

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture announces grants to 196 organizations



Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) has announced that it will invest \$27,183,242 in grants to 196 arts and culture organizations in Cuyahoga County through its 2015-16 General Operating Support and 2015 Project Support grant programs. The grant award amounts were approved by CAC's Board of Trustees during its meeting and celebration event on Monday afternoon, November 24 at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

"Cuyahoga Arts & Culture is honored to support Cuyahoga County's arts and cultural heritage on behalf of our county's residents," said Sari Feldman, president of CAC's Board of Trustees. "This dedicated source of public funds for arts and culture strengthens the regional economy through strategic investment in a vibrant arts community."

CAC made the grants through its two primary grant programs, 2015-16 General Operating Support and 2015 Project Support. CAC's Board approved \$25.4 million in funding for 58 organizations through its 2015-16 General Operating Support grant program, with \$12.7 million approved for 2015. The General Operating Support grant program provides multi-year core support to arts and cultural institutions of all sizes.

The Board approved \$1,783,242 in funding for 138 organizations through its 2015 Project Support grant program. The Project Support grant program promotes and encourages the breadth of arts and cultural programming in our community by supporting projects both large and small throughout Cuyahoga County.

"We congratulate the organizations that Cuyahoga Arts & Culture will fund in 2015, and we look forward to working with them in the coming months to benefit the community," said Karen Gahl-Mills, CAC's executive director. "The nearly 200 organizations CAC funds offer programs that support educational opportunities, boost our economy and improve quality of life in Cuyahoga County."

In October 2014, CAC convened panels of independent arts and culture experts from outside Northeast Ohio to publicly evaluate and score each of the applications to the 2015-16 General Operating Support and 2015 Project Support grant programs. For more information about CAC, [visit cacgrants.org](http://cacgrants.org).

2015-16 General Operating Support Grant Award recipients include: Apollo's Fire (\$106,917); Broadway School of Music and the Arts (\$23,847); Cleveland Institute of Music (\$737,886); Cleveland International Piano Competition (\$70,177); Cleveland POPS Orchestra (\$80,224); Contemporary Youth Orchestra (\$27,100); North Coast Men's Chorus (\$27,192); Opera Circle (\$19,200); The Cleveland Orchestra (\$1,518,755); and The Music Settlement (\$225,193).

2015 Project Support I Grant Award recipients include: Blue Water Chamber Orchestra (\$18,712); Chagrin Arts (\$25,586); ChamberFest Cleveland (\$36,332); CityMusic Cleveland (\$39,714); Cleveland Chamber Music Society (\$12,236); Cleveland Classical Guitar Society (\$7,197); Cleveland Women's Orchestra (\$6,824); Local 4 Music Fund (\$24,204); Music and Art at Trinity Cathedral (\$25,516); Quire Cleveland (\$7,339); The Singers' Club of Cleveland (\$10,097); and The West Shore Chorale (\$7,737).

2015 Project Support II Grant Award recipients include: Arts Renaissance Tremont (\$3,750); Choral arts Society of Cleveland (\$4,800); Cleveland Chamber Symphony (\$3,750); Cleveland Composers Guild (\$5,000); Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra (\$4,000); Joyful Noise Music School (\$4,725); Les Délices (\$3,750); M.U.S.i.C. (\$3,750); Suburban Symphony Orchestra (\$3,750); Symphony West Orchestra (\$3,750); and Western Reserve Choral (\$3,750).

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