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CITY AWARDS RECORD NUMBER OF COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS

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The City of Davis is pleased to announce the 2019 recipients of Community Arts Grant awards. This annual funding is awarded through the City Manager's Office/Arts & Cultural Affairs program, and has received a substantial boost in the past few years through expanded support from City leadership. The program provides funds for a wide variety of community-based arts programs and projects that foster excellence, diversity, and vitality in the arts, and this year is no exception.

Congratulations to the following 2019 grant awardees and programs:

ACME Theatre Company / Free Comedy in the Park / \$4,240

Presentation of ACME's annual Free Comedy in the Park program at the Davis Arts Center outdoor stage. This program is staged and managed by high school students, and presented using entirely donated recycled materials.

Asian American Studies / Asian American Histories in the Davis Community / \$5,000

Further development and community involvement for three projects honoring Asian Americans of Davis: 1) digital and in-person exhibitions of the life and work of Dr. Isao Fujimoto (major contributor to the creation of the Davis Food Co-op and Farmers' Market); 2) children's book event by Filipino-American authors; and 3) documentary film screening of the life and work of Larry Itliong, a leader of the United Farm Workers union.

Bike City Theatre Company / Salon Reading Series / \$5,000

Launch of a new, free to the public, monthly Salon Readings series held throughout Downtown Davis. BCTC aims to select new work by historically underrepresented voices—women, people of color, LGTBQIA, people with disabilities.

Chamber Players in Davis / 2019 Season / \$2,400

Providing local Davis and Sacramento area professional musicians and a select number of Davis High School Students the opportunity to perform chamber music in a quality setting, as well as educate and expose the community to chamber music repertoire.

Davis Community Chorale / Audience & Public Profile Development / \$4,584

Providing new “Pops” programming aiming to draw in a wider audience beyond classical music fans, presented by the Chorale’s ever-growing body of members.

Davis Dirt- / Music Day 2020 / \$4,000

Participation in the internationally popular and growing production of the annual day to celebrate music with our community around the world, Make Music Day in June, 2020.

Davis Musical Theater Company / Educational Workshops at DMTC / \$4,000

Institution of an ongoing educational program (six classes per year) that aims to both introduce new people to theatre as well as provide enrichment activities to cast members that will enhance the quality of productions.

Judy Catambay / Elmwood Drive Street Mural / \$5,000

Creation of a community designed and painted street mural on Elmwood Drive, drawing upon Catambay’s experience in helping to create last year’s Senda Nueva neighborhood mural under the guidance of Danielle Fodor.

International House / Global Family Festivals / \$5,000

Further development and production of the monthly Global Family Festival series, which aims to get children between the ages of 2 and 10 aware and engaged in the ways that Davis is connected internationally. Programs incorporate agriculture, migration of people and animals, shared celebrations around the world, historical events, and trade through food, stories, and hands-on activities.

Mga Kapatid / Semi-Centennial Anniversary / \$5,000

Production of dances, vignettes, and musical performances by Filipino-American college students showcasing Philippine culture and history that transcends mainstream media to the Davis community.

Donna Jury / Live Music at Davis Community Meals / \$5,000

Continuation of the popular wellness offering of free live music for community diners and staff at Davis Community Meals throughout 2019.

Paint the Street, Danielle Fodor / A DIY Manual for artists and organizers / \$5,000

Creation of a manual for artists and neighborhood organizers about using intersection murals as a tool for community development, documenting and expanding on the 3 Davis street mural projects led by Fodor in recent years.

Pence Gallery / Make Stuff / \$5,000

Expansion of the “Make Stuff!” hands-on art workshops for families to include arts integration with science-based sensory activities for adult-accompanied children ages 5-11.

Second Bite / The Wisdom of the Apple / \$4,888

Further development, community involvement in, and free public showings of this large-scale immersive indoor art installation involving 100 working Apple computers and images celebrating women at 1930 5th Street.

Stories on Stage Davis / 2019 Program / \$2,400

Monthly performances of contemporary fiction, identify emerging authors, and calling attention to the cultural and artistic diversity in our region.

“Support of the arts is an important part of what makes our City so strong and unique. Through the arts, our community is able to both celebrate the joys of life as well as gracefully move through difficult times. I am thankful that we are able to support these varied and unique artistic programs and projects. I appreciate the efforts of the artists and the hard work of staff to make this possible” --Mayor Brett Lee

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