



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Philadelphia Cultural Fund Announces Over \$2.6 Million in grants to 284 Arts and Culture Organizations

Philadelphia, PA (April 20, 2016) The Philadelphia Cultural Fund is proud to announce the Arts and Culture grantees for 2016. This year, over \$2.6 million in grants were awarded to 284 organizations throughout the City of Philadelphia. Since its founding in 1991, the Cultural Fund has awarded grants totaling over \$40,000,000.

The Philadelphia Cultural Fund's mission is to support and enhance the cultural life and vitality of the City of Philadelphia and its residents. By providing general operating grants on an annual basis through a peer review process, the Cultural Fund ensures the organizational stability and artistic quality of the cultural sector in Philadelphia. The Cultural Fund promotes arts and culture as engines of social, educational and economic development in the Philadelphia region. Grants are made from the City budget allocation to the Cultural Fund for operating support of Philadelphia-based arts and cultural organizations.

Recognizing the importance of arts and culture to the quality of life, well-being, and economy the City of Philadelphia, the Cultural Fund's purpose is:

- To provide operating support funds to serve Philadelphia-based arts and cultural institutions and organizations
- To advocate the value of the arts in daily life and their importance to the growth and future of the community
- To recognize the contributions of Philadelphia-based arts and cultural organizations, both new and established, that have a demonstrated track record to service, and the financial management and programming capacity to continue providing service
- To recognize and nurture artistic quality
- To encourage and increase opportunities for involvement and participation in arts and cultural activities by culturally diverse constituencies
- To preserve and protect the cultural heritage of Philadelphia and encourage a sense of pride and commitment in the city.

"The City's investment in arts and cultural organizations through the Philadelphia Cultural Fund ensures that residents from pre-school through their senior years have the opportunity to express, collaborate, contribute and reflect on their individual and shared values", said Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney. "The City is honored to recognize these organizations for the outstanding contributions they make to our City and its people."

"It is so important to recognize that our arts and culture community touch our lives and influence our society in ways beyond creating something beautiful", said Board President Ken Metzner. "The arts have the ability to change our lives and our world for the better, and these grants highlight that."

“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to reward the great work our City’s arts and cultural groups do through our Arts and Culture grant program,” said Executive Director Barbara Silzle. “These grants have such a huge impact on these organizations, and the communities they serve”.

List of 2016 grantees, by City Council District:

First Council District:

11th Hour Theatre Company
1812 Productions
American Composers Forum, Philadelphia Chapter
American Philosophical Society
Anne-Marie Mulgrew and Dancers Company
APIARY Magazine/Two Cycles of Themed Programming
Arden Theatre Company
Asian Americans United
Asian Arts Initiative
Athenaeum of Philadelphia
Azuka Theatre
Bach Festival of Philadelphia
BalletX
Berserker Residents, The
Birds on a Wire Dance Theatre
Casa de Duende/Library Project
Center City Opera Theater dba Vulcan Lyric
Center for Architecture
Center for Art in Wood
Chinese American Women's Sisterhood Society of Philadelphia
Choral Arts Philadelphia
Christ Church Preservation Trust
Clay Studio, The
CultureWorks Greater Philadelphia
Da Vinci Art Alliance
DISLABELED Philly Film Series/Philly Film Series
EgoPo Inc.
Eleone Dance Theatre
Fabric Workshop and Museum, The/"a tactile bidding"
Fleisher Art Memorial
FringeArts
German Society of Pennsylvania
Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance
Hidden City Philadelphia
Historical Society of Pennsylvania
Idiopathic Ridiculopathy Consortium
Independence Seaport Museum
Iron Factory, The
Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia
Kulu Mele
KYL Dancers
Lantern Theater Company

