



**NEWS from Lane Arts Council**  
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## **Lane Arts Council & City of Eugene Award Funding to Community Arts Projects**

Lane Arts Council announces \$56,125 in grants to arts organizations and arts projects in the Eugene area. The Community Arts Grant Program is funded by the [City of Eugene Cultural Services Division](#) and administered by [Lane Arts Council](#).

The [Community Arts Grants](#) help ensure diverse and accessible arts opportunities and experiences for Eugene artists, audiences and participants.

This year nine community arts organizations, with annual budgets above \$100,000, will receive Program Grants and 17 community arts projects will receive Project Grants. Project grants will fund: theatre productions, poetry slams, arts and writing competitions, summer rock camps, festivals, art exhibitions, mural programs, fashion shows and more.

St. Vincent de Paul was awarded a Community Arts Grant for their Metamorphose Earth Day Event in which they will invite the community to participate in upcycled/recycled art and design challenges and learn about responsible waste-diversion.

"Community Arts Grants play a critically important role in Eugene by helping to meld mission with art—and that art helps to make that mission visible, vibrant and accessible," says Terry McDonald, executive director of St. Vincent de Paul. The agency also received a Community Arts Grant that will enable a local artist to work with residents of the new SVDP Youth House for homeless teen girls to create a mural telling their collective story.

Another grant recipient, Wordcrafters in Eugene, will present a Fiction Fantastic contest for young writers to showcase their creativity and publish their written works.

Wordcrafters in Eugene Executive Director, Daryll Lynne Evans, explained why the grant is meaningful to their organization: "Having access to quality creative writing instruction is vital for our youth to discover their voices and hone their story-telling skills. This grant makes it possible to give youth in our community a space to be published and know that their voices matter."

"Arts and culture is the heartbeat of our city and the reason why so many of us love living in Eugene," states Liora Sponko, Lane Arts Council Executive Director. "These grant awarded projects and programs provide our community with access to the incredible artistic contributions of our local artists and arts organizations."

Join us for a special award ceremony open to the public:

### **Community Arts Grant Award Ceremony**

Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> | 4:00-5:30pm  
Oregon Contemporary Theatre  
194 W Broadway, Eugene, OR 97401

**About Lane Arts Council**

Lane Arts Council, founded in 1976, is a nonprofit organization that cultivates strong and creative arts communities in Lane County. They provide arts education programs in schools, support local artists and arts organizations, and coordinate the popular First Friday ArtWalk.

**Enclosure:** List of Community Arts Grant recipients.

## 2018-2019 Community Arts Grant - Project Recipients

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AWARDED
Applegate Regional Theatre	Reader's Theater for Eugene Senior Communities	\$ 1,600
Bridgeway House	2019 Theatre Production Featuring Children with Autism	\$ 2,000
Eugene Poetry Slam	Eugene Poetry Slam at Tsunami Books	\$ 1,800
Free Shakespeare in the Park	Celebrating 20 Years! A Midsummer Night's Dream	\$ 1,800
Katie Haemmerle	MFA Live Lit West Reading Series	\$ 375
Kind Tree Productions	Autism Artism 2018-2019	\$ 1,800
MEPAA	GRRRLZ ROCK Festival	\$ 1,800
MEPAA	MuseArt	\$ 1,000
NAACP-Lane County Chapter	Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO)	\$ 1,600
New Zone Gallery	Zone 4 All	\$ 1,400
New Zone Gallery	Community Canvas Creations	\$ 800
Oregon Supported Living Program	Arts & Culture Scholarship Program	\$ 2,000
St Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County	SVDP Youth House - Teen Mural Program	\$ 1,600
St Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County	St Vinnie's Metamorphose Earth Day Event	\$ 1,000
Tim McLaughlin	Music's Edge Summer Rock Camp at the WOW Hall	\$ 1,800
Tropical Contemporary	Queer Community Fashion Show	\$ 750
WordCrafters in Eugene	Fiction Fantastic: Young Writers Fiction Contest	\$ 2,000
		<b>\$ 25,125</b>

## 2018-2019 Community Arts Grant - Program Recipients

ORGANIZATION	AWARDED
Actors Cabaret of Eugene	\$ 1,000
Chamber Music Amici	\$ 1,500
DanceAbility International	\$ 4,000
Eugene-Springfield Youth Orchestras	\$ 4,000
Maude Kerns Art Center	\$ 5,500
MECCA: Materials Exchange Center for Community Arts	\$ 4,000
Oregon Contemporary Theatre	\$ 6,000
Oregon Mozart Players	\$ 3,000
Very Little Theatre	\$ 2,000
	<b>\$ 31,000</b>