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**MAYOR JIM KENNEY AND A HOST OF CITY LEADERS HELP DISTRIBUTE \$2.67 MILLION TO ARTS & CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS ESSENTIAL TO THE DIVERSE MIXTURE OF ARTS PROGRAMS ENRICHING CITY LIFE**

**PHILADELPHIA** — In a City Hall ceremony, hundreds of Philadelphia arts and culture organizations received 2.67 million in Art & Culture Grants from the Philadelphia Cultural Fund for 2018. The funds will help support 325 local arts groups in communities throughout the City. From small, volunteer and neighborhood organizations like G-town Radio and KyoDaiko Japanese Taiko Drummers to well established institutions such as Taller Puertorriqueño and The Barnes Foundation, these cultural venues are essential to the diverse mixture of arts programs which enrich City life. Mayor James Kenney and a host of city leaders attended the grant award ceremony in the Mayor’s reception room.

“Our city is all the more vibrant and attractive because we have such a dynamic, diverse cultural life in Philadelphia,” said Mayor Jim Kenney. “Whether it’s music or theater or fine arts, our neighborhoods are brimming with the talent that is being recognized today and rewarded for their dedication and contributions. Support of the arts is not an option, it is an essential part of what defines us as a first class city.”

Since 1991, the City of Philadelphia has allocated money for direct funding for arts and culture organizations with a special aim to provide general operating funds, the most difficult kind of philanthropic support to secure, to arts and culture programs including those that are underserved by mainstream funders. This money is managed and distributed through the Philadelphia Cultural Fund, which has distributed more than \$45 million in 27 years. In 2018, while the arts continue to fall victim to budget cuts and conservative attacks, the Cultural Fund has seen an increase in the number of applicants and in the number of grantees who receive their support.

“Philadelphia has many Avenues of the Arts: Germantown Avenue, Cottman Avenue, Oregon Avenue, 52nd Street and Norris Square. We think of them as commercial strips, but they also should be noted for their role in creating the cultural treasures that make Philadelphia unique,” said the Philadelphia Cultural Fund’s Executive Director, Barbara J. Silzle. “Our work this year was especially gratifying as we increased the number of grants, including many that were first time applicants. It reminds us that the Cultural Fund truly stimulates art making for people who are overlooked by established funding sources and that need to cover basic operating costs to mount a production or exhibit or teach a course. Arts are very much alive in every one of our communities.”

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The Cultural Fund is largest grantmaker in the City whose sole focus is to support and foster the mission of Philadelphia's arts organizations, including those most vulnerable arts making programs in city neighborhoods. 45% of the grants were given to groups with budgets smaller than \$150,000; 28% have budgets of less than \$50,000. Many of these groups have no paid staff. Power Street Theater Company is an excellent example of the type of community arts making that the Cultural Fund helps to sustain and grow. In conjunction with West Kensington Ministries, they premiered *Las Mujeres* during women's history month this year to highlight the impact of notable Latina artists, entertainers, scientists and activists on the lives of contemporary women.

The Cultural Fund has also prioritized efforts to discover and encourage community arts makers who have not applied for support. The number of grants awarded this year increased by 21, and 25 organizations were first time applicants.

“At a time when so many communities feel underrepresented and under attack, support for the arts as a vehicle for empowerment and change is more important than ever. I am grateful that the Cultural Fund takes such great care to find organizations in every community that reflect the many different cultures and ethnicities of this city of neighborhoods,” added Philadelphia City Council President Darrell L. Clarke. “We are also proud to give recognition to a group that lives up to the spirit of our esteemed colleague, the late David Cohen, who was not only passionate about the arts, but was a fierce advocate for justice and equity for all of our citizens.”

The 2018 recipient of the David Cohen Award is PhillyCAM, Philadelphia's public access television station. The Cultural Fund's Board of Directors established the non-cash Award in 2006 to honor and perpetuate the extraordinary legacy of the late Councilman David Cohen, a lifelong advocate and supporter of Philadelphia's arts and culture community. The Award recognizes an arts and culture organization in the City which has demonstrated by its mission, programming, art-related work product, or services offered, an outstanding commitment to social and economic justice.

“We are so honored to receive the Councilman David Cohen Award for our work making it possible for people not typically represented in mainstream media to learn new technical skills and have an outlet through which to share their stories,” said PhillyCAM's Executive Director Gretjen Clausen. “This Award has special meaning for us since Councilman Cohen was a key advocate of the fight for public access television back in the early 2000s. PhillyCAM would not exist without his leadership in City Council and mentorship on how to use grassroots organizing to shift public policy.”

