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Philadelphia Cultural Fund Announces Over \$2.7 Million in Grants to 304 Local Arts and Culture Organizations

March 16, 2017, Philadelphia, PA - [The Philadelphia Cultural Fund](#) will award over \$2.7 million in Art and Culture grants to 304 local organizations for 2017. Grantees will accept their awards during private event ceremonies on March 21 and 22, 2017 at the Mayor's Reception Room at City Hall. Since its founding in 1991, the Philadelphia Cultural Fund has awarded over \$43 million in grants.

"The heartbeat of Philadelphia is felt through the dynamic arts and culture experiences produced by local organizations, big and small," said Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney. "We proudly support the Philadelphia Cultural Fund and thank the 2017 grantees for their exceptional contributions that allow residents of all ages to celebrate and contribute to the vibrant moments that make our city memorable."

The Village of Arts and Humanities will receive the prestigious Councilman David Cohen Award, which was established in 2006 to perpetuate the legacy of the late Councilman who served on the Philadelphia Cultural Fund's Board of Directors. This annual non-cash award recognizes an arts and culture organization in the City that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to social and economic justice.

"We're honored to award a record number of organizations with our art and culture grants this year, shining the much deserved spotlight on 304 organizations that serve neighborhoods throughout Philadelphia," said Barbara J. Silzle, Executive Director of the Philadelphia Cultural Fund. "These organizations reflect our communities and contribute to the health and vitality of our city and its people, including our children, immigrants, seniors, veterans, the incarcerated and those formerly incarcerated. 20% of the organizations that applied this year were first time applicants, and in large thanks to Mayor Kenney and City Council, we can continue investing in



more arts and cultural organizations."

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 Philadelphia Cultural Fund ensures the organizational stability and artistic quality of the cultural sector in Philadelphia and 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.

"The arts are the lifeblood of Philadelphia, and I am grateful to the Philadelphia Cultural Fund for keeping them alive and well," said Council President Darrell L. Clarke. "The Philadelphia Cultural Fund's support for small arts organizations, in particular, is vital to the fabric of neighborhoods across our City. Thanks for all that you do to honor our history and to ensure our future is as vibrant as our past."

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

List of 2017 Grantees (alphabetical):

11th Hour Theatre Company	\$ 11,010
1807 & Friends, Inc.	\$ 9,482
1812 Productions	\$ 12,370
A Change of Harp	\$ 6,187
Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University	\$ 12,886
Academy of Vocal Arts	\$ 12,026
African Cultural Alliance of North America (ACANA)	\$ 9,240
Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture	\$ 11,665
Allens Lane Art Center	\$ 11,725



Almanac Dance Circus Theatre	\$ 4,685
American Composers Forum, Philadelphia Chapter	\$ 13,323
American Philosophical Society	\$ 4,802
American Swedish Historical Museum	\$ 10,993
Anna Crusis Women's Choir	\$ 10,420
Anne-Marie Mulgrew and Dancers Company	\$ 9,356
Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts	\$ 11,139
Applied Mechanics	\$ 7,074
ArcheDream for Humankind	\$ 5,691
Arden Theatre Company	\$ 12,544
Ars Nova Workshop	\$ 10,859
Art Sanctuary	\$ 11,917
Art Sphere Inc.	\$ 5,323
Art-Reach	\$ 11,660
Arthur Ross Gallery	\$ 9,146
Artistas y Musicos Latino Americanos(AMLA)	\$ 11,283
Arts + Business Council of Greater Philadelphia	\$ 14,848
ArtWell	\$ 9,952
ARTZ Philadelphia	\$ 6,628
Asian Americans United	\$ 12,960
Asian Arts Initiative	\$ 13,966
Association for Public Art	\$ 12,488
Astral Artists	\$ 11,487
Athenaeum of Philadelphia	\$ 8,920
Automatic Arts (formerly SmokeyScout Productions)	\$ 793
Awbury Arboretum Association	\$ 3,313
Azuka Theatre	\$ 9,149
Bach Festival of Philadelphia	\$ 9,349
Bainbridge House, Inc	\$ 7,389
BalletX	\$ 13,282
Barbershop Harmony Society, Philadelphia Chapter	\$ 5,587
Barnes Foundation, The	\$ 13,914
Bartram's Garden	\$ 12,058
Beacon Theatre Productions	\$ 663
Bearded Ladies Cabaret, The	\$ 12,560
Berserker Residents, The	\$ 8,172
Best Day of My Life So Far, The	\$ 1,352



