



Fiscal Year 2016 Grants Awarded

General Operating Support Grants for

Large Arts and Humanities Organizations

\$3,004,852 for July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

General Operating Support Grants provide general operating support to 30 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 FY16, the following organizations received grants:

- **Adventure Theatre MTC**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$126,870) - ATMTC is a leading arts organization in the DC region, focused on youth and family theater performances and high-quality pre-professional training. Serving nearly 80,000 people annually, ATMTC's outstanding professional productions and rigorous training inspire young people's imagination and creativity, cultivating new generations of artists and life-long audiences. ATMTC is a fiscally responsible organization recognized for its solid governance and administrative practices.
- **American Dance Institute**, Rockville, Maryland (\$128,033) - ADI is a multifaceted arts organization in Rockville, Maryland that presents professional contemporary dance companies, hosts 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 (\$267,635) - Primarily servicing Montgomery County residents, the BSO at Strathmore provides year-round symphonic

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performances of the highest artistic standard. Committed to its civic responsibility, the institution offers adventurous programming, affordable pricing initiatives, and relevant educational and social outreach programs to transform the concert experience and to build new and diverse audiences. Combined, the BSO at Strathmore reaches +60,000 County and greater Washington, D.C. area residents.

- **CityDance**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$55,324) - CityDance School & Conservatory provides over 600 students annually with high-level dance training in a variety of genres. 100 classes are taught a week, including master classes taught by professional artists from around the world. CityDance OnStage brings professional dance performances to regional venues including Studio Theater at Strathmore. CityDance's Community Programs offer free performances, in-school and after-school weekly programs, and summer camps reaching 5,000 students a year.
- **Class Acts Arts**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$49,532) - CAA was founded in 1995 in response to the demand for high quality, ethnically diverse cultural arts programs in our schools. CAA reaches hundreds of thousands of participants each year through three programs: ArtChoice, arts education in schools and communities; ArtReach, serving those in need; and ArtWorks, career support of artists.
- **CREATE Arts Center**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$13,100) - CREATE Arts Center is a vital visual arts center in Silver Spring, MD, that has served over 20,000 artists of all ages and backgrounds since 1986. CREATE provides onsite arts classes and camps for youth. The organization also offers after-school enrichment classes, free classes for at-risk youth at local schools, and support to adults living with severe mental illness and children with autism.
- **Dance Exchange**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$64,915) - Dance Exchange is an intergenerational company of artists that creates dance and engages people in making art. The organization serves as an incubator for creative research, bringing ideas to action with collaborators who range from experts in the field of dance to unexpected movers and makers. Founded in 1976 by Liz Lerman and under the artistic direction of Cassie Meador since 2011, Dance Exchange's current projects include examinations of environmental activism, human rights, and racial equity.
- **Friends of the Library, Montgomery County**, Rockville, Maryland (\$44,524) - The Friends of the Library, Montgomery County (FOLMC) is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to enhancing MCPL through fundraising, programs, and supporting new initiatives. FOLMC operates two used bookstores in Wheaton and Rockville, and is the umbrella organization for seventeen volunteer-run chapters at local library branches throughout Montgomery County.
- **Germantown Cultural Arts Center dba BlackRock Center for the Arts**, Germantown, Maryland (\$70,538) - BlackRock is the leading multidisciplinary arts venue in Upper Montgomery County, serving over 17,000 individuals a year at their beautiful facility in Germantown and through outreach activities. They offer two art galleries, two theaters, an outdoor stage, and five education studios. Core programs include an annual performance series featuring international, national and regional touring artists, a film series, free gallery exhibits, and classes and workshops in music, art, theater and dance.
- **Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$90,912) - 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 400,000 people annually. They also maintain and manage 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 (\$248,793) - 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, the organization aims to open hearts, inspire minds, and ignite imaginations.
- **Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$50,083) - The mission of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington is to be the heart of the Jewish community, playing a central role in reaching out to build a welcoming, diverse and thriving community that enriches Jewish life for each generation. The organization creates community in a welcoming and inclusive environment, inspiring and connecting people of all ages and backgrounds through educational, cultural and recreational opportunities.
- **Levine School of Music**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$113,312) - With 160 faculty offering instruction in 22 instruments and voice, Levine is the largest music education center in the region serving 3,500 students at four campuses. Levine's first-class facilities at Strathmore enable them to offer Montgomery County excellent music education programs. Levine is one of the 12-community music centers accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, and is the only one to be designated as an "All Steinway School."
- **Lumina Studio Theatre**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$17,755) - 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 Michael 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 (\$38,976) - 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-the-art concert hall at Strathmore & also at outreach locations, such as churches, senior centers, schools & community venues.
- **Maryland Youth Ballet**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$114,489) - From the small basement studio of their Founder, Hortensia Fonseca, 45 years ago, to their five state-of-the-art studios, spacious lobby, restrooms, offices, and dressing rooms, MYB today, led by Artistic Director and Principal, Michelle Less, is a nationally recognized institution for classical ballet training. MYB offers classes for children from 2 years thru 19 years as well as for adults and continues to produce some of the country's most accomplished and internationally renowned ballet stars.
- **Metropolitan Ballet Theatre**, Rockville, Maryland (\$43,900) - Founded in 1989, MBT offers dance education in the core disciplines of classical ballet, modern and jazz. A professional ballet performing company was added in 2013. Students and professionals dance together in a full-length production of The Nutcracker as well as a full-length Spring ballet annually. Both students and professionals perform dance outreach in the community. MBT stresses the importance of creative and individual expression through an annual choreography competition.