For many Philadelphia arts and culture organizations, the Philadelphia Cultural Fund is a gateway funder, a source of assistance for first proposals and for “new and emerging” organizations that have been operating for less than five years. All grant applicants are eligible for an evaluation session with the Cultural Fund's staff who provide professional feedback from the Peer Review Panel that will help strengthen their ability to apply for funding next year as well as to apply to other funders for support. The Peer Review Panel who evaluate and score grant applications and conduct site visits are more than 100 volunteers from all sectors of the industry including artists, administrators, technicians, and educators.

A list of the Philadelphia Cultural Fund's 2018 Art & Culture Grant recipients is attached.

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**About The Philadelphia Cultural Fund:**

*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. [www.philaculturalfund.org](http://www.philaculturalfund.org)*

**LIST OF GRANT AWARDEES:**

<b>2018 Art &amp; Culture Grantees</b>	<b>2018 Grant Amount</b>
11th Hour Theatre Company	\$10,239
1807 & Friends, Inc.	\$8,413
1812 Productions	\$10,331
Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, The	\$10,950
Academy of Vocal Arts	\$10,292
Advocate Center for Culture and Education	\$7,525
African Cultural Alliance of North America Inc ( ACANA )	\$8,295
Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture	\$11,082
Allens Lane Art Center	\$10,279
Almanac	\$5,154
American Composers Forum, Philadelphia Chapter	\$12,524
American Philosophical Society	\$4,266
American Swedish Historical Museum	\$10,114
Anna Crusis Women's Choir	\$10,069
Anne-Marie Mulgrew and Dancers Company	\$8,888
Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts	\$8,802
APIARY Magazine of CultureTrust Philadelphia	\$3,068
Applied Mechanics	\$7,923
Arcana New Music Ensemble	\$6,649
ArcheDream for Humankind	\$6,374

<b>2018 Art &amp; Culture Grantees (continued)</b>	<b>2018 Grant Amount</b>
Arden Theatre Company	\$10,988
Ars Nova Workshop	\$10,316
Art Sanctuary	\$10,362
Art Sphere Inc.	\$5,962
Arthur Ross Gallery	\$7,860
Artistas y Músicos Latino Americanos (AMLA)	\$10,827
Art-Reach	\$10,261
Arts + Business Council for Greater Philadelphia	\$8,053
ArtWell	\$9,156
ARTZ Philadelphia	\$7,291
ASAP/After School Activities Partnerships	\$10,885
Asian Americans United	\$12,333
Asian Arts Initiative	\$12,277
Association for Public Art (aPA)	\$11,489
Astral Artists	\$10,109
Athenaeum of Philadelphia	\$7,850
Automatic Arts	\$888
Awbury Arboretum Association	\$2,915
Azuka Theatre	\$8,692
Bach Festival of Philadelphia	\$8,788
Bainbridge House, Inc	\$6,536
BalletX	\$11,688
Barbershop Harmony Society, Philadelphia Chapter	\$5,441
Barnes Foundation, The	\$11,185
Bartram's Garden	\$10,912
Beacon Theatre Productions	\$743
Bearded Ladies Cabaret, The	\$11,932

<b>2018 Art &amp; Culture Grantees (continued)</b>	<b>2018 Grant Amount</b>
Berserker Residents, The	\$7,682
Best Day of My Life So Far, The	\$1,514
Big Picture Alliance	\$7,055
Birds on a Wire Dance Theatre	\$545
Black Pearl Chamber Orchestra	\$10,605
Bowerbird	\$9,347
Brandywine Workshop and Archives	\$9,555
Broad Street Review	\$6,336
BuildaBridge	\$12,005
Bushfire Theatre of Performing Arts	\$8,298
Cardell Dance Theater	\$7,132
Caribbean Community In Philadelphia of CultureTrust Greater Philadelphia	\$679
Caribbean Festival & Cultural Organization of Pennsylvania	\$7,121
Casa de Duende	\$455
Center for Architecture and Design	\$4,997
Center for Art in Wood, The	\$9,544
Center for Emerging Visual Artists, The	\$9,868
Center in the Park	\$8,580
Centro Nueva Creación	\$10,765
Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The	\$9,869
Chestnut Street Singers	\$2,481
Chinese American Women's Sisterhood Society of Philadelphia	\$5,461
Choral Arts Society of Philadelphia, The	\$7,713
Christ Church Preservation Trust	\$10,530
cinÉSPEAK of CultureTrust of Greater Philadelphia	\$648
Clay Studio	\$11,350
Cleaver Magazine	\$4,094

