

### Fiscal Year 2015 Grants Awarded

## General Operating Support Grants for Large Arts and Humanities Organizations \$2,876,763 for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

General Operating Support Grants provide general operating support to 29 nonprofit arts and humanities organizations in Montgomery County that have annual cash operating expenses of over \$150,000, full-time paid directors, and an annual audit. For FY15, grants were awarded to the following organizations:

- Adventure Theatre MTC, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$117,975) In March of 2012, Adventure Theatre and the Musical Theater Center merged to form Adventure Theatre MTC. ATMTC provides a continuum of services in theatre and musical theatre disciplines for youth ages 2 to 18 with award-winning professional theatre and an Academy featuring camps, classes, student productions, performing ensembles, and community outreach.
- American Dance Institute, Rockville, Maryland (\$112,459) American Dance Institute (ADI) is a multi-faceted arts organization in Rockville, Maryland that presents professional contemporary dance companies, hosts innovative residencies for dance artists to complete new work, supports local dance artists, and offers high-quality dance instruction and outreach programs to residents of Montgomery County and metropolitan Washington, DC.
- Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$264,378) The BSO at Strathmore
  provides year-round symphonic performances of the highest of artistic standards while
  embracing non-traditional formats, adventurous programming, and affordable pricing to

<sup>\*</sup>General Operating Support Awards are displayed in whole dollar amounts. Actual awards may vary by no more than 99 cents.

- transform the concert experience and build future audiences. Embracing its civic responsibility, the institution also offers relevant educational and social outreach programs, which, combined, reach +60,000 County and greater Washington, D.C. area residents.
- CityDance, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$48,644) CityDance School & Conservatory provides over 600 students annually with high-level dance training in a variety of genres. Close to 100 classes are taught each week, including weekly master classes taught by professional artists from around the world. Through CityDance Community Programs, we also provide free dance instruction to 430 students annually at Gaithersburg and East Silver Spring Elementary Schools and at the Long Branch and East County Community Centers in Montgomery County.
- Class Acts Arts, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$51,176) Class Acts Arts was founded in 1995 to fill a critical need in the community for access to the arts. Class Acts Arts offers performances and workshops for schools and organizations across Maryland, Washington, D.C. and northern Virginia with over 125 teaching artists from more than 20 countries and cultures. Its mission is to ensure the availability of the arts to everyone, including those with limited access.
- Dance Exchange, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$50,605) -. Founded in 1976 by Liz Lerman and now under the artistic direction of Cassie Meador, Dance Exchange's intergenerational company stretches the range of contemporary dance through projects as wide ranging as examinations of environmental activism, mountain-top removal, human rights, and rest in a hyper-driven society.
- Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Rockville, Maryland (\$46,793) FOLMC (Friends of the Library, Montgomery County) is a not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to enhancing Montgomery County Public Libraries through fundraising, advocacy, programs, and new initiatives. FOLMC organizes grassroots advocacy to encourage civic participation in ensuring an adequate library budget.
- Germantown Cultural Arts Center, Germantown, Maryland (\$63,376) As the leading venue for performing and visual arts in upper Montgomery County, BlackRock provides quality performances, arts education programs, and art exhibits in a welcoming and intimate setting. Over 13,000 individuals each year participate in activities at their 38,000 square foot facility, housing two indoor theaters, an outdoor stage, two art galleries, and five studios for arts instruction. BlackRock's education programs serve over 500 students each week, both adults and children.
- Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$90,767) Established in 2002 in collaboration with the National Park Service (NPS) and Montgomery County, the Partnership sponsors classes, dances, exhibitions, concerts, festivals, and events at Glen Echo Park, a former amusement park. These programs serve 415,000 people annually. The Partnership also maintains and manages the Park's historic facilities, including the Spanish Ballroom and Dentzel carousel, and provide marketing and class registration services to the Park's resident arts organizations and artists.
- Imagination Stage, Bethesda, Maryland (\$238,738) Imagination Stage presents high quality, innovative youth theatre and arts programming and promotes a safe haven for children to embrace and explore their creativity. Reaching 110,000 children and families through theatre productions and creative classes, we open hearts, inspire minds and ignite imaginations.
- Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Inc., Rockville, Maryland (\$47,230) The Arts & Culture Division of the JCCGW coordinates in-house and community performances, events and exhibits; arts education and outreach programs. The Division helps to fulfill the Center's mission

- by enriching lives through cultural arts programs and education, creating community through creative expression and Jewish culture, and by building common ground through the arts.
- Levine School of Music, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$99,012) With 150 faculty-artists offering instruction in 22 instruments and voice, Levine is the largest community music school in the region serving 3,500 students at four campuses. With first-class facilities at Strathmore, Levineoffers Montgomery County excellent music education programs. Levine is one of 12 community music schools accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, and is the only community music school to be designated as an "All Steinway School."
- Lumina Studio Theatre, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$18,901) Lumina provides a disciplined & rigorous professional setting where actors train in a comprehensive performance based program using the techniques of Rudolf Steiner's Creative Speech & Drama, Stella Adler and Michal Chekhov. Lumina's program includes in-depth vocal and character coaching, improvisation, stage combat training, detailed costumes, live music, and choreography. The skills acquired during productions benefit the actors throughout their lives.
- Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$29,936) Founded in 1946,
  MCYO is the oldest, largest & most well-regarded youth orchestra program in this region.
  Residing at the Music Center at Strathmore, MCYO provides training and performance
  opportunities for almost 500 students ages 8-18 in 9 ensembles, including 6 orchestras & several
  other chamber groups. Performances benefiting community audiences occur in the state-of-theart concert hall at Strathmore & also at outreach locations, such as churches, senior centers,
  school & community venues.
- Maryland Youth Ballet, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$90,917) Forty-four years from the tiny basement studio of Founder, Hortensia Fonseca, to five, state-of-the-art studios with aspacious lobby, restrooms, offices, and dressing rooms, MYB today, led by Principal, Michelle Lees, is a nationally recognized institution for classical ballet training. MYB has produced some of the country's most accomplished ballet dancer, including international stars, Susan Jaffe and Julie Kent, and continues to annually produces young dance professionals.
- Metropolitan Ballet Theatre, Rockville, Maryland (\$25,065) Founded in 1989, MBT offers dance education in the core disciplines of Ballet, Early Ballet, Modern and Jazz. Hip Hop and Fitness have also been added recently. Professional performing opportunities, in which students dance alongside professional dancers, are offered through an annual full-length production of The Nutcracker, as well as a Spring production with varies annually. MBT also stresses the importance of creative and individual expression through an annual choreography competition.
- Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts, Rockville, Maryland (\$50,548) Through an extensive array of educational programming, gallery exhibitions and a resident artistprogram, VisArts provides children, teens and adults with opportunities to express their creativity and enhance their awareness of the arts. Each year VisArts welcomes more than 26,000 visitors. An additional 5,000 visitors each year participate in community events co-sponsored by VisArts, the City of Rockville, Montgomery County and local businesses.
- Montgomery Community Television, Rockville, Maryland (\$137,608) Montgomery Community Television is the County's community media center and the region's largest public access station, broadcasting to 873,000 viewers in over 351,000 cable TV households. Its broadband platform, mymcmedia.org, annually engages nearly 300,000 unique web visitors. We annually teach 1,000 students in 80 class types and issue nearly 30 certification types. Montgomery Community