- **Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts, dba VisArts at Rockville**, Rockville, Maryland (\$54,666) - VisArts provides children, teens and adults with opportunities to express their creativity and enhance their awareness and understanding of the arts. Last year, approximately 29,000 visitors participated in classes, visited our galleries, attended events in their Buchanan Room or observed their studio artists at work. VisArts also hosted another 5,000 visitors who participated in events co-sponsored by VisArts, the City of Rockville, Montgomery County and local businesses.
- **Montgomery Community Television, dba Montgomery Community Media**, Rockville, Maryland (\$157,822) - 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. The organization's mission is to encourage and sponsor broadcast programming and broadband media that meet community needs and offer forums for free expression. Their broadband platform, mymcmmedia.org, annually engages over 700,000 unique web visitors. Additionally, they teach 1,000 students annually in 80 class types and issue nearly 30 certification types.
- **Montgomery County Historical Society, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$15,090) - MCHS, founded in 1944, has 7 professional staff and well over 70 volunteers. MCHS has a collection of over 10,000 documents and artifacts that it maintains; provides educational and interpretive programs at the c.1815 Beall-Dawson House, at the Stonestreet Museum of 19th Century Medicine, and throughout the County; operates its own heavily-used research library; manages the County's official archives, which reopened to the public in 2014; and is launching the Harper Center for Suburban Studies.
- **National Philharmonic Orchestra & Chorale of Montgomery County, Inc.**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$166,457) - A merging of the National Chamber Orchestra and Masterworks Chorus on July 1, 2003 created the National Philharmonic, now a ten-year resident ensemble at the Music Center at Strathmore. With its long history of free tickets to all young people age 7-17, the Philharmonic is an accessible, enriching component of Montgomery County. Concerts are enjoyed by a diverse audience with 35% Asian, 5% African American, 3% Hispanic, and 57% Caucasian and ages reflect 20% youth, 40% adults, and 40% seniors.
- **Olney Theatre Center**, Olney, Maryland (\$267,718) - Founded in 1938 as a summer-stock retreat for the DC-Baltimore area, OTC is now an award-winning, year-round professional theater serving more than 100,000 individuals annually on its 14-acre campus in Olney, MD. Olney Theatre Center hosts two widely known theater education programs: the National Players, a 66-year old national touring troupe and the OTC Apprentice Program, an intensive, twelve month curriculum that trains emerging theater professionals from all over the country in production and management.
- **the Puppet Co.**, Glen Echo, MD (\$37,509) – the Puppet Co. presents about 400 performances annually with age appropriateness, ranging from 0-4 years for Tiny Tots shows and 4 years - adults for main stage shows and adult slams. They provide a broad range of interpretive programs, including exhibitions, classes for children and adults, talkbacks, and a puppetry research library. They also provide rehearsal space at little to no cost for emerging puppet companies in the area, as well as a meeting place for the National Capital Puppetry Guild.
- **Pyramid Atlantic Art Center**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$23,956) - Artist and educator Helen Frederick founded Pyramid Atlantic Art Center in Baltimore, MD in 1981 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 (\$145,903) - Round House Theatre is one of the leading professional theaters in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. They produce a six-show season of modern classics, new plays, and musicals for more than 40,000 patrons each year at their 400-seat theater in Bethesda. Round House Theatre also provides education programs for more than 2,500 students of all ages at their Education Center in Silver Spring and in schools throughout Montgomery County. Their administrative offices are located in the Silver Spring Civic Building.
- **Strathmore Hall Foundation, Inc.**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$398,359) - Strathmore is a multi-disciplinary arts center located on a park-like, 16-acre campus just outside of Washington, D.C. Operating as many as five stages of varying capacities, Strathmore presents 316 live performances of popular music; contemporary dance; spoken word; theatrical entertainment; and a well-regarded chamber music and recital series. Strathmore's historic mansion is the visual arts center for the campus mounting approximately 17 museum-quality exhibitions year-round.
- **Washington ArtWorks**, Rockville, Maryland (\$30,823) - Washington ArtWorks (WAW) seeks to provide affordable, quality artists' studios, photographic and artistic education and exhibitions, and personal artistic exploration to the mid-Atlantic area. WAW achieves this mission through workshops, a state-approved career program, photography club, guest speakers, gallery exhibitions, and a Resident Artist Program. WAW provides scholarships and financial assistance to veterans and low-income students seeking a professional career. Among a list of community efforts, Washington Artworks offers professional photo shoots for local senior citizens and military veterans, collaborates with Combat Paper to host gallery shows and poetry readings, and reaches communities beyond its own by hosting gallery exhibits to spread awareness and benefit victims of natural and humanitarian disasters.
- **Washington Conservatory of Music**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$51,355) - 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 our 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 (\$65,307) - Through performance, education, and outreach, Washington Revels is dedicated to reviving and celebrating cultural traditions -- music, dance, storytelling, drama and ritual -- that have bound communities together over the ages and across the globe. WR is a multi-generational, diverse performing arts community - over 350 performers and 250 volunteers each year, adults and kids, professional and nonprofessional - that celebrates cultural traditions through music, dance, and drama. Audience participation is a hallmark. Programs include seasonal 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.