Bible Raps	\$ 6,343
Birds on a Wire Dance Theatre	\$ 474
Black Pearl Chamber Orchestra	\$ 10,515
Bowerbird	\$ 9,839
Brandywine Workshop	\$ 10,274
BRAT Productions	\$ 4,510
Broad Street Review	\$ 6,425
BuildaBridge	\$ 12,637
Bushfire Theatre of Performing Arts	\$ 8,735
Center for Architecture and Design	\$ 5,678
Center for Art in Wood, The	\$ 12,015
Center for Emerging Visual Artists, The	\$ 11,214
Centro Nueva Creacion	\$ 10,985
Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The	\$ 12,195
Chelsea & Magda	\$ 368
Chestnut Street Singers	\$ 2,215
Choral Arts Society of Philadelphia	\$ 7,195
Christ Church Preservation Trust	\$ 12,407
Clay Studio	\$ 12,958
Cleaver Magazine	\$ 3,995
Cliveden, Inc.	\$ 13,696
Collaborative Cataloging Japan	\$ 2,082
Commonwealth Youthchoirs	\$ 10,455
Community Education Center	\$ 10,983
Concert Operetta Theater	\$ 4,152
Concord School House and Upper Burying Ground of Germantown, The	\$ 4,027
Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts	\$ 11,932
COSACOSA art at large, Inc.	\$ 12,208
Crossing, The	\$ 12,484
Crossroads Music	\$ 10,358
CultureWorks Greater Philadelphia	\$ 11,677
Curio Theatre Company, The	\$ 11,858
Curtis Institute of Music	\$ 15,056
Da Vinci Art Alliance	\$ 8,281
Dance Affiliates	\$ 10,619
Dancefusion	\$ 11,400
Dancing Classrooms Philly	\$ 12,575



Danse4Nia Repertory Ensemble, Inc.	\$ 8,419
Dolce Suono Ensemble	\$ 11,971
Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site, Inc.	\$ 9,857
Ebenezer Maxwell Mansion	\$ 6,410
EgoPo, Inc.	\$ 12,754
Eleone Dance Theatre	\$ 11,788
Enchantment Theatre Company	\$ 11,890
Encore Series Inc. dba The Philly POPS	\$ 6,294
Esther Klein Gallery, University City Science Center	\$ 10,112
Fabric Workshop and Museum, The	\$ 10,982
Fairmount Park Conservancy	\$ 7,047
fidget	\$ 5,619
First Person Arts	\$ 12,666
Fleisher Art Memorial	\$ 14,458
Fort Mifflin on the Delaware	\$ 9,933
Franklin Institute	\$ 15,327
Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation	\$ 12,770
Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery	\$ 8,981
Friends of the Japanese House and Garden	\$ 14,503
FringeArts	\$ 11,969
G-Town Radio	\$ 4,470
Galleries at Moore College of Art and Design	\$ 12,703
Georgia E. Gregory Interdenominational School of Music	\$ 11,997
German Society of Pennsylvania	\$ 11,110
Gershman Y, The	\$ 11,251
Girls Rock Philly	\$ 13,500
Glen Foerd Conservation Corporation	\$ 10,401
Global Philadelphia Association	\$ 967
Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance	\$ 13,960
Group Motion Multi Media Dance Theater	\$ 10,748
Head & The Hand Workshop, The	\$ 4,026
Headlong Dance Theater	\$ 12,538
Hidden City Philadelphia	\$ 11,194
Historic Fairhill	\$ 11,850
Historic Germantown	\$ 12,415
Historic RittenhouseTown, Inc.	\$ 10,845
Historical Society of Frankford, The	\$ 2,503



