PHILADELPHIA CULTURAL FUND ANNOUNCES $200,170 TO 37 ARTS AND CULTURE GROUPS THROUGH 2020 YOUTH ARTS IMPACT GRANTS

PHILADELPHIA—(July 15, 2020)— The Philadelphia Cultural Fund today announced that $200,170 in grants of $5,410 each will be awarded to 37 small and mid-sized Philadelphia organizations that are providing meaningful cultural and arts experiences for Philadelphia’s youth. In response to COVID-19 and the impact it is having on the arts community, the Philadelphia Cultural Fund suspended the 2020 Youth Arts Enrichment Grant and has redirected the funds to more broadly support small and mid-sized organizations that can be most threatened during the health crisis.

The Youth Arts Impact Grants are intended to help alleviate the financial hardship organizations are facing due to the pandemic and to acknowledge their vital work to serve the city’s youth. The grantee organizations represent a wide array of disciplines in their programming such as visual arts, dance, music, creative writing, and theatre.

“The arts are profoundly impacted by the health crisis. It was important to the Philadelphia Cultural Fund that we take this opportunity to support many of the small and mid-sized arts organizations that could be most threatened during the pandemic,” stated Cultural Fund Executive Director Barbara Silzle. “When Philadelphia emerges from COVID-19, the arts must be there for us and for our children. We deeply appreciate the work these organizations continue to do.”

Grants are made from the City’s FY20 budget allocation to the Philadelphia Cultural Fund.

2020 Youth Arts Impact Grantees:

1812 Productions
Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture
Astral Artists
ArtWell
Arts in Schools Collaborative, DBA Dancing Classrooms Philly
Ballet X
Center for Architecture and Design
COSACOSA art at large, Inc.
Da Vinci Art Alliance
Enchantment Theatre Company
First Person Arts
Girls Rock Philly
International Performing Arts for Youth (IPAY)
Lyra Society
Mighty Writers
Mt. Airy Art Garage
Musicopia
Norris Square Neighborhood Project
Philadelphia Clef Club of Jazz and Performing Arts
Philadelphia Gay Men’s Chorus Inc.
Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks
Play On, Philly!
Project 440
Smith Memorial Playground and Playhouse
Spells Writing Lab Inc
Spiral Q
Take It Away Dance
The Center for Art in Wood
The Center for Emerging Visual Artists
The Head and the Hand
The Lady Hoofers Tap Ensemble
Theatre Exile
Theatre in the X
Three Aksha
University City Arts League
Writers Room
Yes! And… Collaborative Arts

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

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