

Award: \$2,800.00

James Cagle: A Final Meditation on Art will be presented in MMoCA’s highly visible and well-trafficked State Street Gallery. The show will open with a reception on Friday evening, February 28, 2020, and will be open free-of-charge to the public six days each week from February 29

through May 24, 2020. The exhibition will be accompanied by an array of related education programs, including gallery talks, drop-in docent-led tours, workshops for youth and families, school tours, and in-gallery learning resources that can be used independently by any visitor on any visit.

Madison Music Collective - InDIGenous JAZZ Spring 2020 Concert Series: Original Music from Local Artists **Award: \$3,545.50**

The Spring 2020 series concerts will each include two hour-long sets of music, plus a Q&A with the performers. Nick Moran, the highly-regarded local bassist and current program consultant for the Madison Music Collective, will moderate the Q&A session. Mr. Moran's relaxed demeanor, plus his standing as a recognizable and popular figure in Madison's jazz scene, bring an engaging presence to these interactive conversations.

Madison Opera, Inc. - "Fellow Travelers" **Award: \$3,640.00**

Madison Opera, Inc. will present Gregory Spears' 2016 opera *Fellow Travelers* on February 7 and 9, 2020. This Madison Opera premiere will continue our recent commitment to contemporary opera, which has included *Dead Man Walking*, *Charlie Parker's Yardbird*, and *Florencia en el Amazonas*. *Fellow Travelers* will be presented in the Capitol Theater, our medium-size venue with about 950 seats. It is the perfect size for the opera's scale, bringing the intimacy of the story-telling close to the audience.

Madison Parks Foundation - Community Mural at Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC) **Award: \$1,400.00**

The Community Mural at WPCRC will transform the blank walls of the Game Room into a vibrant, colorful space with the implementation of a community and fellowship themed mural. Under the direction of Jerry Butler – Artist and Arts Educator, 6 to 8 underserved teens will learn to apply the necessary techniques to execute a large-scale mural to the walls with the Game Room.

Madison Symphony Orchestra Inc. - Fall Youth Concerts 2019 **Award: \$2,450.00**

Entering its 38th year, the Fall Youth Concerts (FYC) entertain and educate our community's students, introducing them to live classical music through age-appropriate programming and curricula. The concerts enrich and engage through themed, multi-dimensional performances that include visual aids and inspiring performances by the students' peers – winners of MSO's annual Fall Youth Concerto Competition.

Madison Symphony Orchestra Inc. - Spring Young People's Concert 2020 **Award: \$2,450.00**

Entering its 47th year, the Spring Young People's Concert (SYPC) has educated, inspired, and entertained students throughout Dane County for over four decades, serving as the capstone of

MSO's Youth Concert Series. The SYPC targets students in grades 8-12 and is intended to help students transition from the familiarity of a youth concert to feeling comfortable, confident, and excited to attend a regular symphony concert. The SYPC program annually features music from the MSO's main subscription concert series and focuses on musical concepts students study throughout the school year. The concert also incorporates visual aids that help enhance the concert experience. The 2020 concert theme and repertoire will be finalized by November 2019. Last year's concert featured music from Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, Bernstein's On the Town: Three Dance Episodes, and Tchaikovsky's opera, Eugene Onegin.

Madison Youth Choirs - Winter Concert Series, "Vision 2020"

Award: \$3,648.40

During Madison Youth Choirs' fall semester of 2019, over 350 young singers ages 7-18 will explore musical works that celebrate ideas ahead of their time, composers that pushed musical boundaries, and pieces that view music as an agent of social and cultural change, setting up a vision for a more peaceful world. The theme will encourage young singers to recognize how artistic risks have created new methods of self-expression and how powerful music has motivated people to fight injustice and come to a better understanding of their neighbors' plights. The semester will culminate in a winter concert series on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8, 2019, featuring MYC's nine performing choirs at the Middleton Performing Arts Center.

Madison Youth Choirs - Spring Concert Series, "Hindsight 2020"

Award: \$4,099.20

During the spring semester of 2020, Madison Youth Choirs (MYC) will look back with a critical eye on the traditional canon of choral repertoire, investigating why certain musical works are celebrated and others overlooked, studying pieces that were dismissed or misunderstood in their own time but revered today, and exploring the way singing from diverse perspectives helps us grow as artists and people. The project, "Hindsight 2020," will encompass 15 weeks of rehearsals, from January to May 2020, culminating in a series of 25 free concerts at local schools and retirement homes and three final performances at the Capitol Theater of the Overture Center for the Arts.

Middleton Community Orchestra - MCO Tenth Anniversary 2020 Winter, Spring and Youth Concerto Competition Concerts

Award: \$3,675.00

This project consists of three concerts at the Middleton Performing Arts Center. Concerts are free of charge to all students. Each concert features an artist with local ties as soloist. On February 19, 2020, the Middleton Community Orchestra (MCO), will feature violinist Paran Amirinazari at Winter Concert, who was MCO's concertmaster from 2014-2018. On April 8, 2020, the MCO will perform with the competition winners at Youth Concerto Competition Concert. On May 28, 2020 MCO will cap off their tenth season at Spring Concert with two great Russian works- the Overture-fantasy to Romeo and Juliet by Tchaikovsky and the flashy second piano concerto of Rachmaninov, performed by Thomas Kasdorf, our piano soloist and close collaborator for the past 10 years.

Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center - *Concerts on the Rooftop*

Award: \$2,100.00

Concerts on the Rooftop is a direct reflection of our commitment to improve the quality of life for area residents by providing a safe, fun, fully handicap accessible event at a premiere community venue with no cost to attendees. We truly appreciate continued funding considerations from Dane Arts for this important series for our community. The six free Thursday evening community concerts run from 7-9pm and have drawn a wide range of age groups, ethnic groups, income ranges, and musical tastes. As part of these events we also offer hosted trivia from 6-7pm.

Mount Horeb Area Arts Association - *14th Annual Spring Art Tour*

Award: \$2,500.00

Artists will share their small town and rural studios with the public and will demonstrate their skills in a wide variety of media. Over the years, because of the Spring Art Tour, they have seen the greater Mount Horeb area grow to become known as an arts community to which artists and visitors are flocking. Visitors enjoy driving through the countryside, visiting with the artists, and watching them at work. The delights of visiting a variety of spaces in which the artist's work and live will be enhanced in 2020 by additional artists from around Wisconsin. It is especially educational for children who are interested in the arts, to see artists at work and how they live.

Music con Brio, Inc. - *Music con Brio's 8th Annual Community Concert Series*

Award: \$4,152.80

Community Concert Series has grown very popular over the past seven years. Our audiences have been so large lately that we've been forced to find new venues! We believe this is because Music con Brio is unique in offering these kinds of concerts to both our students and our audiences. By giving kids and families the opportunity perform and hear not just endless renditions of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" but rather Klezmer Twinkle, Funk Twinkle, Baroque Twinkle, and Salsa Twinkle, we help them engage at a deeper level with the child's musical progress instead of feeling bored and frustrated after just a couple of years. Beginning students are excited and delighted by variations on their own simple songs, and advanced students have the opportunity to hear familiar repertoire through new ears as they learn to perform and distinguish between diverse musical genres and styles. Parents enjoy the fresh variations on music they hear all the time. Community members have the opportunity to see and hear the amazing things the kids can do as well as enjoy a free concert by local professional musicians. This project is unique in bringing together all these elements to diversify and enrich the cultural offerings in Dane County.

Music Theatre of Madison - *"INDECENT" by Paula Vogel*

Award: \$4,579.20

Music Theatre of Madison (MTM) will present *Indecent*. This Tony-winning piece tells the true story of the Yiddish play *God of Vengeance*, its triumphant run in Europe, and its downfall in America due to its Jewish writer and a love scene between two women. Performances will be January 30-February 15 at the Play Circle in the Wisconsin Union. The play uses projections to indicate the numerous languages being spoken, and at times the actors speak and sing Yiddish

and German. It features several production numbers and constant underscoring, suggesting one potential format for emerging musicals.

Opera for the Young - *Family Opera Day featuring "The Pirates of Penzance"* Award: \$1,000

Opera for the Young (OFTY) will present its original adaptation of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance" at our 10th annual Family Opera Day. The production is designed to showcase opera's musical storytelling in a way that is accessible and appealing to young audiences. The performance will feature professionally designed sets, costumes, and props, as well as professional musicians (soprano, mezzo, tenor, baritone, pianist) joined on stage by the Madison Youth Choirs who perform key roles and sing in the chorus. This public performance of "The Pirates of Penzance" creates vast opportunities for audience involvement and learning. Prior to the performance, teaching artists from the Madison Children's Museum will assist students in making costume accessories and props specifically designed to be a part of their show experience. To coincide with this workshop, a children's yoga teacher will lead the audience in a movement workshop on the Rotunda Stage. Following these side-by-side activities, Madison Youth Choirs conductors will teach the audiences the choruses so they can sing along from their seats.

Overture Center for the Arts - *2020 International Festival* Award: \$4,200.00

Overture's International Festival is an annual, free event featuring over 30 performers and 40 vendors sharing music, dance, language, and food from cultures, ethnicities, and countries all over the world. International Festival 2020 will fill nearly every public space and venue in Overture on February 29, 2020. The annual festival is held in the winter every year, when few community festivals occur. The timing also provides attendees with a family-friendly indoor activity that celebrates the diversity of Dane County. Since its beginning nearly 40 years ago, International Festival has become a beloved Dane County tradition, and has grown in performances, vendors, and attendance to reach Overture's capacity for a one-day event.