- Television's mission encourages and sponsors broadcast programming and broadband media that meet community needs and offer forums for free expression.
- Montgomery County Historical Society, Inc., Rockville, Maryland (\$16,204) MCHS, founded in 1944 as an all-volunteer non-profit organization to preserve and present the entire scope of Montgomery County history for current and future generations, now has five professional staff and over 70 volunteers. MCHS has collected documents and artifacts of value to the community, established a museum at the c.1815 Beall-Dawson House for educational and interpretive programs, and opened its research library to scholars and the public, while offering programs all over the county.
- National Philharmonic Orchestra & Chorale of Montgomery County, Inc., North Bethesda,
   Maryland (\$185,288) A judicious merging of the National Chamber Orchestra and Masterworks
   Chorus on July 1, 2003 created the National Philharmonic, whose mission is to be the dynamic
   organization of choice providing the highest quality orchestral, choral and other musical
   experiences to enrich and inspire the lives of people in Montgomery County, the Washington, DC
   metropolitan area and beyond through concerts and educational programs for all ages.
- Olney Theatre Center, Olney, Maryland (\$278,851) Founded in 1938, OTC is the oldest theater in Maryland. Its 14-acre campus has 4 venues which present plays and musicals. OTC hosts 2 national education programs: National Players, a 65 year old national touring troupe and its Apprentice Program, which trains young professionals in theater production. 3.5 million patrons have visited Olney over its history plus NP 2.8 million students. OTC has grown from its humble summer-stock beginnings into a major theatrical force in the mid-Atlantic.
- the Puppet Co., Glen Echo, MD (\$28,886) Founded by second-generation puppet master Christopher Piper and past director of the Smithsonian Puppet Theatre (now the Discovery Theatre) Allan Stevens, the Puppet Co. is approaching the 30th anniversary of its work creating quality puppet theater for the children and families of the Greater Washington, DC area. It has reached a milestone of over 12,000 performances presented to about two million audience members.
- Pyramid Atlantic Art Center, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$25,611) Pyramid Atlantic Art Center was founded in Baltimore,MD in 1981 by artist and educator, Helen Frederick, as a workshop and studio for printmakers. The organization grew, incorporating papermaking, book arts, and educational programs for adults and youth. Pyramid moved from Baltimore to leased space in Takoma,DC and Riverdale,MD, before purchasing its current home in Silver Spring in 2003. Ms. Frederick retired in 2007 and Mr. Jose Dominguez joined Pyramid as its second Executive Director.
- Round House Theatre, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$158,460) Round House is one of the leading professional theaters in the DC metro area. Round House produces more than 150 performances each season at its 400-seat Bethesda theater, provide programming in an education center in Silver Spring, and operate a scenery shop in Rockville. We have been nominated for 132 Helen Hayes Awards and have won 24, including "Outstanding Resident Play" 4 times. In the 2013-14 season, we anticipate reaching more than 50,000 people through live performances and education programs.
- Strathmore Hall Foundation, Inc., North Bethesda, Maryland (\$430,231) Strathmore is a performing and fine art venue located on a park-like, 11-acre campus just outside of Washington, D.C. In the intimate 100-seat music room and the more expansive 1976-seat concert hall,

Strathmore presents popular music; contemporary dance ensembles; a speaker's series; theatrical entertainment; and a well-regarded chamber music and recital series. The 1900's historic mansion is the visual arts center of the campus mounting approximately ten museum-quality exhibitions year-round.

- The Writer's Center, Bethesda, Maryland (\$43,393) By the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2014, The Writer's Center will have offered over 320 workshops in multiple genres and 80 author readings and other events such as the "Publish Now!" seminar being held on October 26th on the changing landscape of publishing. Based on the enrollment of 932 participants in workshops during the first quarter, it is likely that enrollment for the year will total nearly 3,000 individuals; events thus far have drawn 240 attendees.
- Washington Conservatory of Music, Bethesda, Maryland (\$56,307) Founded in 1984, The
  Washington Conservatory of Music is a community music school, dedicated to serving students of
  all ages and levels of ability. WCM offers individual lessons and classes at Westmoreland
  Congregational Church in Bethesda and in their own site in Glen Echo Park. At WCM, students
  may study without audition under the guidance of international artist faculty. Since 2002 WCM
  adopted the additional mission of presenting a free professional concert series to the greater
  Bethesda area.
- Washington Revels, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland (\$40,867) WR is a multi-generational, diverse performing arts community over 250 performers and 200 volunteers each year, adults and kids, professional and nonprofessional that celebrates cultural traditions through music, dance, and drama. Audience participation is a hallmark and programs includeseasonal celebrations, festivals, community sings/dances, after-school workshops, parades, and dozens of performances of traditional music and spoken word by 5 separate ensembles of singers and actors.
- Washington School of Photography, Rockville, Maryland (\$28,523) Washington School of Photography (WSP) provides affordable, quality photographic education and opportunities for exhibition and personal artistic exploration to residents of the mid-Atlantic, through workshops, a vocational/career program, photography club, presentations, and gallery space.

