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Dane County Awards Over \$124,000 in Grants to Local Arts Organizations

Dane Arts Awards 64 Grants Supporting Arts and Cultural Activities Countywide with Public-Private Funds

Dozens of local organizations that promote community arts and culture are receiving “Dane Arts” grants, County Executive Joe Parisi and the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission announced today. 59 project grants and five capital grants totaling \$124,060 are being awarded in what will be the first of two grant cycles for “Dane Arts” in 2017.

“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.”

Parisi noted about \$10,000 more in grants are being awarded this time over one year ago, thanks to an increase in grants funding included in the County Executive’s 2017 budget. 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 almost \$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 Tuesday, August 1, 2016, 4:00pm.

Grant recipients are listed below this announcement.



2017 Cycle 1 Project, Short Order, and Capital Grants Awarded

Arts in Education

American Players Theatre

Award: \$2,362

Drawing from over 35 Dane County schools, America Players Theatre will perform student matinees of the highest quality for over 3,000 elementary, middle and high school students in the fall of 2017. Many of these students will be from rural and underserved areas; many will be seeing classical theater live for the first time.

Children's Theater of Madison

Award: \$1,500

The Young Playwrights program is an in-school residency program designed to give voice to teenagers through the medium of playwriting and through mentoring from teaching artists. During the academic year (10/1/2017-4/30/2018), CTM teaching artists will conduct school residencies and workshops with five local High Schools. There will also be a 2018 Young Playwrights Festival in April 2018.

Lussier Community Education Center

Award: \$1,583

Approximately 150 young people on Madison's west side explore rich cultural experiences and a variety of art forms during afterschool and summer programming at the Lussier Community Education Center (LCEC). Local artists guide students' engagement with dance, painting, hip-hop, video, and other media to be featured at the LCEC's Gallery Night.

Madison Symphony Orchestra Inc.

Award: \$1,925

Up Close & Musical® is the Madison Symphony Orchestra (MSO)'s nationally recognized education program that brings the MSO's Hunt Quartet to Kindergarten-3rd grade classrooms to present exciting and engaging lessons of expression, melody, rhythm and form in beloved classical music repertoire.

Madison Youth Choirs

Award: \$ 1,100

Madison Youth Choirs continues to expand the reach of its nationally recognized school and community choral program, focused especially on providing students who have been underserved and underrepresented in the arts with the opportunity to find and share their voices.

Opera for the Young, Inc.

Award: \$ 2,767



Opera for the Young (OFY) will have a countywide school tour of a new production based on Rusalka by composer Antonín Dvořák. The production will be designed to highlight opera’s musical storytelling in a way that is accessible and appealing.

The Road Home

Award: \$ 671

Little Picassos is a free art enrichment program for underserved, low-income children living in the Meadowood Neighborhood, including but not limited to children served by The Road Home. The community will be invited to a gallery opening celebration during which the young artists' work will be displayed, cake and refreshments served, on June 2, 2018.

Urban Community Arts Network, Ltd.

Award: \$660

Urban Community Arts Network is teaming up with Blackhawk Middle School to collaborate local rappers with 6th graders to write collaborative rap songs about climate change. Students will record their lyrics in a professional recording studio and perform their final songs at both a school assembly and community concert.

Dance

Dance Wisconsin

Award: \$1,500

Dance Wisconsin's New Works 2017, Portraits of Strength celebrates women who have influenced dance locally and worldwide. Diverse innovative dance pieces crafted by local choreographers will be performed by the regional youth ballet company Dance Wisconsin.

East Madison Community Center

Award: \$2,566

Since 2008, EMCC has provided b-boy/b-girl dance program where people gather twice a week to watch, learn, and coach others to learn difficult dance moves. There are also youth groups with designated instructors. The program is free and welcomes anyone who wants to dance

Kanopy Dance Theatre Inc.

Award: \$2,100

Kanopy presents Anna Sokolow: Heart of Dance. Performing, coaching, restaging masterworks to next generation of dancers and audiences- brings energy and sheer love of dance to Madison and Dane County audiences.

Li Chiao-Ping Dance

Award: \$1,859

The 2017 Summer Dance Camp and Intensive includes works choreographed by Li Chiao-Ping and current and former members of LCPD, features community performers of all ages and abilities, and celebrates “dancing through life.”



Madison Contemporary Vision Dance

Award: \$2,044

For the 2017 performance season, Madison Contemporary Vision Dance Company will be exploring the theme of "Path to Healing" through performances, workshops and classes.

Multidisciplinary Arts/Culture

African Association of Madison, Inc.