- **The Writer's Center**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$51,181) - The mission of The Writer's Center is to cultivate the creation, publication, presentation, and dissemination of literary works. The organization's goals for the upcoming fiscal year include: developing their partnership with the Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School to provide free creative writing workshops to their adult immigrant students.

Advancement Grants

\$250,050 awarded for July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

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. Ten organizations received FY16 Advancement Grants.

- **Arts for the Aging, Inc. (AFTA)**, Rockville, Maryland (\$10,000) - Grant funds will be used to upgrade Arts for the Aging's current strategic plan, which focuses on strengthening AFTA's core mission and building their capacity to serve as a model resource for arts programming for older adults, in this region and beyond.
- **CityDance**, North Bethesda, MD (\$24,767) - Grant funds will be used to purchase and install professional lighting and sound equipment that adheres to the highest standards of artistic excellence, ensuring that CityDance's Studio Theater is a state-of-the-art performance venue.
- **ClancyWorks Dance Company**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$18,750) - Grant funds will be used to support the organization's operational shift away from founder-led, and enhance their administrative team to support their recent growth. Additional administrative support will expand programming and financial stability.
- **Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$15,600) - Grant funds will enable the Partnership's Strategic Planning Task Force to work with a consultant to develop a 5-year strategic plan and a 10-year long-range site plan with a financial structure and business plan for expanding programs, buildings, and services.
- **Metropolitan Ballet Theatre**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$12,506) - Grant funds will be used to invest in an upgraded LED stage lighting system for MBT's new black box theater. This will allow for enhanced use of the black box space internally and to outside groups.
- **Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts**, Rockville, Maryland (\$22,907) - Grant funds will be used to replace outdated computer equipment/software and for staff training.
- **National Philharmonic Orchestra & Chorale of Montgomery County, Inc.**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$10,269) - Grant funds will be used to support the development of a new, relevant and innovative 5-year strategic plan that will further define the mission and vision of the National Philharmonic while providing a path forward in a challenging and uncertain economic environment.
- **Olney Theatre Center**, Olney, Maryland (\$85,438) - Grant funds will be used to convert the Center's databases to Tessitura, an integrated customer relationship management software program that will provide essential upgrades to our technological capacity, improve the patron experience, and grow their income.
- **Sandy Spring Museum**, Sandy Spring, Maryland (\$35,213) - Grant funds will be used for the development and implementation of a re-branding campaign for the Sandy Spring Museum.
- **Washington Revels, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$14,600) - Grant funds will be used to enable a full technology upgrade covering the entire office IT system and a new sound amplification system with remote mixing capability, designed to meet the full range of Washington Revels' technology needs for the next 5-8 years.