Leah Stein Dance Company
Library Company of Philadelphia
MacGuffin Theatre & Film Company
Mauckingbird Theatre Company
Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia
Moonstone
National Liberty Museum
National Museum of American Jewish History
Painted Bride Art Center
Philadelphia Artists' Collective
Philadelphia Chinese Opera
Philadelphia Freedom Band
Philadelphia Independent Film and Video Association
Philadelphia Orchestra Association, The
Philadelphia Public Access Corporation
Philadelphia Regional Arts Consortium
Philadelphia Sculptors
Philadelphia Sinfonia Association
Philadelphia Sketch Club
Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks/Grumblethorpe Farm Stand
Philadelphia Stories Inc.
Philadelphia Theatre Company
Philadelphia Voices of Pride
Philadelphia Waterborne of Culture Trust Greater Philadelphia
Philadelphia Young Playwrights
Philadelphia's Magic Gardens
PHILO Project
Portside Arts Center
Project Capoeira, Inc.
Prometheus Chamber Orchestra
RealLivePeople
Red 40 & The Last Groovement
Renegade Company, The/"Beowulf/Grendel"
Rock School for Dance Education
Rock to the Future Inc.
Rough Cut Productions
Settlement Music School
Simpatico Theatre Project
Society Hill Playhouse Center for the Performing Arts, Inc.
Southeast Asian MAA Coalition, Inc. (SEAMAAC)/Roots of Happiness Elders Program
Studio Incamminati
Subcircle, Inc.
Swim Pony Performing Arts
Taller Puertorriqueno, Inc.
Team Sunshine Performance Corporation
Tempesta di Mare
Termite TV Collective
The Head & The Hand Workshop of Culture Trust Greater Philadelphia
Theatre Exile

Theatre Philadelphia
Tribe of Fools
Twelve Gates Arts
Usiloquy Dance Designs
Vox Populi
Walnut Street Theatre
Warrior Writers
Weathervane Music Organization
White Box Theatre/Experience of Refugee Migration
WHYY, Inc.
Wilma Theater

Second Council District:

American Swedish Historical Museum
Art Sanctuary
Arts + Business Council of Greater Philadelphia
Association for Public Art
Astral Artists
Bainbridge House, Inc.
Barnes Foundation
Bowerbird
Brandywine Workshop
Brian Sanders' JUNK
Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia
Concert Operetta Theater
Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts
Curtis Institute of Music
Enchantment Theatre Company
Encore Series Inc. dba The Philly POPS
Fort Mifflin on the Delaware
Gershman Y
Headlong Dance Theater
Inis Nua Theatre Company
InterAct Theatre Company
Kimmel Center, Inc.
Lightning Rod Special/"Sans Everything"
Nashirah The Jewish Chorale of Greater Philadelphia
New City Stage Company
Nichole Canuso Dance Company
Nora Gibson Contemporary Ballet/"Ephemeral", 2016 Phila. Screendance Festival
Opera Philadelphia
Orchestra 2001, Inc.
Pennsylvania Ballet Association
Philadelphia Art Alliance
Philadelphia Arts in Education Partnership
Philadelphia Chamber Music Society
Philadelphia Clef Club of Jazz and Performing Arts, Inc
Philadelphia Film Society
Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus

Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre
Philadelphia Youth Orchestra
Plays and Players
Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia
Print Center
Rosenbach Museum & Library
Trinity Center for Urban Life
The Best Day of My Life So Far

Third Council District:

[redacted] Theater Company/"This Damned Body"
African Cultural Alliance of North America Inc. (ACANA)/ACANA Festival
Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture
Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts
Applied Mechanics
Ars Nova Workshop
Arthur Ross Gallery
Bearded Ladies Cabaret, The
Bushfire Theatre of Performing Arts
Crossroads Music
Curio Theatre Company
Dancefusion
Dancing Classrooms Philly
Esther Klein Gallery, University City Science Center
Group Motion Multi Media Dance Theater
Institute of Contemporary Art at UPENN
Intercultural Journeys
International House Philadelphia/Film Program
Islamic Cultural Preservation & Information Council, New Africa Center
John Bartram Association
LiveConnections
Philadelphia Dance Company
Philadelphia Dance Projects
Philadelphia Folklore Project
Philly Drum Project
Play On, Philly! (POP)
Project Twenty1
Scribe Video Center/Two Media Arts Educational Programs
Shakespeare in Clark Park
Slought Foundation
Soapbox: Independent Publishing Center, The
Spiral Q Puppet Theater
University City Arts League
University of PA Museum of Archeology and Anthropology
Warriors of the Wonderful Sound/"Infinite Potential of Tuesday Night"
Woodlands Trust for Historic Preservation
Zoological Society of Philadelphia ("Philadelphia Zoo")