#### **Advancement Grants**

#### \$250,050 awarded for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Advancement Grants assist arts and humanities organizations in attaining fiscal stability and long-term viability. Specifically, these grants are focused on long-term planning, and technology improvements critical to an organization's arts or humanities mission. Organizations are eligible to receive up to \$200,000 per year.

- Adventure Theatre MTC, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$56,071) Grant funds are awarded to pay
  Tessitura for the one-time costs of designing and creating an integrated patron relationship
  database. Annual fees due post-grant will come from the operating income allocated as fees
  owed to their current providers.
- Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Rockville, Maryland (\$21,839) Grant funds are awarded to ensure the long-term viability of FOLMC by engaging a strategic planning consulting firm, re-designing and upgrading their website, and purchasing technology and safety improvements for their administrative office and three used bookstores.
- Imagination Stage, Bethesda, Maryland (\$87,225) Grant funds are awarded to convert to Tessitura integrated ticketing, fundraising and customer relationship software to improve patrons' experience and allow staff to work more effectively. The move upgrades technological capacity and management efficiency.
- Strathmore Hall Foundation, Inc., North Bethesda, Maryland (\$84,915) Grant funds are awarded to re-design and develop, from front-end to back-end, new responsively-designed web and mobile platforms that are industry-leading in its patron usability, e-commerce success, and fulfillment of Strathmore's mission.

#### **Capital Improvement Grants**

### \$749,080 awarded for July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2016

Capital Improvement Grants are intended as supplemental funding for special purposes. These grants are intended to assist arts and humanities organizations in attaining stability and long-term viability. These grants are intended as grant awards for facility construction or improvements. Grants may be awarded for new construction, for expansion of a project, renovation of an existing structure or physical plant repairs critical to an organization's arts or humanities mission. Organizations are eligible to receive up to \$250,000 per year.

- **Germantown Cultural Arts Center**, Germantown, Maryland (\$75,000) Grant funds will be used to complete the second phase of our Terrace Studio renovation, which addresses work that couldn't be completed in Phase I, in particular the completion of a new dance studio and an enhanced rental space.
- Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Inc., Rockville, Maryland (\$134,000) Grant funds are awarded to renovate the JCCGW's 1,320 sq. ft. Goldman Art Gallery to increase the usability, accessibility, infrastructure and aesthetic elements of the existing space.
- Montgomery Community Television, Rockville, Maryland (\$50,080) Grant funds will be used to establish a greener community digital broadcast studio and attain increased energy cost reductions through the steady elimination of permanent incandescent Cyclorama studio lights and studio projector through their replacement with LED technology.
- Olney Theatre Center, Olney, Maryland (\$150,000) Grant funds will be used to match the funds provided by a 2014 bond bill from the State of Maryland to replace and repair the fly system above Olney Theatre Center's Historic Stage. The work will cost approximately \$300,000.
- Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring, Maryland (\$90,000) Grant funds will be used to convert a large barn into artist studios.
- The Writer's Center, Bethesda, Maryland (\$250,000) Grant funds will used to complete Phase 2 of the renovation of our Walsh St facility, including adding a second floor, rebuilding the front entrance for easier access, and installing a 3-stop elevator to connect all 3 floors of the building.

## Emergency Capital Improvement Grants \$143,116 awarded for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016

Emergency Capital Improvement Grants are available to nonprofit arts and humanities organizations outside of the regularly scheduled Capital Improvement Grants round and are intended as supplemental funding. These grants are intended to assist arts and humanities organizations in responding to emergency situations and exceptional circumstances related to an existing structure or physical plant repairs that are critical to an organization's arts or humanities mission.

- Montgomery Community Television, Rockville, Maryland (\$127,179) Grant funds will be used to provide for the urgent needs of mission-supporting capital infrastructure: an emergency replacement for the Synergy playback system and the installation of a video asset management system.
- Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring, Maryland (\$15,937) Grant funds will be used to repair a long-standing drainage problem on the museum campus.

# FY15-1 Grants to Mid-Size Arts and Humanities Organizations \$346,125 awarded for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Grants to Mid-Size Arts and Humanities Organizations are available to arts and humanities organizations with annual cash operating expenses above \$50,000 who are not applying for General Operating Support Grants. These grants support the presentation of high-quality programs, the improvement of management skills, the purchase of equipment, or capital improvements. Organizations are eligible to receive up to \$25,000 per year in one or more grants.

