

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture announces 2017 awards

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Since 2007, [Cuyahoga Arts & Culture](#) (CAC), one of the largest public funders of arts and culture in the nation, has invested over \$154 million in more than 300 organizations that help to make Cuyahoga County a vibrant cultural community.

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The grants, which will support arts and cultural organizations and projects of all sizes throughout Cuyahoga County, were unanimously approved by CAC's Board of Trustees. The 2017 awards included 32 more projects than in 2016, as well as an increase of \$255,988 in grant dollars.

"Cuyahoga Arts & Culture congratulates our newest grant recipients," Joseph P. Gibbons, president of CAC's Board of Trustees, said in a press release. "We are proud to help these organizations connect to residents and deliver vibrant, fun, and thought-provoking arts and culture experiences in all corners of our county for the coming year."

CAC's General Operating Support program provides multi-year core support grants to arts and cultural organizations. Grants range from \$10,500 to \$1.5 million.

The Project Support grant program promotes and encourages the breadth of arts and cultural programming in our community by funding projects both large

and small throughout Cuyahoga County. A wide variety of programs and events are supported by grants ranging from \$1,500 to \$35,000.

“We’re thrilled that our Project Support program continues to grow,” Karen Gahl-Mills, CAC’s CEO and executive director, said in the release. “By making these investments, CAC is helping this diverse group of organizations make meaningful connections with residents in all parts of our county. Congratulations to all of the successful applicants.”

Specifically, CAC made grants totaling \$12,666,221 to 57 organizations through its General Operating Support. Grantees in this category included Apollo’s Fire, Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland International Piano Competition, Cleveland Music School Settlement, Cleveland POPS Orchestra, Contemporary Youth Orchestra, Opera Circle Cleveland, and The Cleveland Orchestra.

\$1,907,612 was granted to 184 organizations through CAC’s Project Support.

Grantees in Project Support I included BlueWater Chamber Orchestra, ChamberFest Cleveland, CityMusic Cleveland, Cleveland Classical Guitar Society, Cleveland Opera Theater, Cleveland Women’s Orchestra, Les Délices, Music and Art at Trinity, Quire Cleveland, and The West Shore Chorale.

Grantees in Project Support II included Blue Streak Ensemble, Choral Arts Cleveland, Cleveland Chamber Symphony, Cleveland Composers Guild, Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra, ENCORE Chamber Music, FiveOne Experimental Orchestra, Heights Chamber Orchestra, M.U.S.i.C, NO EXIT, and Western Reserve Chorale.

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