Fourth Council District:

COSACOSA art at large, Inc.
Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery
Friends of the Japanese House and Garden
Kaleid Theatre/"TAKE/SACRIFICE"
KyoDaiko Japanese Taiko Drummers
Luna Theater Company
Manayunk Art Center, DBA: Manayunk-Roxborough Art Center
Pasion y Arte
Philadelphia Community Arts Network
Philadelphia Guild of Hand Weavers
Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education/Environmental Art Program
Smith Memorial Playground & Playhouse
Temple Contemporary
Tiny Dynamite
West Park Cultural Center

Fifth Council District:

Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University
ACADEMY OF VOCAL ARTS
Anna Crusis Women's Choir
Art Sphere Inc.
Art-Reach
ArtWell
Center for Emerging Visual Artists
Dolce Suono Ensemble
Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site, Inc.
Fairmount Park Conservancy
First Person Arts
Founder's Hall at Girard College
Franklin Institute
Galleries at Moore College of Art and Design
Girls Rock Philly
Historic Fair Hill, Inc.
INVISIBLE RIVER
Koresh Dance Company
Musicopia
New Paradise Laboratories, Inc.
PA Performing Arts for Young Audiences, Inc.
Partners for Sacred Places
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
Performance Garage
Philadelphia Chamber Ensemble
Philadelphia Community Tap Project /Max Pollak Project
Piffaro, the Renaissance Band
Pig Iron Theatre Company
Public Citizens for Children and Youth/The Picasso Project
Singing City
Spells Writing Lab, Inc.
Temple University Music Preparatory Division

Wagner Free Institute of Science

Sixth Council District:

Dance Affiliates
Glen Foerd Conservation Corporation
Mutya Philippine Dance Company
RAIR, Inc.

Seventh Council District:

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Artistas y Musicos Latino Americanos(AMLA)
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Historical Society of Frankford, The/Lecture Series, Auditorium
InLiquid.com, Inc.
Mascher Dance Inc.
Norris Square Neighborhood Project
Philadelphia Photo Arts Center
Philadelphia Wooden Boat Factory
Resource Exchange
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Three Aksha

Eighth Council District:

1807 & Friends, Inc.
Allens Lane Art Center
Awbury Arboretum Association
Beacon Theatre Productions
Bible Raps
Big Picture Alliance
BuildaBridge International
Clever Magazine
Cliveden, Inc.
Commonwealth Youthchoirs
Concord School House and Upper Burying Ground of Germantown
Ebenezer Maxwell Mansion
Georgia E. Gregory Interdenominational School of Music
Germantown Mennonite Historic Trust
G-Town Radio
Historic Germantown
International Ballet Exchange
Johnson House Historic Site, Inc.
Just Act
Kama-Sahlor Group
La Salle University Art Museum
Lyric Fest
Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania
Mt. Airy Art Garage
Network for New Music
PlayPenn, Inc.

PRISM Quartet, Inc.
Putty Dance Project/"I Pledge"
Quintessence Theatre Group, Inc.
SmokeyScout Productions
Stagecrafters Theater,
Stenton, NSCDA/PA
The Crossing,
Woodmere Art Museum
Wyck Historic House, Garden, and Farm

Ninth Council District:

Danse4Nia Repertory Ensemble, Inc.

Tenth Council District:

Barbershop Harmony Society, Philadelphia Chapter

Established in 1991 to support and enhance the cultural life and vitality of the City of Philadelphia and its residents, the Philadelphia Cultural Fund, through the combined efforts of the Philadelphia City Council and the Mayor, promotes arts and culture as engines of social, educational and economic development and has played a key stabilizing role for numerous organizations by providing much-needed general operating funding. For more information on the Philadelphia Cultural Fund and the 2016 grant recipients, please contact Michelle Currica at 215-686-0343 or info@philaculturalfund.org

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