- After School Dance Fund, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$24,000) Grant funds are awarded to support the expansion of the After School Dance Program, bringing free, weekly dance instruction to 330 students at 14 Montgomery County public high schools, a Latin Dance Competition, and two winter showcase events.
- Akhmedova Ballet Academy, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$11,576) Grant funds are awarded to purchase costumes, a portable Marley floor, and a backdrop to enable ABA to perform shows in senior citizen facilities, ABA students to expand their repertoire, and young County students to perform in a live show.
- Artpreneurs, Inc. dba Arts on the Block, Kensington, Maryland (\$17,500) Grant funds are awarded to continue operation of AOB's flagship out-of-school-time program, "Pour Your ART Out," which offers real-life job skills training, career guidance and visual art instruction to youth ages 14 to 21.
- Arts for the Aging, Inc. (AFTA), Rockville, Maryland (\$25,000) Grant funds are awarded to increase the frequency and expand the reach of AFTA's signature arts engagement series, *Joy in Generation*. Research links seniors' regular exposure to such programs with improvements in older adults' health and quality of life.
- ArtStream, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland (\$25,000) Grant funds are awarded to offset the costs associated with running four Inclusive Theatre Companies featuring adult actors with and without intellectual disabilities and autism in Montgomery County, MD.
- **Bach Sinfonia,** Silver Spring, Maryland (\$17,500) Grant funds are awarded to support Sinfonia's 20th Anniversary season—celebrating the life and works of J.S. Bach—with stellar historically-informed performances, superb soloists, scholarly research, exciting education programs & concerts that both entertain and enlighten.
- Bel Cantanti Opera Company, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$10,500) Grant funds are awarded to support an October 2014 production of Jules Massenet's "Cendrillon" and a December 2014 holiday production of the Viennese operetta by Emmerich Kalman, "Die Csardasfurstin (The Gypsy Princess)."
- Cantate Chamber Singers, Bethesda, Maryland (\$8,372) Grant funds are awarded to mount a newly commissioned choral work honoring and exploring civil rights with a focus on the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights movement incorporating narration, instrumentalists, Cantate and a local college choir.

- ClancyWorks Dance Company, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$17,500) Grant funds are awarded to support the Montgomery County portion of the FY15 Performance Season with new works choreographed by Clancy, a regional premier by Guest Artist Bill Evans, and Company repertory performed at theaters and community centers.
- Coral Cantigas Incorporated, Rockville, Maryland (\$18,000) Grant funds are awarded to continue
  Cantigas's unique brand of cross-cultural concerts and interactive family concerts that enrich the
  community by providing multi-cultural experiences and increased awareness of Latino choral
  music.
- Damascus Theatre Company, Damascus, Maryland (\$11,500) Grant funds are awarded to offset the costs of producing three musicals during the organization's performance season which runs from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.
- Docs In Progress, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland (\$8,750) Grant funds are awarded to support Community Stories, aimed at building community dialogue through a series of screenings, seminars, and interactive workshops showcasing stories of people and places in Montgomery County, Maryland.
- Docs In Progress, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland (\$8,750) Grant funds are awarded to solidify the work and professional development of the full-time Executive Director and board leadership as Docs In Progress continues its transition into a more mature and sustainable organization.
- Forum Enterprises, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$5,500) Grant funds are awarded for Forum Theatre to fund the artistic team for the July area premiere of Johnna Adam's "Gidion's Knot."
- Gandhi Brigade Incorporated, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$25,000) Grant funds are awarded for the Promoter Program, in which underserved youth learn to create video, photography, and graphic design to engage their community around issues that concern them.
- Glen Echo Pottery, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$4,487) Grant funds are awarded to replace aging kiln equipment silicon carbide kiln shelves and propane-fueled gas burners in order to support and enhance the pottery classes that are offered to the public.
- Glorystar Music Education and Cultural Foundation, Potomac, Maryland (\$5,950) Grants funds are awarded to help Glorystar Children's Chorus with its music education program in Montgomery County during FY15, specifically with venue rental, music teachers' salaries and advertising.
- Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County, Germantown, Maryland (\$6,625) Grant funds are awarded to develop programs and resource materials highlighting Montgomery County's unique Civil War and War of 1812 history.
- International Conservatory of Music, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$12,500) Grant funds are awarded to increase artist fees enhancing the organization's ability to attract the world's best classical guitarists to perform in Montgomery County. Grant funds will also be used towards venue costs & outreach & administration expenses.
- **KID Museum,** Bethesda, Maryland (\$17,500) Grant funds are awarded to support a new parttime Manager of Operations position. This new staff position will establish an effective and sustainable management infrastructure to oversee daily operations at the prototype program space.
- National Capital Historical Museum Of Transportation, Inc., Colesville, Maryland (\$4,000) Grant funds are awarded to restore as an interpretive exhibit the exterior appearance of Capital

- Traction Company 522, a streetcar representative of those which connected Montgomery communities of Kensington, Chevy Chase, and Forest Glen to the Nation's Capital.
- Olney Children's Ballet Theater Incorporated, Olney, Maryland (\$12,500) Grant funds are awarded to modify the major production, The Nutcracker, necessary to adapt to OTC's recent theater limitations. It will involve significant new known and unknown costs for sets, lighting, marketing and other crucial needs.
- Silver Spring Town Center, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland (\$25,000) Grant funds are awarded for funding programming of 80+ arts and entertainment programs and events year-round at the Silver Spring Civic Building and on Veterans Plaza. This includes to pay for staff programming time, as well as performer and venue fees.
- Symphony of the Potomac, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$4,000) Grant funds are awarded to support general functions in combination with matching funds to purchase tympani for the Symphony of the Potomac to be used in the new rehearsal venue. The total cost of a serviceable set of used tympani is estimated to be \$8000. Grant funds are awarded for three purposes. First, to build an improved website. Second, to augment the remuneration of the Music Director. Third, to pay the incremental rental cost of an improved orchestra rehearsal venue.
- Symphony of the Potomac, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$6,615) Grant funds are awarded for three purposes. First, to build an improved website. Second, to augment the remuneration of the Music Director. Third, to pay the incremental rental cost of an improved orchestra rehearsal venue.
- Young Artists of America, Inc., Bethesda, Maryland (\$12,500) Grant funds are awarded to execute two large scale works of opera, musical theatre, and/or oratorio performance programs involving music education, professional mentoring, and performance opportunities with accomplished vocal and instrumental students age 13 to 19.

## FY15-2 Grants to Mid-Size Arts and Humanities Organizations \$111,362 awarded for January 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015

Grants to Mid-Size Arts and Humanities Organizations are available to arts and humanities organizations with annual cash operating expenses above \$50,000 who are not applying for General Operating Support Grants. These grants support the presentation of high-quality programs, the improvement of management skills, the purchase of equipment, or capital improvements. Organizations are eligible to receive up to \$25,000 per year in one or more grants.