PEBOGA - "*2019 Fall Gospel Fest*" Award: \$2,000.00

Fall Gospel Fest is an inspirational music event that features national gospel recording artists and local artists in a one-day concert filled with energy, music, choreography, singing and anticipation. Saturday, November 2, 2019, PEBOGA will proudly host the 15th Annual Fall Gospel Fest Concert. The concert will be held at High Point which has a seating capacity of 1000. Fall Gospel Fest has included the participation of youth in a major way, allowing them to serve in different roles in all of the previous concerts. The 2019 concert will continue the trend of attracting youth from the Madison and Dane County Area. This year we hope to attract between 45-75 youth to attend the event. The concert will consist of 3 performers with at least one being a local artist.

**UW Madison Dance Department (UW Foundation) - *Performing Ourselves* presents,
“Sharing Our Story, Sharing Our Dance”** **Award: \$4,192.20**

This specific project is focused on bringing increased awareness to the Performing Ourselves program through marketing and social media efforts. While Performing Ourselves pursues planned programming during the 2019-2020 academic year, marketing efforts will share the story of the twelve student teachers, program staff and youth participants as they engage in dance through community centers and schools spanning the Madison area. This story-sharing will increase community awareness of the program, and build the base of individuals who support the program as show attendees, champions of dance, and financial supporters.

PlayTime Productions - *Ala Baba & A Few Thieves* **Award: \$2,450.00**

PlayTime will prepare and present the timeless story of Ali Baba. Family audiences of all ages will step across the globe through PTP’s drama, song, and dance with Sheherezade, as she contrasts the homes of two brothers, one rich and one poor. During the Dane County tour, 25 children will learn the craft of theatre by doing. They will audition; rehearse several hours each week; memorize lines, melodies, choreography; develop characters; learn to project their voices and enunciate speech; focus while rehearsing and stay quiet offstage. Opening night takes place for an invited audience of family and friends. Following that evening—always warm and filled with laughter, —the young actors will perform 2-3 times weekly in 15 distinct venues over five weeks.

PlayTime Productions - “*The Princess & The Pea*” **Award: \$2,800.00**

PlayTime will prepare and present its own version of the classic Hans Christian Andersen story, *The Princess & The Pea*. Lambert has decided it is time for a lifetime business partner. His mother devises a test for each princess applying to be his colleague. Passing this test provides ample fodder for colorful characters to delight audiences of all ages.

**Simpson Street Free Press - “*Where in Dane County is the Simpson Street Free Press?*” A
*Series About Local Arts and Culture, Written by Kids*** **Award: \$1,700.00**

Through planning and publishing arts and history features, SSFP students polish academic and professional skills. They learn to think critically, write well, work in teams, and apply an organized approach to academic work. The “Where In Dane County” series brings communities together and bridges achievement gaps. SSFP provides innovative arts and writing programs for about 290 students per year. These programs serve Dane County in many important ways. SSFP has a unique niche. We reach young readers and their families in many ways and on multiple platforms.

TAPIT/new works - “*A Woman Is ...*” **Award: \$1,400.00**

A Woman Is . . . explores a personal journey which illuminates the complexities of the mother-daughter relationship. It speaks to universal experiences through the story of one woman – Moritsugu’s larger than life mother, Jo Hutchings. Performance dates are set for the beginning of

Women's History Month, March 6 through 8, with evening performances on Friday and Saturday and matinee performances on Saturday and Sunday, at the Brink Lounge in downtown Madison. Outreach activities, discussed in more detail below, expand the reach of the project to teenage girls from disadvantaged backgrounds and residents throughout Dane County.

The Road Home - *Little Picassos* - a free art program for low-income children

Award: \$4,200.00

Little Picassos is a free after school art enrichment program for underserved, low-income children, living in The Road Home Housing and Hope apartments, and the Meadowood neighborhood. Given that our program is supported entirely by grants and other contributions, we are able to offer this program free of charge to its participants. The program has been thriving for the past four years, and has gradually become part of the fabric of the Meadowood community. Little Picassos meets on Saturdays during which time the food pantry is open, in order to afford time for caregivers to shop for food, while their children are engaged in art activities.

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters - *Kyoung Ae Cho and Dakota Mace: paired solo exhibitions*

Award: \$2,800.00

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters is *presenting paired solo exhibits by Kyoung Ae Cho and Dakota Mace, two local women artists who use repetitive, meditative processes to create artwork of great subtlety and beauty. A series of public programs will create opportunities for deeper engagement.* Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters interpretive materials clear, jargon-free, and easy to read; greet each visitor personally; and ensure our events are as welcoming and open as possible, with opportunities to ask questions and engage directly with the artists and presenters.

Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras, Inc. - *Winterfest Concerts 2020* Award: \$3,675.00

The WYSO Diane Ballweg Winterfest series performances will be held at Mills Concert Hall on the UW-Madison campus. As part of this concert series, a special collaboration with Madison Opera will provide additional enrichment opportunities for students. Select Madison Opera Studio Artists will solo and collaborate with the Youth Orchestra, a unique musical experience seldom available for students. "Working with vocalists is a rare and extraordinary experience for musicians early in their careers," said Maestro Knox. "I feel confident that this will be a performance and collaboration that they will never forget."