Capital Improvement Grants

\$554,923 awarded for July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017

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. Four organizations received FY16 Capital Improvement Grants.

- **Montgomery Community Television, dba Montgomery Community Media**, Rockville, Maryland (\$119,181) - Grant funds will be used to continue structural improvements to studios with greener community digital broadcast facilities.
- **Round House Theatre**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$155,572) - Grant funds will be used to carry out building repairs and lessen energy usage at the Bethesda Theatre facility.
- **Sandy Spring Museum**, Sandy Spring, Maryland (\$30,170) – Grant funds will be used to renovate Sandy Spring Museum’s potter shed, weatherizing the building and renovating the education room and new roofs.
- **The Writer’s Center**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$250,000) – Grant funds will be used to complete Phase 2 of the Writer’s Center’s renovation of the Walsh Street facility: adding a second floor, rebuilding the front entrance for handicap access, and installing an elevator.

FY16-1 Grants to Mid-Size Arts and Humanities Organizations

\$403,354 awarded for July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

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. Twenty-three organizations received FY16-1 Grants to Mid-Size Arts and Humanities Organizations.

- **After School Dance Fund**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$25,000) - Grant funds will be used to support the After School Dance Program and its expansion to approximately 310 students at 14 Montgomery County public high schools plus a Latin Dance Competition and two winter Showcase events.
- **Artpreneurs, Inc. dba Arts on the Block**, Kensington, Maryland (\$25,000) - Grant funds will be used to support and enhance the operation of AOB's flagship out-of-school- time program, "Pour Your ART Out," which offers real-life job skills training, career guidance, and intensive visual art instruction to youth ages 14 to 21.
- **Arts for the Aging, Inc. (AFTA)**, Rockville, Maryland (\$25,000) - Grant funds will be used to maintain and expand the reach of AFTA's signature arts engagements, Joy in Generation. Research shows that regular exposure to high-quality participatory arts programs improves seniors' health and quality of life.
- **ArtStream, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$25,000) - Grant funds will be used 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 (\$25,000) - Grant Funds will be used in direct support of Sinfonia's 21st artistic season including stellar historically- informed performances, superb soloists, applied scholarly research in concerts that both entertain and enlighten.
- **Bel Cantanti Opera Company**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$18,750) - Grant funds will be used to produce a fall 2015 show of the Mozart opera "Don Giovanni," a 2015 holiday show of the Broadway musical "Beauty and the Beast" and a spring 2016 production of Donizetti's "L'Elisir d'Amore."
- **Cantate Chamber Singers**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$10,148) - Grant funds will be used in support of Cantate's performance of Benjamin Britten's large-scale cantata "The Company of Heaven" which will require string orchestra, timpani, organ, two soloists, two narrators, and four-part chorus.
- **ClancyWorks Dance Company**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$18,750) - Grant funds will be used to support the Montgomery County portion of ClancyWorks' FY16 Performance Season with new works choreographed by Clancy, a premiere by Guest Artist Sarah Gamblin, and Company repertory performed at theaters and community centers.
- **Coral Cantigas Incorporated**, Rockville, Maryland (\$18,000) - Grant funds will be used 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.