- Artpreneurs, Inc. dba Arts on the Block, Kensington, Maryland (\$3,750) Grant funds are awarded to purchase much-needed IT equipment for staff, participants and volunteers of Arts on the Block to improve the delivery of our services.
- Bach Sinfonia, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$5,625) Grant funds are awarded to grow greater capacity in Bach Sinfonia's donor development, patron services and patron development areas. Sinfonia aims to grow organizational infrastructure by building systems to boost outreach services.
- ClancyWorks Dance Company, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$7,125) Grant funds are awarded to support the creation of a new dance by Guest Artist Barbara Mahler, which will be performed by ClancyWorks at theaters and community centers in Montgomery County. Mahler will also lead dance workshops, open to the public.
- CREATE Arts Center, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$7,500) Grant funds are awarded for CREATE's smARTkids Afterschool Art Program, which offers free afterschool art classes to students in Montgomery County Schools who have been identified as at risk of failing in school.
- **Docs In Progress, Inc.,** (\$5,625) Grant funds are awarded to support development and re-design of the Docs In Progress website.
- The Forgotten Opera Company, DBA The Victorian Lyric Opera Company, Rockville, Maryland (\$15,000) Grant funds are awarded to support the main stage productions of the 2014-2015 season of The Victorian Lyric Opera Company. The season will include two fully staged operettas with live orchestra (Ruddigore and Haddon Hall).
- Glorystar Music Education and Cultural Foundation, Potomac, Maryland (\$5,250) Grant funds are awarded to help Glorystar Children's Chorus cover cost of hosting the 12th Annual Maryland Young Voices Festival in Montgomery County during FY15, especially with venue rental, clinician honorary/transportation, and advertising.
- The Highwood Theatre, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$10,551.75) Grant funds are awarded to support two innovative productions: August: Osage County, a collaboration with members of Active Minds to raise community awareness of mental health issues, and Company, by a mixed ensemble of students and professionals.
- Jazz Academy of Music, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland (\$18,750) Grant funds are awarded to produce the 2015 Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival. Specifically, the funds will partially pay for artist fees, transportation and lodging, music equipment rental and sound/back line for 4 stages and the humanities room.

- **KID Museum,** Bethesda, Maryland (\$5,625) Grant funds are awarded to purchase 10 computers for KID Museum's Digital Media Studio at Davis Library to introduce participants to working with computer code in a project-based learning environment.
- National Capital Historical Museum of Transportation, Inc., Colesville, Maryland (\$6,000) Grant funds are awarded to renovate the Museum's primary interpretive tool, its demonstration railway, specifically, to replace failing crossties installed forty years ago.
- New Orchestra of Washington, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$7,050) Grant funds are awarded to offset costs for two public performances in spring 2015. These two concerts comprise the second half of NOW's four-concert Strathmore concert series, a new initiative this season.
- Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring, Maryland (\$13,510.25) Grant funds are awarded for Plural Voices, an exploration of multiethnic cultural arts traditions of the Sandy Spring neighborhood.

## Grants to Individual Artists and Scholars

#### \$53,070 awarded for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Grants to Individual Artists and Scholars support the work of individual artists and scholars who reside in Montgomery County. Activities funded by these grants may focus on the creation of artistic or scholarly work or the development of professional skills by an artist or scholar. Awards of up to \$5,000 were made to twelve artists and scholars as listed below.

- Adrienne Clancy, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,250) Grant funds are awarded to create a new dance work that will utilize both Australian Dancers and Montgomery County Dancers in one simulcast performance, linking audiences in both communities through virtual and live performers, via Skype.
- Alejandro Hernandez-Valdez, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,443) Grant funds are awarded to support recording a composition (scored for soloists, chorus, and orchestra) entitled "Lullaby for Ramzi," which honors Ramzi Aburedwan, who grew up in a refugee camp near Ramallah and who has spent his life promoting peace in the middle East through music.
- **Beverly Ress,** Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,800) Grant funds are awarded to create and document a group of drawings, rendered in colored pencil, using specimens at the National Museum of Health and Medicine and the Mutter Museum.Ress will re-structurure the drawings using laser-cutting, fungus, and bugs.
- Bradley Chriss, Bethesda, Maryland (\$3,250) Grants funds are awarded to create and support twenty sculptures and twenty paintings for exhibition at the Arlington Arts Center in Fall of 2014.
- David Terrar, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$3,250) Grant funds are awarded to provide funding for the preparation, handling, installation and exhibit of 15 high quality representational oil paintings on the theme of Damascus "My Hometown".
- David Weinstein, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,838) Grant funds are awarded for to conduct research in several California archives and review rare documents and recordings that are essential for The Life and Times of Eddie Cantor, a scholarly biography that he is writing about the performer Eddie Cantor.
- Emmett Williams, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,990) Grant funds are awarded to produce the 20 minute film "GUN", which will document the lives of two people who have been affected by gun violence but who chose different paths and passions based on their experiences.
- Eunae Cho, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,208) Grant funds are awarded to record a CD of piano music by American female composers. The CD will include music of Amy Beach (1867-1944), Margaret Bonds(1913-1972), and Elena Ruehr (b. 1963). The project will be produced by ACIS production.
- **Gretchen Schermerhorn,** Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,188) Grant funds are awarded to enable Schermerhorn to take the *Introduction to the Laser Cutter* workshop, purchase a laser cutter, and create a new body of work with it for a solo exhibition. Two free laser cutting mini-workshops, will be given by the artist.

