



Department of City Development
809 North Broadway, Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 286-5794 Fax (414) 286-5467

Tom Barrett, Mayor
Ald. Michael Murphy, Chair
www.milwaukee.gov/MAB

Contact:
Ald. Michael Murphy
Chair, Milwaukee Arts Board
(414) 286-2074

For Immediate Release

City of Milwaukee Arts Board awards \$238,000 to 35 arts organizations

Summer arts programs for youth, free performances of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, and a series of cross-neighborhood dinners in connection with the classic American play *Our Town* are among 35 projects awarded funding recently by the City of Milwaukee Arts Board.

At its May meeting the MAB considered the recommendations of an eight-member citizen review panel and voted to award \$238,000 in grants ranging from \$3,500 to \$7,000. MAB grants require a dollar-for-dollar cash match from other sources, and the combined budgets of the 35 selected projects this year is more than \$3.48 million. There were a total of 41 eligible requests from Milwaukee nonprofit arts organizations to fund art, music, dance, arts education and other projects.

"I'm always impressed by the quality work our local arts community puts forth," said Ald. Michael Murphy, Milwaukee Arts Board Chair. "We're pleased to be able to support their efforts."

This year marks the 27th annual grant awards. Since 1991, the Milwaukee Arts Board has awarded more than \$4.95 million to 127 different organizations.

Grantees will be honored by Mayor Tom Barrett, Ald. Murphy and others at a 4:30 p.m. reception June 12 at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts followed by an awards program and celebration at 5 p.m.

The Milwaukee Arts Board grant program is funded by the City of Milwaukee with additional support from the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts. The MAB also awards matching funds for new works of public art and conservation of public art. More information is at city.milwaukee.gov/MAB.

2017 Milwaukee Arts Board Project Grant Awards

\$7,000	Artists Working in Education	Truck Studio
\$7,000	Arts @ Large	2017 Music Under the Stars Concert Series & Summer Arts
\$7,000	Betty Brinn Children's Museum	City Neighbors
\$3,500	Black Arts MKE	Ton Ko-Thi Children's After School Performing Arts
\$7,000	DanceCircus	<i>Monarchs, Mounds, Migrations</i>
\$7,000	Danceworks	Mad Hot Ballroom And Tap
\$7,000	Ex Fabula	Equal Access
\$7,000	Express Yourself Milwaukee	Youth Band in Collaboration with West End Conservatory
\$7,000	First Stage	<i>Antarctica, Wisconsin</i>
\$7,000	Florentine Opera	Opera in the Schools: <i>A Busy Bee</i>
\$7,000	Haggerty Museum of Art	<i>(Re)Housing the American Dream, 2017</i>
\$7,000	Historic Milwaukee	Doors Open
\$7,000	In Tandem Theatre	<i>The Outgoing Tide</i> by Bruce Graham
\$7,000	Jewish Museum Milwaukee	<i>Moments & Markers - A Retrospective of Adolph Rosenblatt</i>
\$7,000	Latino Arts	Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead Celebration 2017
\$7,000	Milwaukee Art Museum	ArtXpress Inspired by Rashid Johnson
\$7,000	Milwaukee Ballet	Ballet-in-a-Box
\$7,000	Milwaukee Chamber Theatre	<i>The Brothers Size</i>
\$7,000	Milwaukee Children's Choir	<i>Readings and Carols</i>
\$7,000	Milwaukee Film	Cream City Cinema
\$7,000	Milwaukee Repertory Theater	<i>Our Town</i> play and cross-neighborhood dinners.
\$7,000	Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra	Symphony in the Neighborhood
\$7,000	Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra	Progressions
\$3,500	Milwaukee Youth Theatre	<i>The Jungle Book</i>
\$7,000	Next Act Theatre	<i>I and You</i> production and student project <i>Across the Viaduct</i>
\$7,000	Optimist Theatre	Shakespeare in the Park - <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>
\$7,000	PianoArts	PianoArts Education and Community Program
\$7,000	Present Music	2017 Thanksgiving Concert and Education Activities
\$7,000	Radio Milwaukee	Band Together from all Corners of Milwaukee
\$7,000	Renaissance Theaterworks	<i>Br!NK</i> A New Play Development Series
\$7,000	Skylight Music Theatre Corp.	KidsWrites
\$7,000	Tessa's Black Entertainment & Youth Center	9th Annual Summer Dance Concert
\$7,000	Wild Space Inc.	<i>Artifacts</i> dance performance and outreach program
\$7,000	Wisconsin Conservatory of Music	We Six Residencies in Milwaukee Schools
\$7,000	Woodland Pattern	<i>Because We Come From Everything</i>