Historical Society of Pennsylvania, The	\$ 9,830
Idiopathic Ridiculopathy Consortium, The	\$ 6,406
Independence Seaport Museum	\$ 12,170
Inis Nua Theatre Company	\$ 8,556
InLiquid	\$ 12,760
Institute of Contemporary Art	\$ 12,175
InterAct Theatre Company	\$ 11,811
Intercultural Journeys	\$ 10,598
International Ballet Exchange	\$ 9,767
International House Philadelphia	\$ 4,952
INVISIBLE RIVER	\$ 2,520
Iron Factory, The	\$ 1,513
Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia	\$ 3,921
Johnson House Historic Site, Inc.	\$ 7,192
JUNK	\$ 6,368
Just Act	\$ 9,358
Kaleid Theatre of CultureTrust Philadelphia	\$ 1,684
Kama-Sahlor Group, The	\$ 3,601
Kimmel Center, Inc.	\$ 10,301
Koresh Dance Company	\$ 12,240
Kulu Mele African Dance and Drum Ensemble	\$ 11,260
KYL/D (Kun-Yang Lin/Dancers)	\$ 12,470
KyoDaiko Japanese Taiko Drummers	\$ 7,159
La Salle University Art Museum	\$ 12,213
Lady Hoofers Tap Ensemble, The	\$ 3,412
Lantern Theater Company	\$ 13,315
Leah Stein Dance Company	\$ 10,202
Library Company of Philadelphia	\$ 8,614
Lightning Rod Special	\$ 2,303
LiveConnections	\$ 6,953
Lyric Fest	\$ 11,724
MacGuffin Theatre & Film Company	\$ 8,024
Manayunk Art Center, DBA: Manayunk-Roxborough Art Center	\$ 10,375
Mascher Dance Inc	\$ 8,304
Mauckingbird Theatre Company	\$ 9,031
Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia	\$ 11,828
Mexican Cultural Center	\$ 10,870



Mighty Writers	\$ 11,682
Moonstone	\$ 9,712
Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania	\$ 13,555
Mt. Airy Art Garage	\$ 10,029
Multicultural Arts Exchange of CultureTrust	\$ 4,159
Musicopia	\$ 13,850
Mutya Philippine Dance Company	\$ 6,368
Naked Stark, The	\$ 4,102
Nashirah, The Jewish Chorale of Greater Philadelphia	\$ 8,025
National Liberty Museum	\$ 9,269
National Museum of American Jewish History	\$ 10,738
Network for New Music	\$ 12,754
New Paradise Laboratories, Inc.	\$ 11,469
Nichole Canuso Dance Company	\$ 10,774
Norris Square Neighborhood Project	\$ 10,316
Ombelico Mask Ensemble	\$ 1,268
Opera Philadelphia	\$ 14,088
Orbiter 3	\$ 8,250
Orchestra 2001, Inc.	\$ 11,343
PA Performing Arts for Young Audience (PAPAYA)	\$ 10,905
Painted Bride Art Center	\$ 12,134
PAPA: Philadelphia Asian Performing Artists	\$ 1,200
Partners for Sacred Places	\$ 10,584
Pasion y Arte	\$ 9,659
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts	\$ 14,349
Pennsylvania Ballet Association	\$ 9,139
Performance Garage	\$ 10,541
Philadelphia Art Alliance	\$ 8,674
Philadelphia Artists' Collective	\$ 12,124
Philadelphia Arts in Education Partnership	\$ 12,917
Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival	\$ 9,917
Philadelphia Boys Choir and Chorale	\$ 11,959
Philadelphia Chamber Ensemble, The	\$ 5,547
Philadelphia Chamber Music Society	\$ 13,569
Philadelphia Chinese Opera	\$ 10,609
Philadelphia Clef Club of Jazz and Performing Arts, Inc	\$ 9,998
Philadelphia Community Arts Network	\$ 11,236



Philadelphia Community Tap Project, The	\$ 623
Philadelphia Dance Company (Philadanco)	\$ 11,740
Philadelphia Dance Projects	\$ 10,757
Philadelphia Film Society	\$ 13,795
Philadelphia Folklore Project	\$ 13,398
Philadelphia Freedom Band	\$ 2,713
Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus	\$ 9,861
Philadelphia Guild of Hand Weavers, The	\$ 4,552
Philadelphia Orchestra	\$ 11,092
Philadelphia Photo Arts Center	\$ 12,995
Philadelphia Public Access Corporation	\$ 11,105
Philadelphia Regional Arts Consortium, The	\$ 13,099
Philadelphia Sculptors	\$ 10,358
Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre, The	\$ 8,690
Philadelphia Sinfonia Association	\$ 11,059
Philadelphia Sketch Club	\$ 4,749
Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks	\$ 5,140
Philadelphia Stories Inc.	\$ 5,713
Philadelphia Voices of Pride	\$ 5,496
Philadelphia Waterborne of CultureTrust Greater Philadelphia	\$ 3,486
Philadelphia Women in Film and Television	\$ 1,737
Philadelphia Wooden Boat Factory	\$ 12,535
Philadelphia Young Playwrights	\$ 13,815
Philadelphia Youth Dance Fest	\$ 1,164
Philadelphia Youth Orchestra	\$ 11,070
Philadelphia's Magic Gardens	\$ 11,849
Philly Pigeon LLC, The	\$ 2,474
Philly Youth Poetry Movement	\$ 10,477
PHILO Project of CultureTrust Greater Philadelphia, The	\$ 7,990
Piffaro, the Renaissance Band	\$ 12,557
Pig Iron Theatre Company	\$ 13,424
Play On, Philly! (POP)	\$ 12,228
PlayPenn, Inc.	\$ 12,423
Plays and Players	\$ 7,231
Portside Arts Center	\$ 11,123
Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia	\$ 10,919
Print Center, The	\$ 11,130