<b>2018 Art &amp; Culture Grantees (continued)</b>	<b>2018 Grant Amount</b>
Cliveden, Inc.	\$12,055
Collaborative Cataloging Japan	\$2,394
Commonwealth Youthchoirs	\$9,200
Community Education Center	\$10,434
Concert Operetta Theater	\$3,751
Concord School House and Upper Burying Ground of Germantown, The	\$4,510
Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts	\$10,134
COSACOSA art at large, Inc.	\$11,598
Crossing, The	\$11,190
Crossroads Music	\$9,840
CultureWorks Greater Philadelphia	\$10,343
Curio Theatre Company, The	\$11,265
Curtis Institute of Music	\$11,035
Da Vinci Art Alliance	\$7,867
Dance Iquail	\$8,443
Dancefusion	\$10,830
Dancing Classrooms Philly	\$11,695
Danse4Nia Repertory Ensemble, Inc.	\$7,998
Directors Gathering	\$6,704
Dolce Suono Ensemble	\$10,753
Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site, Inc.	\$8,377
Ebenezer Maxwell Mansion	\$6,090
EgoPo Classic Theater	\$11,861
Eleone Dance Theatre	\$11,199
Elfreth's Alley Association	\$6,366
Enchantment Theatre Company	\$10,486
Encore Series, Inc. d/b/a The Philly POPS	\$4,898

<b>2018 Art &amp; Culture Grantees (continued)</b>	<b>2018 Grant Amount</b>
Esther Klein Gallery, University City Science Center	\$9,606
Fabric Workshop and Museum, The	\$9,306
Fairmount Park Conservancy	\$6,201
Fidget	\$3,735
First Person Arts	\$10,392
Fleisher Art Memorial	\$12,722
Fort Mifflin on the Delaware	\$9,238
Franklin Institute	\$13,425
Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation	\$11,268
Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery	\$4,939
FringeArts	\$10,256
Galleries at Moore College of Art & Design, The	\$11,314
Georgia E. Gregory Interdenominational School of Music	\$11,397
German Society of Pennsylvania	\$9,777
Gershman Y, The	\$9,901
Girls Rock Philly	\$12,555
Glen Foerd Conservation Corporation	\$9,881
Global Philadelphia Association	\$1,083
Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance	\$12,195
Group Motion Multi Media Dance Theater	\$10,211
G-town Radio	\$4,218
Head & The Hand Workshop, The	\$4,327
Headlong Dance Theater	\$11,911
Her Philly MOVES	\$1,930
Hidden City Philadelphia	\$10,634
Historic Fairhill	\$11,258
Historic Germantown	\$11,794

<b>2018 Art &amp; Culture Grantees (continued)</b>	<b>2018 Grant Amount</b>
Historic RittenhouseTown, Inc.	\$10,303
Historical Society of Frankford, The	\$2,803
Historical Society of Pennsylvania, The	\$8,348
Idiopathic Ridiculopathy Consortium, The	\$6,086
iMPeRFeCT Gallery of Culture Trust Greater Philadelphia	\$7,154
Independence Seaport Museum	\$10,331
Inis Nua Theatre Company	\$7,957
InLiquid.com	\$12,122
Institute of Contemporary Art at the University of Pennsylvania	\$10,299
InterAct Theatre Company	\$10,394
Intercultural Journeys	\$10,068
International Association of Performing Arts for Young People, Inc. (IPAY)	\$7,277
International Ballet Exchange	\$10,305
International House Philadelphia, Inc.	\$4,556
Iron Factory, The	\$1,740
Islamic Cultural Preservation & Information Council / New Africa CDC	\$7,595
Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia	\$9,386
Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia	\$4,509
Johnson House Historic Site, Inc.	\$7,767
JUNK	\$6,304
Just Act	\$8,890
Kaleid Theatre	\$1,886
Kama-Sahlor Group, The	\$3,824
Kimmel Center, Inc.	\$7,933
Koresh Dance Company	\$10,751
Kulu Mele African Dance & Drum Ensemble	\$10,472
Kun-Yang Lin/Dancers	\$11,597



