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2022-23 Grants Awarded by Lane Arts Council

\$63,800 Awarded to Artists, Arts Projects, and Arts Organizations in Eugene

Eugene, OR – Lane Arts Council announces the awards of three local grant programs. The Community Arts Program Grant, Community Arts Project Grant, and Artist Grant will provide \$63,800 in support to artists, arts projects, and arts organizations in the Eugene area.

The [Community Arts Grants](#) and [Artist Grant](#) programs are funded by the [City of Eugene Cultural Services Division](#) and administered by [Lane Arts Council](#).

This year, the goal of the **Community Arts Program Grant** is to support nonprofit arts organizations in their strategic development and organizational goal fulfillment. The Community Arts Program Grant is essential in sustaining Eugene's vibrant and diverse arts and culture community. The following ten small to mid-sized community arts 501(c)(3) organizations received funding for operating support:

- Community Center for the Performing Arts
- DanceAbility International
- DisOrient Asian American Film Festival of Oregon
- Eugene Contemporary Art
- Eugene-Springfield Youth Orchestra
- Maude Kerns Art Center
- Music Education & Performing Artists Association (MEPAA)
- Oregon Contemporary Theatre
- Pacific International Choral Festival (picfest)
- Very Little Theatre

The 2022-23 Community Arts Program Grant will support the Music Education & Performing Artists Association (MEPAA) in covering costs associated with their newly opened Music & Arts Center. This includes paying instructional staff and mentor artists as they deliver, "unique holistic, student-centered music and arts education programming to our community and, in particular, underrepresented populations."

The Community Arts Program Grant will also fund Eugene Contemporary Art in sustaining their paid Program Director and Executive Director positions, two roles essential for the continued success and growth of this important organization which, among other programs and projects, hosts the ANTI-AESTHETIC gallery space in downtown Eugene.

The **Community Arts Project Grant** returns this year to support individuals, collectives, and

organizations with projects that emphasize accessibility to underserved audiences and provide programming that takes place in Eugene. Awarded projects include artist marketplaces, educational programs, theatre productions, musical performances, and more. The following eight groups were awarded Community Arts Project Grant funds:

- Free Shakespeare in the Park
- La Clave
- Music's Edge Rock Camp
- Oregon Supported Living Program, Arts & Culture Program
- SLUG Queens
- Willamette Jazz Society
- Whiteaker Community Market
- Wordcrafters in Eugene

The Willamette Jazz Society received a project grant to help them activate the new Farmers Market Pavilion in downtown Eugene with jazz concerts throughout the month of July 2022.

Wordcrafters in Eugene will use their grant funds to host Write Club, "a series of monthly writing workshops that give young writers the opportunity to explore different forms and genres of creative writing."

Artist Grants provide financial support to artists to pursue a new creative endeavor (Project), invest in their artistic development (Process), or bolster artistic business capacity (Progress) to advance their career. The following seven artists have been awarded an Artist Grant:

- Karin Clarke
- Valentina Gonzalez
- Suzanne Haag
- John P. Harn
- Nicole Marie Hummel
- Kum Ja Lee
- Katsuyuki Shibata

Katsuyuki Shibata, a recipient of a 2022-23 Artist Grant, will use awarded funds to assemble a photography exhibit of landscape images from Oregon, the Northwest, and beyond. Shibata shared, "this grant will ultimately allow me to produce large prints that represent the fullest potential of my artistic quality without compromise." The photographs will be featured at an exhibit at the Midtown Arts Center this year.

Artist Grant recipient, Valentina Gonzalez, will use the funds to invest in essential tech equipment to begin her work on The Heritage Project, which "focuses on cross cultural skill sharing and artistic practice." Gonzalez shared, "My father was an immigrant from a family of artists in Chile. The US led coup in 1973 propelled artists to use their craft to inspire radical social change [...] It's important for me to learn about the origins of my family's artistic and cultural practices and share that information, in an interactive way, with my community."

Lane Arts Council Executive Director, Stacey Ray, shared: "These grants are an important means for

supporting Eugene's arts and culture ecosystem. They help provide opportunities for artists, ensure diverse and accessible cultural experiences for Eugene residents, and support the viability of local arts organizations. We are grateful to partner with the City of Eugene to support our arts community in such a direct and meaningful way."

The public is invited to celebrate this year's awarded organizations, projects, and artists by attending our live virtual award ceremony on Thursday, June 14th at 5pm on Lane Arts Council's Facebook and YouTube.

View the 2022-23 [Community Arts Program Grant recipients here](#), [Community Arts Project Grant recipients here](#), and [Artist Grant recipients here](#).

About Lane Arts Council

Lane Arts Council, founded in 1976, is a nonprofit organization that works to cultivate strong and creative arts communities throughout Lane County by providing high-quality arts experiences, engaging people of all ages in arts education, and encouraging artistic endeavors. Learn more at lanearts.org

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