- **Docs In Progress, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$25,000) - Grant funds will be used to support Community Stories, aimed at building community dialogue through a series of screenings and interactive workshops showcasing stories of people, places, and organizations in Montgomery County, Maryland. Grant funds will also be used to increase the capacity of Docs in Progress programs by expanding the Program Coordinator to a full time position that includes professional development opportunities.
- **Forum Enterprises**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$15,000) - Grant funds will be used to support Forum Enterprises' Forum For All efforts during the 2015-2016 Season. Forum Theatre (FT) is known for strong ensembles, interactive design concepts, and community focus; actors and artists all hail from the Greater Washington region and the theatre is committed to diverse, affordable programming. Each season, FT explores and expands upon the artist and audience connection -- both by producing a main stage season that taps into the social, political, and ethical questions of contemporary life and by inviting audiences directly into the creative process.
- **Gandhi Brigade Incorporated**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$25,000) - Grant funds will be used to engage Montgomery County youth, especially from underserved and immigrant communities, through the Promoters Program to help them use video, photography and graphic art to express themselves on social/community issues.
- **Glorystar Music Education and Cultural Foundation**, Potomac, Maryland (\$12,000) - Grant funds will be used to help Glorystar Children's Chorus with its music education program in Montgomery County during their 20th Anniversary in FY16, especially with venue rental, music teachers' salaries and advertising.
- **The Highwood Theatre**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$11,790) - Grant funds will be used to support Highwood's Fall 2015 program: After School and Home School Students' Theatre classes and performances; Highwood at School (Montgomery County), and a professional production for the Women's Voices Theatre Festival.
- **Inscape Chamber Orchestra**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$5,400) - Grant funds will be used to support Inscape's concert series at The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Bethesda, MD. This series of three concerts will depict a thematic musical journey from darkness to light.
- **International Conservatory of Music**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$25,000) - Grant funds will be used for appropriate compensation for international professional artists, educational outreach programs such as Master Classes and School visits, and the promotion of these programs.
- **KID Museum**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$15,000) - Grant funds will be used to support management of daily operations at KID Museum's prototype program at the Davis Library.
- **New Orchestra of Washington**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$15,000) - Grant funds will be allocated to three new positions, Executive Director, Development Director and Administrative Assistant, with the objective of increasing contributed income by at least 100% and earned income by 30%, over three years.
- **Photoworks**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$4,596) - Grant funds will be used to upgrade six iMac computers and migrate to Adobe CS6 software suite, improve their darkroom filtration system, replace aging classroom task chairs, and enhance the gallery lighting system.
- **Project Change**, Urbana, Maryland (\$15,000) - Grant funds will be used to partially pay the salaries of summer camp staff and the cost of production (sets, costumes, paint, and similar materials) for the camp musical performance.

- **Sandy Spring Museum**, Sandy Spring, Maryland (\$10,170) - Grant funds will be used for the design, fabrication, and installation of interior and exterior way finding signage.
- **Silver Spring Town Center, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$15,000) - Grant funds will be used toward funding of programming of 80+ arts and entertainment programs and events year-round at the Silver Spring Civic Building and on Veterans Plaza, including staff programming time, as well as performer and venue fees.
- **Young Artists of America, Inc.**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$18,750) - Grant funds will be used 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.

FY16-2 Grants to Mid-Size Arts and Humanities Organizations

\$108,000 awarded for January 1 – June 30, 2016

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. Nine organizations received FY16-2 Grants to Mid-Size Arts and Humanities Organizations.

- **Akhmedova Ballet Academy**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$20,075) - Grant funds will be used to install professional dance flooring and mirrors in two larger studios as part of a new space buildout. This modification will prevent injuries to dancers and provide the lateral and vertical space required to practice advanced technical moves.
- **ClancyWorks Dance Company**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,625) - Grant funds will be used to support ClancyWorks' Montgomery County collaborative concert incorporating ClancyWorks repertoire with guests from their Montgomery County Community and Education programs.
- **Damascus Theatre Company**, Laytonsville, Maryland (\$13,713) - Grant funds will be used to offset the cost of production for their Early Summer production of "The Drowsy Chaperone" to be performed on the stage of Gaithersburg's Arts on the Green, and to offset the cost of new technical equipment including body microphones, orchestra microphones, and lighting equipment.
- **Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County**, Germantown, Maryland (\$7,638) - Grant funds will be used to support the 19th annual Heritage Days Weekend, a free festival celebrating Montgomery County history, culture, and nature at over 35 locations around the county.
- **InterAct Story Theatre Education Association, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,819) - Grant funds will be used to enhance InterAct Story Theatre's Customer Relationship Management (CRM) database infrastructure to better enable them to track leads, customers, donors, and audience members across time and support their growing program operations.
- **Jazz Academy of Music**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$17,575) - Grant funds will be used to support the production of the 2016 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 (\$7,075) - Grant funds will be used to help implement a new program designed to provide local youth access to mentored "open studio" time at KID Museum, where they can use a wide range of tools and materials to create projects of their own design.
- **National Capital Historical Museum of Transportation**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$22,713) - Grant funds will be used to complete the exterior restoration of Capital Traction Company (CTCo) 522, representative of the street cars which developed communities in Montgomery County and the National Capital region, by installing the correct truck (undercarriage/wheels).
- **Sandy Spring Museum**, Sandy Spring Museum (\$10,767) - Grant funds will be used for Community pARTners, a series of community-generated cultural arts projects that rely on the active participation of community partners, both individuals and groups.

