

Oregon Arts Commission awards recognition grants

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Funding Recognizes Contributions of the Arts in Communities

The Oregon Arts Commission has announced 15 awards in its Arts Recognition Grant program, acknowledging the strengths of Oregon arts organizations that have high quality artistic programming and solid organizational strength. The Arts Commission established the Arts Recognition Grant program in 2004 to provide visible Commission support to help arts groups raise their profile in a community to better leverage funds and resources.

The program brings recognition to smaller and emerging arts groups across the state, many of which have not received other grant support from the Commission.

“The Arts Commission strives to find innovative ways to fund the wide variety of arts organizations in Oregon and to have a presence in their communities,” said Christine D’Arcy, executive director of the Arts Commission. “All of the Arts Recognition organizations contribute to the vitality of the arts in community life.”

The Arts Recognition grantees in this round of funding are:

Astoria The River Theater , \$1,000 In recognition of the River Theater's seven years producing and presenting dynamic performing arts in Astoria.

Bay City Bay City Arts Center , \$1,000 In recognition of the Bay City Arts Center's support of the arts and creativity in Tillamook County since 2000.

Canby Canby Arts Association , \$1,000 In recognition of the Canby Arts Association's efforts to promote the arts in Canby and to make local arts accessible to residents.

Hood River Columbia Gorge Orchestra Association , \$1,000 In recognition of the Columbia Gorge Orchestra Association's sponsorship of community musical presentations that have brought orchestral music to the Gorge since 1999.

Klamath Falls Klamath Arts Council , \$1,000 In recognition of 31 years as a local arts council, serving as a catalyst to connect arts and creativity with the community.

Newport Bay Music Association Inc., \$1,000 In recognition of BAY Music Association's 18 year history of presenting classical music and fostering music appreciation.

Pacific Dance Ensemble, \$1,000 In recognition of Pacific Dance Ensemble's 20 years of dance education and performance for young dancers.

Red Octopus Theatre Co., \$1,000 In recognition of Red Octopus Theatre Company's 29 years of presenting theater performances, making classical theater accessible to all.

Portland Independent Publishing Resource Center, \$1,000 In recognition of Independent Publishing Resource Center's (IPRC) nine years of facilitating the creation of, and access to, independent published media and art for over 2,000 emerging writers.

Metropolitan Youth Symphony, \$1,000 In recognition of 33 years dedicated to the education, development and promotion of young musicians currently serving over 500 annually.

Northwest Business for Culture and the Arts, \$1,000 In recognition of Northwest Business for Culture and the Arts 20 years of working to increase public and private support for the arts in Oregon.

Program: Education Art Recreation , \$1,000 In recognition of p:ear's six years of serving more than 700 homeless and transitional youth with art opportunities that help create more meaningful and healthier lives.

RASIKA India Arts and Culture Council, \$1,000

In recognition of RASIKA's eight years promoting the arts and culture of India through education, outreach and performances.

Tillamook Monday Musical Club of Tillamook, \$1,000 In recognition of 13 seasons promoting musical education and collaboration with community organizations to support high standards of musical culture.

Tillamook County Arts Network, \$1,000 In recognition of Tillamook County Arts Network's (TCAN) seven

years of encouraging the visual, literary and performing arts in the county through the development of networks and a cultural database and directory.

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