# ARTS COUNCIL OF NEW ORLEANS

## 2019 COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS

Grant Activity Period: January 1 – December 31, 2019

The Community Arts Grants program provides critical support to non-profit arts and cultural organizations domiciled in Orleans Parish whose programs impact its residents and visitors. This grants program is made possible with funding from the City of New Orleans and is administered by the Arts Council New Orleans.

### **CATEGORY: NEW ORLEANS AS CULTURAL CAPITAL**

## ArtSpot Productions, Inc.

\$4.850

To support the creation and presentation of original theater pieces relevant to the social and political issues of New Orleans including many community collaborations.

### 826 New Orleans (formerly Big Class, Inc.)

\$4.850

To support Big Class's Workshop Program offering New Orleans students who struggle with literacy standards the opportunity to develop their writing skills outside their school classes by putting them into contact with literary professionals who demonstrate that writing can be a career choice and creative outlet.

#### Birdfoot Chamber Music Festival

\$3.850

To support an annual ten-day international chamber music festival that features innovative and dynamic music programs, concerts, and an intensive music education program for advanced local music students.

# Contemporary Arts Center

\$13,630

To support curated exhibitions, performances and programs by local, regional, national, and international artists, and educational programs for youth.

#### CubaNOLA Arts Collective

\$3.850

To support arts programs that focus on New Orleans, Louisiana, Cuba, the Caribbean, and Latin America including musicians of Latin heritage.

## Dancing Grounds

\$4,850

To support high-quality accessible dance education and performance programs to New Orleans of all ages and low-cost dance classes.

## Efforts of Grace, Inc. (Ashé Cultural Arts Center)

\$13,630

To support Ashé Cultural Arts Center and its presentation and promotion of African American art and artists through a multi-disciplinary program that fosters partnerships and collaborations to unite community development, cultural appreciation, and artist support.

#### CATEGORY: NEW ORLEANS AS CULTURAL CAPITAL

#### Friends of A Studio in the Woods

\$4,850

To support forest preservation, science-inspired art education and providing a peaceful retreat for artists and scholars who are interested in tackling challenging issues with imagination, power, and resourcefulness.

## Friends of WWOZ Inc.

\$13,630

To support the non-profit community radio station, WWOZ, that broadcasts New Orleans jazz and heritage music 24 hours a day and streams live on WWOZ.org.

#### Goat in the Road Productions

\$3,950

To support a performance ensemble dedicated to the production of original and invigorating new works of theatre and performance art, and an exemplary arts education program call Play/Write and Goat in the Schools.

Guardians Institute \$3,950

To support the preservation, promotion and celebration of indigenous Mardi Gras Indian traditions and culture through educational activities and services.

# Junebug Productions Inc.

\$4,850

To support high-quality performing arts that address issues of inequity that have historically impacted African Americans and to provide training for artists interested in using art to create social change.

KIDsmART \$13,630

To support work in local public elementary/middle schools in long-term, collaborative arts integrated teaching artist residencies in various art disciplines and providing a comprehensive array of arts integrated professional development programs for teachers and artists.

### Le Petit Theatre du Vieux Carre

\$9,750

To support a full theatrical season of contemporary and classic dramas, comedies, musicals and children's productions, as well as master classes and special events at Le Petit Theatre in the French Quarter.

#### Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra

\$9,750

To support the LPO's season of orchestral presentations including classical concerts, free outdoor concerts and educational programs for youth.

Make Music NOLA \$4,850

To support tuition-free music instructions on string instruments to underserved youth at charter schools and community centers in nine locations in New Orleans.

### CATEGORY: NEW ORLEANS AS CULTURAL CAPITAL

# Marigny Opera House Foundation

\$4,850

To support presentations of various local artists and companies in recitals, concerts, and theatrical performances, and productions by the Marigny Opera House Ballet Company.

Musicians for Music \$3,850

To support *Ecos Latinos*, a monthly performance series, featuring Hispanic musicians, poets, dancers and visual artists, both local & international, at schools, libraries and festivals in New Orleans.

New Orleans Airlift \$4,850

To support the creation of collaborative works of public art designed as musical architecture where innovative concerts, events, and educational programs take place involving performers, visual artists, audiences, and communities in New Orleans.

### New Orleans Arts & Cultural Host Committee

\$4,850

To support the Louis Armstrong Jazz Camp that provides music education programs and a swing dance camp for New Orleans youth in which emerging, national and internationally known artists participate as teachers and guest artists and to support school-day and after-school jazz education classes to students in five New Orleans charter schools.

#### New Orleans Ballet Association

\$14,600

To support the cultivation, understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of dance through presenting world-class dance companies and tuition-free educational programs reaching children, youth, and senior citizens.

#### New Orleans Dance Collective

\$3.850

To support a dance program for at-risk New Orleans youth teaching Tap, Hip Hop, African, Jazz and Ballet after-school, on weekends, and during the summer.

#### New Orleans Friends of Music

\$4,850

To support an annual concert series that brings world-renowned chamber musicians to New Orleans and to support educational outreach programs including these high-caliber musicians presenting master classes, lectures, demonstrations, and artist residencies at local schools and universities, as well as other public venues.

# New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus

\$3,850

To support the annual concert series of New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus and concerts at festivals and other community events.

### **CATEGORY: NEW ORLEANS AS CULTURAL CAPITAL**

## New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation, Inc.

\$13,630

To support free community programs including the Crescent City Blues and BBQ Festival, the Congo Square Festival, the Treme Creole Cole Gumbo Festival, Sync Up events, and other activities that perpetuate and promote the culture of New Orleans.