FY16-1 Grants to Small Arts and Humanities Organizations

\$51,980 awarded for July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

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. Thirteen organizations received FY16-1 Grants to Small Arts and Humanities Organizations.

- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,500) - Grant funds will be used for stipends and expenses for the Fitzgerald Award winner; the keynote speaker, Writing Workshop leaders, and the actress who will present a special dramatic presentation on Zelda Fitzgerald.
- **Focusmusic**, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,600) - Grant funds will be used to pay some costs of the part-time operations manager working to manage and professionalize the organization; fund work seeking to create a live music venue in western upper Montgomery County; and pay Focus Rockville sound tech costs.
- **Heralds of Hope Theater Company, Inc.**, Ellicott City, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used to pay for rental fees associated with HoH's production "The Last Shall Be First."
- **Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre**, Poolesville, Maryland (\$4,900) - Grant funds will be used to assist with rental fees incurred for the use of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in Rockville for Hope Gardens' fall production of "A Christmas Carol" scheduled for two performances on November 28, 2015.
- **Montgomery Philharmonic**, Montgomery Village, Maryland (\$4,500) - Grant funds will be used for program costs for FY16 orchestral performance and educational programming, including the "Celebrations" concert series, Summer Reading Sessions, Youth Chamber Music Festival, adult education master classes, and senior outreach.
- **NIH Philharmonia**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$5,000) - Grant funds will be used for direct operating costs including orchestra music rental, percussion instrument rental, program printing, soloist honorarium, and the Music Director and Conductor's stipend.
- **Orfeia Vocal Ensemble**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$2,880) - Grant funds will be used to produce a Balkan music program entitled "Orfeia's Balkan Songbook Series." Through concerts and workshops, Orfeia will perform and teach songs from the group's new Balkan Songbook (due to be released in May 2015) to a wide range of local audiences.
- **Six Degree Singers, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used to perform in a new, larger venue, the Cultural Arts Center, support performances in the Montgomery County community, and provide partial funding for stipends to retain quality artistic staff and accompanist.
- **Takoma Ensemble Inc.**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$4,500) - Grant funds will be used to cover musicians' fees for one concert.
- **Takoma Park JazzFest, INC.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,800) - Grant funds will be used to pay the bands that the Takoma Park Jazzfest, Inc. will be presenting at its 21st annual free outdoor festival in June 2016.
- **Trinity Chamber Orchestra**, Washington, DC (\$3,800) – Grant funds will be used for Trinity Chamber Orchestra's Annual Young Artists Concerts with Maryland Young Artists Piano

Competition and young singers' competition winners; school concerts (the TCO plans one added school concert); and special concerts on themes, with appropriate soloists.

- **Unexpected Stage Company**, Montgomery Village, Maryland (\$4,500) - Grant funds will be used for production costs for USC's summer 2015 production of *Romeo and Juliet: Love Knows No Age*.
- **Zemer Chai**, Kensington, Maryland (\$3,000) - Grant funds will be used to organize and perform an evening choral concert of diverse Hanukkah-themed repertoire in December of 2015, before an audience of 400-500 people in Montgomery County, MD, with a guest performance by the Chamber Choir of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School.

FY16-2 Grants to Small Arts and Humanities Organizations

\$37,000 awarded for January 1 – June 30, 2016

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. Ten organizations received FY16-2 Grants to Small Arts and Humanities Organizations.