- **Jeff Krulik,** Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,950) Grant funds are awarded to obtain professional transcriptions of the oral histories about the Wheaton Youth Center on Georgia Avenue, recorded in advance, and at the WYC reunion in 2009, leading to the documentary "Led Zeppelin Played Here".
- Jessica Rose, Germantown, Maryland (\$2,801) Grant funds are awarded to expand Rose's narrative series of illustrations, created during a Strathmore Fine Artist residency, and inspired by the dancers of Christopher K. Morgan and Artists, into a graphic novel. The final work will then be published, promoted and circulated.
- John-Jordan Bruns, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$4,250) Grant funds are awarded to create a series of paintings that focus on how painted imagery evolves when created on a shaped surface as opposed to a normal rectangular format. Bruns aims to meld the surface shape and the painted image.
- Joshua Bayer, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,029) Grant funds are awarded to compose, record, and market original jazz compositions for a 5 piece ensemble. The resulting CD will be used to increase Bayer's artistic and musical profile nationally through performance, press, and publishing.
- Lynn Sures, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,250) Grant funds are awarded to create several large-scale handmade paper pulp paintings at La Cartiera Artigiana, the papermill owned and operated by a traditional master papermaker in Fabriano, Italy.
- Melanie Figg, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,535) Grant funds will be used to support two research trips and a nine-day solitary writing retreat during which Melanie will write new poems for my second poetry manuscript.
- Melissa Ezelle, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$ 839) Grant funds are awarded to create a series of 15 medium-scale traditional prints, using lithography as the primary medium. The series of prints, as well as a resulting handmade artist's book using the accordian-style construction technique, will be narrative in scope.
- Nicole Salimbene, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$3,500) Grant funds are awarded to support the short term rental of a private studio space to create a large scale art installation exploring the theme of environmental mourning.
- Sheila Blake, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$ 700) Grant funds are awarded to update her studio easels in order to work on two parallel themes simultaneously.

## FY15-1 Grants to Small Arts and Humanities Organizations \$46,642 awarded for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Grants to Small Arts and Humanities Organizations are available to arts and humanities organizations with annual cash operating expenses up to \$50,000, and are intended to support the presentation of high-quality programs for the public. Organizations are eligible to receive up to \$5,000 per year.

- Christopher K. Morgan & Artists, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,375) Grant funds are awarded to be used for their work in progress series "Dance and Dessert" at the American Dance Institute, which brings audiences and choreographers together for the sharing of new work in a relaxed setting.
- Focusmusic, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,000) Grant funds are awarded to assist Focusmusic in moving to the next level in the growth of the organization by helping pay for the costs of a part-time operations manager and increased rental costs.
- Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre, Poolesville, Maryland (\$3,705) Grant funds are awarded to be used for rental fees incurred for the use of Poolesville high school's auditorium and classrooms.
- Inscape Chamber Orchestra, Bethesda, Maryland (\$3,732) Grant funds are awarded to be used to produce a concert performance entitled, "Symbol & Myth," to take place at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Bethesda, MD.
- Montgomery Philharmonic, Montgomery Village, Maryland (\$3,750) Grant funds are awarded to be used for program costs for FY15 orchestral and chamber performances and educational programming, including the "A Season of Singularity" concert series, Summer Reading Sessions, Youth Chamber Music Festival, and adult education master classes.
- MOVEIUS Contemporary Ballet, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,500) Grant funds are awarded to be used to cover a portion of theater rental costs and dancer pay, plus public relations expenses for their fall 2014 performances in downtown Silver Spring.
- NIH Philharmonia, Bethesda, Maryland (\$4,000) Grant funds are awarded to be used for direct operating costs including orchestra music rental, percussion instrument rental, program printing, and the Music Director and Conductor's stipend.
- **Photokids,** Bethesda, Maryland (\$5,000) Grant funds are awarded to be used for Photokids 2014 "Photography and Nature" a ten-session summer program developed and taught by artist, photographer Joanne Miller for twenty-five middle school teens enrolled in Identity's Summer School Collaboration.
- Six Degree Singers, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,750) Grant funds are awarded to be used to provide stipends to retain a quality artistic director, assistant artistic director, and accompanist for this project, as well as to perform in a new, larger venue, the Cultural Arts Center.
- Takoma Park JazzFest, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,625) Grant funds are awarded to be used to pay the bands that the Takoma Park Jazzfest, INC. will be presenting at its' 19th annual free outdoor festival called the simply the 2015 Fest in June 2015.
- The MoCo Student, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$ 830) Grant funds ar awarded to be used for a printed anthology of student-produced writing, art, and photos. We wish to print and distribute

- 1000 copies of this anthology to the community. Funds will also be used to pay for rental fees for their arts & writing workshops.
- The Rockville Bach Academy, Inc, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,000) Grant funds are awarded to be used for supporting Montgomery County performance of the concert programs in the 2014-2015 season and beyond.
- Trinity Chamber Orchestra, Germantown, Maryland (\$2,375) Grant funds are awarded to be used for: Annual Young Artists' Concerts, additional school concerts, more special concerts on themes like the two being presented this year, with appropriate soloists.
- Unexpected Stage Company, Montgomery Village, Maryland (\$4,000) Grant funds are awarded to be used for production costs for USC's summer 2014 performances of Kooman and Dimond's musical Dani Girl.

# FY15-2 Grants to Small Arts and Humanities Organizations \$20,358 awarded for January 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015

Grants to Small Arts and Humanities Organizations are available to arts and humanities organizations with annual cash operating expenses up to \$50,000, and are intended to support the presentation of high-quality programs for the public. Organizations are eligible to receive up to \$5,000 per year.