## New Orleans Opera Association

\$13,630

To support mainstage professional productions by the New Orleans Opera Association and its educational and outreach programs including interactive in-school programs, a high school vocal competition, and free student previews.

#### New Orleans Photo Alliance

\$3,850

To support photography exhibitions, workshops, and educational programs for visual artists, and PhotoNOLA, the annual photography festival in New Orleans.

### New Orleans Video Access Center, Inc.

\$4,850

To support the local film community through training, education, community events, production services, and youth arts training programs.

NOCCA Institute \$14,600

To support the nonprofit partner of the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts providing programs that offer meaningful, substantial arts experiences to NOCCA students, faculty, and the community.

### Press Street (Antenna)

\$4,850

To support Antenna, formerly Press Street, and the production and promotion of contemporary visual art and literary programs in New Orleans.

# Southern Repertory Theatre

\$13,630

To support a professional regional non-profit theatre producing a mainstage season focused on contemporary American theatre and Louisiana-based playwrights, featuring world and regional premiere productions, programs for new play development, and a School to Stage pipeline education/outreach activities for children, teens, and adults.

## Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival, Inc.

\$4,850

To support the Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival presentations of literary, theatrical, musical, and culinary programs promoting local, regional, and national writers, actors, musicians, and other creative individuals, and to support the Saints and Sinners Literary Festival.

## The Cool Cooperative

\$4.850

To support a film-based curriculum and program for at-risk young people in New Orleans allowing the development of a qualified workforce for Louisiana's film industry while helping at-risk youth.

### CATEGORY: NEW ORLEANS AS CULTURAL CAPITAL

The Ella Project \$4,850

To support pro bono legal and business assistance to low and moderate income artists, musicians, and grassroots non-profits arts organizations including but not limited to copyright, trademark, contract creation and review, licensing, incorporation, marketing assistance, and organizational planning.

# The Ogden Museum of Southern Art

\$14,600

To support exhibitions of Ogden Museum of Southern Arts' Permanent Collection, changing exhibits, events with live music from the American Southern region, publications, and educational programming.

# Tipitina's Foundation, Inc.

\$13,630

To support providing students with access to music education and adult musicians with professional development resources needed to increase revenues and more actively participate in the creative economy.

# **Upbeat Academy Foundation**

\$3,950

To support free instruction to underserved youth in music production by professional producers and musicians.

US Biennial \$9,750

To support Prospect New Orleans' educational programs and the development of Prospect.5 featuring New Orleans, national, and international artists at sites through the city.

# Young Aspirations/Young Artists Inc. (YA/YA)

\$13,630

To support a free program that teaches visual art to youth at the YAYA Arts Center in Central City, as well as at schools and community events around the city, and fee-based workshops for adults and families with an emphasis on glassmaking.

# Young Audiences of Louisiana

\$13,630

To support arts-education programs, in all disciplines, in school and after-school, and arts-integration professional development to educators.

### **CATEGORY: MORE JOY**

## Backstreet Cultural Museum

\$3,700

To support the hosting and greeting of the Northside Skull and Bone Gang at Backstreet Cultural Museum on Mardi Gras, celebrating their 200th year masking in New Orleans.

### Black Men of Labor, Inc.

\$2,750

To support the Black Men of Labor 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Social Aid and Pleasure Parade featuring New Orleans Traditional Jazz Music in October 2019.

### Chakra Dance Theatre

\$2,700

To support authentic Haitian Ra Ra in New Orleans music and dance workshops that will culminate in a second annual Haitian Kanaval 2019 during the Mardi Gras season.

Creole Wild West \$3,350

To support the Creole Wild West's free Saturday workshops of onsite education for children in Mardi Gras Indian culture including creating suits, the history of the tradition, and traditional Indian music.

Krewe of Red Beans \$2,000

To support Red Beans Parade Lundi Gras Parade, a second-line style carnival parade held annually in New Orleans.

#### New Orleans Mardi Gras Indian Council, Inc.

\$3,700

To support the traditional Super Sunday celebration of Mardi Gras Indian Culture, which features a parade and festival featuring Indian tribes from across the region, Second Line clubs, local musicians, and cultural activities.

## **NOLAArts Learning Center**

\$2,600

To support the STOMP Troopers Project, preparing youth with special needs, ages 9-21, to march in Chewbacchus a mainstream, sci-fi Mardi Gras parade, with the Preservation Hall Jazz Band.

#### Queens of the Nation

\$2.500

To support a one-day workshop for members and new members of Queens of the Nation, including sessions on history, leadership, maintaining the integrity of the "masking" as Indian tradition.

#### The Ellis Marsalis Center for Music

\$2,750

To support an educational project engaging students in the art and tradition of Mardi Gras Indian beading through classes at the Ellis Marsalis Center. The featured Mardi Gras Indian, Chief Charles Taylor, resides in the Musician's Village.

# **CATEGORY: MORE JOY**

### The Red Flame Hunters Mardi Gras Indian Tribe

\$2,500

To support The Red Flame Hunters Mardi Gras Indian Tribe young adult and youth empowerment program providing them with funds to purchase supplies for suits and invest in the musical division of the tribe.

### VIP Ladies and Kids Social Aid and Pleasure Club

\$2,700

To support the 16th Annual VIP Ladies & Kids Social Aid & Pleasure Club Second Line Parade to be held in the Central City neighborhood of New Orleans.