<b>2018 Art &amp; Culture Grantees (continued)</b>	<b>2018 Grant Amount</b>
KyoDaiko Japanese Taiko Drummers	\$7,181
La Salle University Art Museum	\$11,602
Lady Hoofers Tap Ensemble, The	\$3,821
Lantern Theater Company	\$11,781
Leah Stein Dance Company	\$9,590
Library Company of Philadelphia	\$7,546
Lightning Rod Special	\$2,579
LiveConnections	\$7,301
Love Now Media	\$3,400
Lyric Fest	\$11,021
MacGuffin Theatre & Film Company	\$7,623
Manayunk Art Center	\$9,856
Mascher Dance	\$8,050
Mauckingbird Theatre Company	\$9,988
Media Mobilizing Project	\$8,403
Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia	\$10,882
Mexican Cultural Center	\$10,761
Mighty Writers	\$10,572
Moonstone	\$9,226
Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania	\$11,873
Mt. Airy Art Garage	\$9,528
Multicultural Arts Exchange of CultureTrust	\$4,658
Musicopia	\$12,181
Mutya Philippine Dance Company	\$6,127
Naked Stark, The	\$4,594
Nashirah-the Jewish Chorale of Greater Philadelphia	\$7,536
National Liberty Museum	\$8,119

<b>2018 Art &amp; Culture Grantees (continued)</b>	<b>2018 Grant Amount</b>
National Museum of American Jewish History	\$9,448
Network for New Music	\$12,116
New Paradise Laboratories Theatre, Inc.	\$10,666
Next Move Dance (formerly Dance Affiliates)	\$9,345
Nichole Canuso Dance Company	\$10,235
Olney Culture Lab of CultureTrust Greater Philadelphia	\$3,050
Opera Philadelphia	\$11,978
Orbiter 3	\$8,975
Orchestra 2001, Inc.	\$10,776
Painted Bride Art Center	\$6,591
Partners for Sacred Places	\$8,995
Pasion y Arte	\$9,176
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts	\$12,162
Pennsylvania Ballet Association	\$7,486
Performance Garage, The	\$11,068
Philadelphia Art Alliance	\$7,633
Philadelphia Artists' Collective	\$11,397
Philadelphia Arts in Education Partnership	\$11,367
Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival	\$9,421
Philadelphia Boys Choir and Chorale	\$10,524
Philadelphia Chamber Ensemble, The	\$5,472
Philadelphia Chamber Music Society	\$11,905
Philadelphia Chinese Opera Society	\$10,253
Philadelphia Clef Club of Jazz and Performing Arts, Inc.	\$9,498
Philadelphia Community Access Media (PhillyCAM)	\$10,217
Philadelphia Community Tap Project, The	\$716
Philadelphia Dance Company (PHILADANCO!)	\$10,886

<b>2018 Art &amp; Culture Grantees (continued)</b>	<b>2018 Grant Amount</b>
Philadelphia Dance Projects	\$10,219
Philadelphia Film Society	\$8,521
Philadelphia Folklore Project	\$10,228
Philadelphia Freedom Band	\$2,774
Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus	\$9,368
Philadelphia Guild of Hand Weavers, The	\$5,159
Philadelphia Latino Film Festival of CultureTrust Greater Philadelphia	\$8,947
Philadelphia Orchestra	\$8,471
Philadelphia Photo Arts Center	\$11,383
Philadelphia Regional Arts Consortium, The	\$12,444
Philadelphia Sculptors	\$9,737
Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre, The	\$7,995
Philadelphia Sinfonia Association	\$10,506
Philadelphia Sketch Club	\$5,129
Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks (PhilaLandmarks)	\$5,174
Philadelphia Stories	\$6,170
Philadelphia Voices of Pride	\$5,587
Philadelphia Waterborne of CultureTrust Greater Philadelphia	\$4,009
Philadelphia Women in Film and Television	\$1,945
Philadelphia Women's Theatre Festival	\$3,887
Philadelphia Wooden Boat Factory	\$11,908
Philadelphia Young Playwrights	\$12,156
Philadelphia Youth Orchestra	\$10,184
Philadelphia's Magic Gardens	\$10,427
Philly Game Mechanics	\$620
Philly Pigeon LLC, The	\$2,771
Philly Youth Poetry Movement	\$9,953