- **Bethesda Urban Partnership,** Bethesda, Maryland (\$2,000) Grant funds are awarded to be used to offset the costs and expenses connected with the filmmaker awards, judges' stipends, space rental and marketing expenses of the Bethesda Film Festival.
- Flying V Theatre, Bethesda, Maryland (\$2,500) Grant funds are awarded to be used to help fund artist and production fees for Flying V's full production of "The Pirate Laureate and the King of the Sea."
- Outreach Song And Dance, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,500) Grant funds are awarded to be used to produce a musical revue in April 2015, called "TAPestry." TAPestry will be a benefit concert, open to the public, featuring a family-friendly program of music and dance performed by the ensemble members of TAP.
- Rockville Little Theatre, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,750) Grant funds are awarded to be used to defray general production costs for the production of "To Kill a Mockingbird" and to underwrite the expenses related to a special school-day, Student Matinee performance that will be provided for Montgomery County High School students.
- Springbrook High School Instrumental Music Booster Club, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,000) Grant funds are awarded to be used to defray some of the costs of running the Jazz Workshop as it is increased from 20 hours to 40 hours. Funds will primarily pay stipends to the music instructors and marketing costs.
- Student Film Festival, Sandy Spring, Maryland (\$881) Grant funds are awarded to be used for advertising the event to students so they will enter films, pay for technical support at the event, a stipend for the sponsor of the event, maintaining the website, and creating a program for distribution.
- Takoma Ensemble Inc, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$2,500) Grant funds are awarded to be used to for musician's fees for our concert on April 25 2015 in Silver Spring featuring the world premieres of two works by local composer Charlie Barnett.
- UpRooted Dance, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,500) Grant funds are awarded to be used for "Reaction" a new collaborative project between UpRooted Dance and taiko drummer Mark H.
   Rooney to be performed at the Cultural Arts Center in Silver Spring, Maryland on February 6-7th, 2015.
- The Washington Metropolitan Gamer Symphony Orchestra, Germantown, Maryland (\$1,727) Grant funds are awarded to be used to fund a Spring 2015 concert at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in Rockville. These funds will pay for venue rental, equipment rental, and printing.

#### FY15-1 Grants to Arts Integration Residency

#### \$8,774 awarded for September 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

Arts Integration Residency Grants support individual teaching artists trained in curriculum-based arts integration techniques who collaborate with a classroom teacher to develop an arts-integrated program for students during the school day. Eligible teaching artists are those individuals listed on the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHCMC) Teaching Artists Roster. The program must serve underserved students during the school year and during the school day in a public or non-public elementary, middle or high school located in Montgomery County.

- Gaithersburg Elementary School, Adrienne Clancy, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$2,994) Adrienne Clancy will work with all three 5th grade classes and teachers for the Earth and Space Dance Residency combining Earth and Space Science together with dance. The students will use movement to understand concepts in Astronomy while learning an introduction to the elements of dance. The residency will include a planning meeting, five sessions for each of the three 5th grade classes, and an evaluation meeting. An informal showing for 3rd and 4th grade students will conclude the last class.
- The Pathways Schools Springville, Carien Quiroga, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,980) This is a 6 day residency integrating Social Studies and Language Arts with fused glass mosaic and metal embossing. South African born Teaching Artist Carien Quiroga will work with special education students to create a mural inspired by what the students learn about the culture and history of South Africa, with emphasis on some specific aspects, such as the Ndebele people.
- South Lake Elementary School, Ali Oliver-Krueger, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$2,800) Ali Oliver-Krueger, Executive/Artistic Director of InterAct Story Theatre, will conduct a creative drama residency with the Grade 2 classes at South Lake Elementary School, focusing on strategies designed to promote reading comprehension and oral language skills among ELL/ESOL students. The residency integrates drama with Maryland Common Core Curriculum Standards in Reading Literary Text and Speaking & Listening, as well as MCPS Curriculum 2.0 Critical Thinking and Academic Success skills.

## FY15-2 Grants to Arts Integration Residency \$7,761 awarded for January 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015

Arts Integration Residency Grants support individual teaching artists trained in curriculum-based arts integration techniques who collaborate with a classroom teacher to develop an arts-integrated program for students during the school day. Eligible teaching artists are those individuals listed on the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHCMC) Teaching Artists Roster. The program must serve underserved students during the school year and during the school day in a public or non-public elementary, middle or high school located in Montgomery County.

- Georgian Forest Elementary School, Ali Oliver-Krueger, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,000) Ali Oliver-Krueger, Director of InterAct Story Theatre, will conduct a residency integrating creative drama with the 5th Grade Reading unit on realistic fiction. In this residency, students will explore an example of realistic fiction through drama with particular emphasis on how different points of view influence event description. Students then create and dramatize an alternate version of the text from the point of view of a character other than the original narrator or protagonist.
- The Pathways Schools Edgewood, Carien Quiroga, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,764) This is a 6-day residency integrating Social Studies and Language Arts with fused glass mosaic and metal embossing. South African born Teaching Artist Carien Quiroga will work with special education students at The Pathways School-Edgewood to create a mural inspired by what the students learn about the culture and history of South Africa, with emphasis on some specific aspects, such as the Ndebele people.
- Stedwick Elementary School, Adrienne Clancy, Montgomery Village, Maryland (\$2,997) Adrienne Clancy will work with all 5th grade classes and teachers for the Earth and Space Dance Residency combining Earth and Space Science together with dance. The students will use movement to understand concepts aligned with their current course work and be introduced to the elements of dance. The residency will include a planning meeting, five sessions for each of the three 5th grade classes, and an evaluation meeting. The last session will be an informal presentation for 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> grades.

## FY15-1 Grants for Artists and Scholars in the Community \$7,475 awarded for October 1, 2014 – February 28, 2015

Artists and Scholars in the Community Grants support a variety of arts and humanities programs that bring high quality artists and scholars to community-based audiences in the County. It is also intended that these grants will bring the arts and/or humanities to underserved populations that have fewer opportunities to participate in programs available to the general community.