Award: \$2,000

Under the theme "Unity of the African Diaspora", the African Association of Madison will produce AFRICA FEST 2017 at Madison Central Park on Saturday, August 19, 2017. AFRICA FEST will highlight African culture through songs, crafts, stories, foods, history, and heritage to help build bridges of diversity in Dane County.

Arohana School of Music

Award: \$2,860

Multi-cultural & multi-disciplinary festival of artistic, cultural & historic significance, featuring the greatest *melodic* composers in world music, Tyagaraja (1767-1847) providing a glimpse of *harmony* – Mozart(1756 – 1791), his contemporary, offering perspectives of melody and harmony in that era. We will display their works through music, dance and a unique musical.

City of Madison-Monona Terrace

Award: \$3,150

Maker Faire is the Greatest Show (and Tell) on Earth—a family-friendly festival of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker movement. The second annual Madison Mini Maker Faire will occur on May 13, 2017 from 10am - 5pm at Monona Terrace.

Disability Pride Madison

Award: \$3,136

The Disability Pride Festival celebrates the lives and civil rights of all people with disabilities. Through art and performance, we will share the stories of our lives, breakdown and end internalized shame and stereotypes and build a stronger, more inclusive community for everyone.

Fermat's Last Theater Company

Award: \$210

Fermat's Last Theater Co. will begin a series of monthly podcasts featuring both classic and contemporary works of drama, literature and poetry as well as interviews with artists. The podcasts will be hosted on the Fermat's web site. The podcasts will be hosted on Fermat's web site.

Madison Public Library Foundation

Award: \$2,100

Madison Public Library presents the 2017 Wisconsin Book Festival by developing 70+ free programs that display literature, art, and performance by both local and nationally acclaimed authors and artists.

Overture Center for the Arts

Award: \$3,120



Overture's Rising Stars began as a local all-ages talent show presented during our 10th Anniversary Weekend, and is now in its third year due to popularity. Rising Stars shines a light on our uniquely talented community members. Free and Open to the General Public (dates to be finalized).

Sustain Dane

Award: \$1,530

“Our Sustainability Stories: Places and Storytelling” project is a community engagement tool that seeks to uncover and share the stories of people from different backgrounds who incorporate the principles of sustainability and well-being in their daily lives.

TAPIT/new works

Award: \$1,815

WE ARE: Performance and Discussion About Understanding Cultural Diversity is a multi-disciplinary project brings artists of all ages and cultural backgrounds into six Dane County middle and high schools. Through performances and facilitated group discussions, students will join artists in exploring how race, age, ethnicity, and gender affect the way we construct identity.

UW Foundation

Award: \$2,026

Art en Route will utilize various busses from Madison Metro Transit as a place to exhibit works of art. UW Foundation will purchase bus wrap space on the exterior of the busses, call for artists (literary and visual) to submit work, and curate paired artists to feature their work. Busses will run from September 1st, 2017- January, 1st 2018.

Wisconsin Historical Museum

Award: \$1,320

SPARK! at the Wisconsin Historical Museum is a free, monthly program for people in the early to mid-stages of dementia and their care partners. Specially trained museum staff engages participants in lively discussions, object handling, and other multi-sensory activities. Visit wisconsinhistory.org/spark for more information.

Music

Bach Dancing & Dynamite Society

Award: \$2,887

Bach Dancing & Dynamite Society combines musicians from around the country, varied repertoire, and delightful surprises to create "serious fun." In 12 concerts and four free community events, our 26th season, "Alphabet Soup," will feature well-loved traditional and thrilling contemporary music presented to some of the best audiences around!

Con vivo!...music with life

Award: \$672



Con vivo!...music with life presents "Two is Company!" a live performance of chamber music featuring the sonata form. This project is designed to enrich, entertain, and educate our targeted audiences by presenting rarely performed works by well-known and lesser-known composers.

Dane Dances

Award: \$2,625

In its 18th season, Dane Dances is now one of the premier trademark summer activities in Dane County. It is also recognized as the most successful volunteer community effort at promoting diversity and bringing people of all ages, racial and ethnic backgrounds and incomes together.

Four Lakes Traditional Music Collective

Award: \$2,400

Madison's locally grown Sugar Maple Music Festival enters its fourteenth year of old fashioned entertainment, including audience engagement with roots music. Nestled in the prairie at Lake Farm County Park, musicians and fans of all ages will come together on August 4 and 5 to celebrate music and dance.

Fresco Opera Theatre

Award: \$1,512

Fresco takes opera from the concert stage and brings it to you, performing the classics in your neighborhood! As the garage door opens, sit back and enjoy the art so many have for hundreds of years - without leaving the comfort of your community! Garage Opera is portable, without sacrifice.

Friends of Allen Centennial Gardens, Inc.