<b>2018 Art &amp; Culture Grantees (continued)</b>	<b>2018 Grant Amount</b>
PHILO Project, The	\$9,103
Piffaro, the Renaissance Band	\$11,929
Pig Iron Theatre Company	\$11,804
Plant Me Here	\$1,523
Play On, Philly! (POP)	\$10,761
PlayPenn, Inc.	\$11,802
Please Touch Museum	\$5,250
Portside Arts Center	\$10,344
Power Street Theatre Company of CultureTrust	\$2,157
Print Center, The	\$9,794
PRISM Quartet, Inc.	\$11,846
Project 440	\$5,547
Project Capoeira, Inc.	\$10,949
Project Twenty1	\$11,018
Public Citizens for Children and Youth	\$10,671
Putty Dance Project	\$1,268
Quintessence Theatre Group, Inc	\$9,767
RAIR, Inc.	\$8,511
RealLivePeople	\$2,549
Relache	\$2,600
Renegade Company, The	\$1,576
Resource Exchange	\$7,817
Revolution Shakespeare	\$8,180
Rock School for Dance Education, The	\$4,569
Rock to the Future Inc.	\$11,503
Rosenbach of the Free Library of Philadelphia, The	\$10,772
Rough Cut Productions	\$2,882

<b>2018 Art &amp; Culture Grantees (continued)</b>	<b>2018 Grant Amount</b>
Sam Tower + Ensemble	\$5,030
Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education	\$3,675
Scribe Video Center, Inc.	\$11,167
SEAMAAC	\$6,809
Second State Press	\$7,736
Settlement Music School	\$11,448
Shakespeare in Clark Park	\$11,458
Simpatico Theatre Project	\$8,420
Singing City	\$10,544
Slought Foundation	\$8,582
Small But Mighty Arts	\$2,174
Smith Memorial Playground & Playhouse	\$4,662
Soapbox: Community Print Shop & Zine Library, The	\$895
South Asian American Digital Archive	\$10,162
South Street Headhouse District Foundation	\$3,625
Spells Writing Lab, Inc.	\$2,952
Spiral Q Puppet Theater	\$11,399
Stagecrafters, The	\$9,269
Stenton, NSCDA/PA	\$13,525
Studio Incamminati	\$9,849
Subcircle, Inc.	\$2,728
Swim Pony Performing Arts	\$10,163
Taller Puertorriqueño, Inc.	\$11,579
Tangle Movement Arts	\$7,724
Team Sunshine Performance Corporation	\$8,740
Tempesta di Mare	\$9,736
Temple Contemporary	\$6,488

<b>2018 Art &amp; Culture Grantees (continued)</b>	<b>2018 Grant Amount</b>
Temple University Music Preparatory Division	\$7,994
Termite TV Collective	\$8,184
Theater Encore of Culture Trust of the Greater Philadelphia	\$1,067
Theatre Exile	\$8,822
Theatre in the X	\$1,259
Theatre Philadelphia	\$3,804
thINKingDANCE	\$2,753
Three Aksha	\$9,067
Tiny Dynamite	\$9,892
Tongue & Groove Spontaneous Theater of CultureTrust	\$1,859
Tribe of Fools	\$2,356
Trinity Center for Urban Life	\$6,831
Twelve Gates Arts	\$6,700
University City Arts League	\$11,942
University of PA Museum of Archeology and Anthropology	\$8,684
Urban Creators	\$9,687
Usiloquy Dance Designs	\$6,352
Variant 6	\$506
Village of Arts and Humanities, The	\$10,794
Vision Driven Artists of CultureWorks Greater Philadelphia	\$4,580
Vox Populi, Inc	\$11,552
Wagner Free Institute of Science	\$13,288
Walnut Street Theatre	\$12,025
Warrior Writers of CultureTrust Greater Philadelphia	\$9,292
Warriors of the Wonderful Sound	\$3,317
Weathervane Music Organization	\$11,311
West Park Cultural Center	\$11,935

<b>2018 Art &amp; Culture Grantees (continued)</b>	<b>2018 Grant Amount</b>
White Box Theatre	\$4,964
WHYY, Inc.	\$10,212
Wilma Theater	\$11,367
Woodlands Trust for Historic Preservation, The	\$11,318
Woodmere Art Museum	\$11,096
Wyck Association	\$8,794
Yes! And... Collaborative Arts	\$11,169
Zoological Society of Philadelphia (Philadelphia Zoo)	\$13,720
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,667,000</b>



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