- B'Nai B'Rith Homecrest House, ClancyWorks Dance Company, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,500) Grant funds will be used for six Seniors Movement Workshops and a performance from ClancyWorksDance Company, all designed to serve the elderly. The more elderly persons are stimulated physically, the greater is the likelihood for maintenance of mental acuity, agility and positive attitudes. The senior participants at Homecrest House, their families and members of the greater community around the Center will be invited to participate in the workshops and performance.
- CHI Centers, Inc., Anansegromma of Ghana, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$725) Grant funds will be
  used to provide an interactive program by Anansegromma of Ghana for CHI Centers participants.
  The program showcases the unique culture and art forms of West Africa and emphasizes cultural
  sensitivity and respect for others. During this highly interactive program, the artists stimulate and
  encourage the audience's participation and self-expression through call and response elements,
  drumming, storytelling, song, and movement.
- Cornerstone Montgomery, Inc., Steve Jones, Bethesda, Maryland (\$750) Grant funds will be used to bring performance art to the reception celebrating the opening of "Hot Soup!", a Personal Visions Gallery exhibit. Personal Visions Gallery is a partnership between Cornerstone Montgomery and The Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum dedicated to sharing the creations of artists living with mental health disorders with the community for the benefit of all. The Steve Jones Jazz Trio will perform.
- Easter Seals Serving DC MD VA, Marcie Wolf-Hubbard, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,500) Grant funds will be used for a series of art sessions with the goal of capturing memories of time and place in 2-D and 3-D mixed media for seniors with a myriad of special needs including individuals with physical and mental impairments, such as Alzheimer's Disease.
- Manna Food Center, Arts on the Block, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$1,500) Grant funds will be used to work with Arts on the Block artists and Manna Food Center staff and participants to create a mosaic mural that conveys a spirit of welcome, hope, and hospitality for the lobby of Manna's main facility in Gaithersburg.
- Montgomery County Correctional Facility, Carien Quiroga, Boyds, Maryland (\$1,500) The grant
  funds will be used for a series of art workshops with inmates suffering from mental illness in the
  Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU) at Montgomery County Correctional Facility. Conducting the
  workshops inside the jail, participants will create individual artworks as well as a collaborative
  painted mural, providing a beneficial educational and artistic experience during their
  incarceration.

## FY15-2 Grants for Artists and Scholars in the Community \$5,175 awarded for March 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015

Artists and Scholars in the Community Grants support a variety of arts and humanities programs that bring high quality artists and scholars to community-based audiences in the County. It is also intended that these grants will bring the arts and/or humanities to underserved populations that have fewer opportunities to participate in programs available to the general community.

- CHI Centers, Cantaré, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$675) Grant funds will be used to provide a
  highly interactive program by Cantaré for CHI Centers' participants that showcases the unique
  culture and art forms of Latin America while emphasizing cultural sensitivity and respect for
  others and simultaneously encouraging audience participation and self-expression through music,
  song, dance and movement.
- Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, Carien Quiroga, Rockville, Maryland (\$1,500) Grant funds will be used for the artist to work with the residents of the mens' homeless shelter to
  design and create a mosaic mural that depicts a positive and meaningful message and will
  be permanently installed in the shelter in Rockville to enhance and beautify their living
  environment providing them with a sence of self worth while facing and overcoming personal
  challenges.
- Montgomery County Public Libraries, Leila Cabib, Rockville, Maryland (\$1,500) Grant funds will be used to provide seven one-hour, hands-on animation workshops for children aged 10 and up in five Montgomery County public libraries: Aspen Hill, Gaithersburg, Long Branch, White Oak and Twinbrook.
- Springvale Terrace Retirement Community, ClancyWorks Dance Company, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,500) Grant funds will be used for 4 senior movement workshops designed to increase mental acuity, agility and positive attitudes for an aging population, as well as a performance from the ClancyWorks dancers for the Springvale Terrace residents, their families and friends (total of 5 sessions).

#### **FY15 Wheaton Cultural Grants**

#### \$90,000 awarded for May 15, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Wheaton Cultural Grants are flexible awards for projects that create impact in the Wheaton community, and provide cultural opportunities for artists and scholars to work in Wheaton.

- Ali Mirsky (\$7,272) Grant funds will be used to produce a permanent, exterior mosaic mural on the facade of the Washington Music Center in downtown Wheaton.
- Aljandro Lucini (\$7,199) Grant funds to support The Brazilian Music and Dance Festival, an outdoor concert in Wheaton and a percussion/drum-set master class and performance at Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center.
- Artpreneurs, Inc. dba Arts on the Block (\$10,000) Grant funds to support "Time for WhEATon", a project that will create and install a sparkling mosaic sundial on a local landmark.
- **Brian Frankel** (\$7,183) Grant funds to support The Wheaton Arts and Culture Series ("WACS"), a series of live pop up events that include a film festival, audio project, and art project in partnership with the Chuck Levin's Music Center.
- Gandhi Brigade Youth Media (\$8,020) Grant funds to support the "Wheaton Arts Video Time Capsule," a series of videos that highlight the arts and humanities currently exhibited in Wheaton.
- InterAct Story Theatre Education Association (\$10,000) Grant funds to support "The Wheaton Family Theatre", a series of interactive plays for children and families, storytelling performances and workshops, and a world music performance.
- **KID Museum** (\$7,272) Grant funds to support 3 pop-up, hands-on "maker" experiences in partnership with Wheaton residents and youth.
- Maritza Rivera (\$702) Grant funds awarded to support the publishing of literature and poetry created by participants of a Multicultural Poetry Workshop, in partnership with the Holiday Park Senior Center and the Wheaton Library.
- Photokids (\$10,000) Grant funds to support a photography series, in partnership with GreenWheaton that explores the urban nature in the Wheaton Central Business District (CBD) and produces a community public art exhibition.
- Six Degree Singers, Inc. (\$7,271) Grant funds to support two choral concerts at Hughes United Methodist Church in Wheaton, Maryland.
- Unexpected Stage Company (\$5,081) Grant funds to support the production of a World Premiere of award-winning playwright Jacqueline Goldfinger's "Trish Tinkler Gets Saved" staged at the Randolph Road Theater in Wheaton.
- **UpRooted Dance** (\$10,000) Grant funds to support a miniature theater installation, approximately the size of a photo booth in the Wheaton Westfield Mall.