Award: \$2,166

In its second season, Madison's new concert series Summer Sundays In The Garden offers jazz and classical chamber music on alternating Sunday afternoons June through September. Free and open to the public.

Greater Madison Jazz Consortium

Award: \$2,870

The Greater Madison Jazz Consortium will present "InDIGenous Jazz," a series of four free concerts of music composed and performed by Dane County's finest jazz musicians. Each concert will include a Q&A with the evening's featured performers.

Handel Aria Competition

Award: \$1,115

The Handel Aria Competition is an annual event held in Madison, Wisconsin to promote the performance and appreciation of Handel's extensive vocal repertoire. The community is invited to hear finalists perform two Handel pieces each at a public concert on Friday, June 9, 2017.

Jazz at Five Inc.

Award: \$2,100



Jazz at Five outdoor concert series begins in August. Join us at the top of State Street and enjoy FREE performances each week from award-winning national and regional acts, along with the best local jazz musicians Madison has to offer.

Madison Area Music Association (MAMA)

Award: \$720

MAMA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with the mission of supporting youth music in the Madison area, and strengthening and engaging the music community. Our annual Awards show is a Grammy-style event that recognizes the efforts of local musicians, music business professionals and educators.

Madison Central Park Sessions, Inc.

Award: \$2,772

The Central Park Sessions is a free concert series run throughout the summer allowing families to come together at a beautiful setting to enjoy 3 fine bands, dance, dine, and socialize. The concerts are each unique and present music from regions of the US and the world or of a specific genre.

Madison Central Park Sessions, Inc.

Award: \$1,137

The Cottonwood Stage at the 28th Marquette Waterfront Festival is in its 4th edition and has grown in popularity every year. A chance to view national and internationally renowned artists up close as they highlight their varied skills and tell their unique stories.

Madison Early Music Festival

Award: \$2,250

The Madison Early Music Festival welcomes Sonnambula, guest artists-in-residence who will present "The Splendors of the Spanish Renaissance," a concert of 16th-century vocal and instrumental music, and teach workshop classes and coach small ensembles throughout the week.

Madison Music Collective

Award: \$1,500

The Madison Music Collective's Fall 2017 Jazz on a Sunday series of concerts and outreach programs entitled "Reincarnation" represents new opportunities for appreciating Wisconsin's own musical jewels (pianist, John Harmon).

Make Music Madison

Award: \$2,052

Make Music Madison is a free, citywide, outdoor celebration of community through music. We welcome performers of all ages and experience levels, and invite venues across the city to join us in celebration.

Madison Opera, Inc.

Award: \$2,887

Madison Opera is pleased to present Opera in the Park 2017, the 16th year of this free community concert that has become a Dane County summer tradition. Featuring spectacular guest soloists, the Madison Opera Chorus, and the Madison Symphony Orchestra, the concert showcases music from opera and Broadway underneath the stars in Madison's beautiful Garner Park.



Madison Songwriter Conference and Festival

Award: \$1,507

The Madison Songwriter Festival, along with its fiscal receiver Arts Wisconsin Inc., aims to provide musicians with the knowledge to pursue the expertise to implement and the tools to guide their journey to make a living making music.

Middleton Community Orchestra

Award: \$3,675

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 Fall and Holiday Concerts are affordable, accessible community events perfect for audiences of ALL ages. General Admission is \$15, and all students are admitted FREE of charge.

North/Eastside Senior Coalition

Award: \$1,100

Enjoy free, live music for the whole family at the 23rd Annual Summer Concert. Enjoy the sounds of local bands in this relaxed, intimate setting. Series at Warner Park Shelter, 2930 N. Sherman Avenue.

PEBOGA

Award: \$1,500

Next Level Artists Showcase is a free one-day outdoor music event that serves as a platform for a cross section of music genres (i.e. R&B, Pop, Smooth Jazz, etc.) featuring primarily local artists. Performance held on 8/5/17 at the Central Park in Madison.

Token Creek Festival, Inc.

Award: \$2,887

The power of art to illuminate and illustrate complex truths and ideas about ourselves makes it essential to our humanity. Token Creek's 2017 season of NECESSARY MUSIC responds to our turbulent times with music that our artists are compelled to play, that our audiences yearn to hear.

Urban Community Arts Network, Ltd.

Award: \$1,225

Urban Community Arts Network, Ltd. is hosting For the Love of Hip-Hop, a free, outdoor summer concert series featuring all local artists. The aim of this series is to create performance opportunities for Dane County Hip-Hop artists and to expose the community to the vibrant Hip-Hop culture in Dane County. There will be ten concerts free and open to the public.

VSA Wisconsin Inc.