PRISM Quartet, Inc.	\$ 12,469
Project 440 Inc.	\$ 5,136
Project Capoeira, Inc.	\$ 11,525
Project Twenty1	\$ 11,721
Prometheus Chamber Orchestra	\$ 3,916
Public Citizens for Children and Youth (Picasso Project)	\$ 11,526
Putty Dance Project	\$ 1,132
Quintessence Theatre Group, Inc	\$ 10,281
RAIR, Inc.	\$ 7,599
RealLivePeople	\$ 2,276
Relache	\$ 2,321
Renegade Company, The	\$ 1,854
Resource Exchange	\$ 7,238
Revolution Shakespeare	\$ 8,201
Rock School for Dance Education, The	\$ 5,192
Rock to the Future Inc.	\$ 12,108
Rosenbach of the Free Library of Philadelphia, The	\$ 12,242
Rough Cut Productions	\$ 2,964
Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education	\$ 3,403
Scribe Video Center, Inc.	\$ 12,690
SEAMAAC Roots of Happiness: Elders Health & Wellness Program	\$ 6,485
Second State Press	\$ 6,727
Settlement Music School	\$ 13,485
Shakespeare in Clark Park	\$ 12,061
Simpatico Theatre Project	\$ 8,863
Singing City	\$ 10,042
Slought Foundation	\$ 9,034
Smith Memorial Playground & Playhouse	\$ 5,298
Spells Writing Lab, Inc.	\$ 3,196
Spiral Q Puppet Theater	\$ 11,944
Stagecrafters, The	\$ 9,757
Stenton, NSCDA/PA	\$ 14,237
Studio Incamminati	\$ 11,192
Subcircle	\$ 2,436
Swim Pony Performing Arts	\$ 10,698
Taller Puertorriqueno, Inc.	\$ 13,398
Tangle Movement Arts	\$ 7,527



Team Sunshine Performance Corporation	\$ 7,804
Tempesta di Mare	\$ 10,583
Temple University Music Preparatory Division	\$ 13,691
Termite TV Collective	\$ 7,307
The Advocate Center for Culture and Education	\$ 7,167
Theatre Encore, Inc. of CultureTrust Greater Philadelphia	\$ 958
Theatre Exile	\$ 10,025
Theatre in the X	\$ 1,095
Theatre Philadelphia	\$ 3,623
thINKingDANCE	\$ 3,248
Three Aksha	\$ 9,187
Tiny Dynamite	\$ 8,832
Tribe of Fools	\$ 2,104
Trinity Center for Urban Life	\$ 7,190
Twelve Gates Arts	\$ 6,204
Tyler School of Art/Temple Contemporary	\$ 6,829
University City Arts League	\$ 12,571
University of PA Museum of Archeology and Anthropology	\$ 9,867
Urban Creators	\$ 10,197
Usiloquy Dance Designs	\$ 5,569
Variant Six	\$ 440
Village of Arts and Humanities, The	\$ 11,927
Vox Populi	\$ 12,422
Wagner Free Institute of Science	\$ 15,169
Walnut Street Theatre	\$ 13,728
Warrior Writers	\$ 8,604
Warriors of the Wonderful Sound	\$ 2,962
Weathervane Music Organization	\$ 11,906
West Park Cultural Center	\$ 12,563
White Box Theatre	\$ 4,596
WHYY, Inc.	\$ 12,051
Wilma Theater	\$ 13,310
Woodlands Trust for Historic Preservation, The	\$ 12,861
Woodmere Art Museum	\$ 13,058
Wyck Association, The	\$ 9,456
Zoological Society of Philadelphia	\$ 16,424



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