Award: \$1,500



In the upcoming year, VSA Wisconsin will conduct two community choirs: the VSA Choirs of Madison and Stoughton, consisting of approximately 50 adults with disabilities. The choirs will present two to four public concerts each that are free and open to the public.

Willy Street Chamber Players

Award: \$2,400

The Willy Street Chamber Players will present four exciting summer concerts on the Eastside of Madison featuring world class guest artists, music that spans the centuries and engaging post-concert receptions in partnership with local Madison food vendors.

Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

Award: \$2,887

Big sounds and celebrations converge at Central Park in the peak of the summer season: join your community at La Fete De Marquette, Madison's largest free music festival. Festival will be held from Thursday, July 13th through Saturday, July 16th at Madison's own Central Park.

Wisconsin Union Theater

Award: \$3,000

The Madison World Music Festival will proudly celebrate musical traditions from around the world during two days of free public activities include headlining acts by international artists from around the globe and educational programs such as workshops and in-school performances. Festival held September 15-16, 2017 at Memorial Union Terrace.

Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras, Inc.

Award: \$3,497

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.

Theater

Forward Theater

Award: \$3,150

Forward Theater Company is proud to produce I and You by Lauren Gunderson, the acclaimed playwright of Silent Sky, along with extensive community engagement activities including a residency by Ms. Gunderson in November 2017.

Madison Savoyards Ltd.

Award: \$2,887

The Madison Savoyards, Ltd. presents H.M.S. Pinafore, one of the most popular of the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. Containing themes of forbidden love, separation of the social classes, and the elevation of an unqualified person to a position of great responsibility, told through delightful narrative and music.



Madison Savoyards Ltd.

Award: \$ 2,883

Madison Savoyards Ltd. presents Primrose, an original operetta on American themes in the style of Gilbert and Sullivan, by Madison artists Nick Schweitzer and Ted Reinke. The story deals with the themes of elections and politicians, baseball, probability, power relationships between men and women, and indoor plumbing.

Visual Arts and Local History

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

Award: \$2,150

The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art is proud to present Rashaad Newsome, an exhibition that will focus on Newsome's performative videos that employ voguing as a backdrop for discussions about the intersection of race, gender, sexuality, and African-American culture. Madison Museum of Contemporary Art (MMoCA) is open to the public and free of charge during most times throughout the day Tues-Sun.

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters

Award: \$1,288

Solo exhibitions by Helen Lee and Anne Kingsbury explore letters and language, from the physicality of the alphabet to the mysterious process of translation. Lee creates sculptures that riff off English and Mandarin letterforms, while Kingsbury elaborates letters and diary entries through the meditative process of beadwork. Exhibitions run from April 27 - June 17, 2018

Wisculpture

Award: \$900

"Sprung" is a temporary public art exhibition taking place in the UW Arboretum, with work in a variety of media that is related the natural environment and its site in the Longnecker Gardens. The public is invited to a reception and the work in on view for approximately two weeks.

Short Order

Marlene Skog- Dance

Award: \$120

The Choreographic Workshop provides opportunity, tools and space for female ballet dancers to explore the creative contemporary ballet process. The goal is to promote process, initiate practice, providing compositional tools, and unleash unknown discoveries of a classical movement vocabulary.

Girls Rock Camp Madison

Award: \$500

Ladies Rock Camp Madison is a one-of-a-kind 3-day musical adventure bringing together women from all lifestyles and all levels of musical experience for a weekend of instrument instruction, songwriting and band rehearsals that all culminate in a Sunday night showcase at a local venue. No musical experience required!



Capital

100state

Award: \$1,272

100state, founded in 2014, operates as the largest coworking space in Wisconsin, hosting a varied network of freelancers, entrepreneurs, designers, non-profits and artists. We are applying for a grant to equip our new-dedicated art space with necessary equipment for the production of art, and the facilitation of community art workshops.

Arts & Literature Laboratory, Inc.

Award: \$2,866

A capital purchase of audiovisual equipment for Arts + Literature Laboratory brings the space up to par with peer institutions throughout the country and increases accessibility to the latest technologies for local artists working in digital media.

Fermat's Last Theater Company

Award: \$250

Fermat's Last Theater Company is bringing theater to new spaces with portable lighting system. Freestanding theatrical lighting gear will allow small-scale performances in galleries, coffee houses and outdoor spaces.

Madison Children's Museum

Award: \$3,000

Presented by Madison Children's Museum, From Coops to Cathedrals is a new exhibition that will introduce children to Frank Lloyd Wright, focusing on his childhood spent in scenic Wisconsin and his innovative designs. These exhibits will springboard the potential in the budding artists, architects, engineers, and designers who visit the museum.

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