- **Academy of Santa Cecilia Youth Orchestra**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,795) - Grant funds will be used for musician honorariums, music, instructor fees, and performance venue rental fees associated with the preparation and performance of the 2016 Spring Concert Series.
- **Flying V Theatre**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$5,000) - Grant funds will be used to help fund artist and production fees for "You, or Whatever I Can Get." Flying V presented the World Premiere of this show at the 2014 Capital Fringe Festival. It won "Best Musical," and they are planning to remount a fully staged production in 2016.
- **Jazz Encounters**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$5,000) - Grant funds will be used to cover the cost of musicians (sidemen/women) who perform on the program, Artistic Director (books and supervises musicians), and piano tuning for each performance.
- **Living Arts Concert Series**, Burtonsville, Maryland (\$4,795) - Grant funds will be used to hire the Cajun Band 'Beausoleil', with Michael Doucet, to present a concert on April 3rd, 2016.
- **Montgomery Symphony Orchestra**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$3,000) - Grant funds will be used for a youth concert in June 2016, featuring Montgomery County middle and/or high school students playing one movement of a concerto of their choice accompanied by the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra.
- **NIH Community Orchestra**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$1,350) - Grant funds will be used for the facilities rental for the December 2015 and April 2016 concerts of the NIH Community Orchestra.
- **Olney Concert Band**, Olney, Maryland (\$1,145) – Grant funds will be used to mount a 30th anniversary fundraising concert. Funds from the grant will support space rental, rental and transport of percussion instruments, conductor and guest performer expenses, and audio recording.
- **Photokids**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$5,000) - Grant funds will be used for Photokids' 2016 "Photography, Art and Nature," a 7-session spring program developed and led by artist and photographer Joanne Miller for 15 tweens. The group will create photographs of Montgomery County's nature and hold an exhibition at Asbury Village.
- **Rockville Bach Academy**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used to underwrite fees for soloists, chorus, orchestra, venue rental, insurance, publicity, and other logistic and technical costs of their next "Conversation Concert" in Spring 2016.
- **Washington Metropolitan Gamer Symphony Orchestra**, Germantown, Maryland (\$2,915) - Grant funds will be used to fund a Spring 2016 concert at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in Rockville. These funds will pay for venue rental, equipment rental, and printing.

FY16 Grants to Individual Artists and Scholars

\$71,786 awarded for July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

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. Twenty-five artists received FY16 Grants to Individual Artists and Scholars.

- **Kasi Aysola**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$2,719) - Grant funds will be used to create and stage a production entitled "Prakriti." The Power of Goddess Earth" using the dance vocabulary, lyrics, and music of South India. This work depicts the dual capacities of goddess Prakriti (mother nature) to both nourish and destroy.
- **Cintia Cabib**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$3,000) - Grant funds will be used to design and develop a Web site to publicize Cabib's independent documentary, "Labyrinth Journeys," and promote the film through e-mail marketing.
- **Shanthi Chandrasekar**, North Potomac, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used to create a series of artworks based on "cosmological concepts", which will be exhibited at the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Gallery in October 2015 and the Gandhi Memorial Center in 2016; and redo Chandrasekar's website to make it user-friendly to update images and events.
- **Thanuja Domask**, Potomac, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used to create a collection of new work for an evening of Sri Lankan traditional & folk dance. This will further advance Domask's professional abilities as a choreographer & performer and firmly establish her role as a key agent in preserving an ancient dance form in the area.
- **Adriane Fang**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,000) - Grant funds will be used to create and present a dance work to be performed by professional dancers of a Montgomery County-based dance company.
- **Jason Green**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$5,000) - Grant funds will be used to complete a documentary: "*The Quince Orchard Project (QOP)*." The QOP shares the lost, rich history of Quince Orchard, MD and explores how diverse communities must come together to preserve heritage and shape the future.
- **Dini Karasik**, Kensington, Maryland (\$3,000) - Grant funds will be used to complete work on a collection of short stories set on the Texas-Mexico border.
- **Kathryn Kaufman**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$981) - Grant funds will be used to create a promotional catalog that showcases Kaufman's artwork, with the intention of promoting the work among area and regional curators and galleries.
- **Glen Kessler**, Rockville, Maryland (\$2,934) - Grant funds will be used to improve the quality of Kessler's studio practice through outfitting his studio with proper lighting.
- **Jessica Krash**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used to write a cello concerto, and make a preliminary recording of the concerto, with a piano playing an orchestra-reduction, or with a 7 to 10 person ensemble for the orchestra.
- **Wytold Lebing**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used to record, mix, and master a new album of original six-string electric cello music with ensemble accompaniment,

blending classical technique with rhythms, song structures, and improvisational styles of jazz, rock, blues, and Americana.

- **Larry Levine**, Rockville, Maryland (\$793) - Grant funds will be used to self-publish a fine-arts quality photography portfolio to mark Levine's "35th anniversary" as a professional photographer in May 2016. Levine will use copies of this limited edition book to promote his work for future projects.
- **Sabrina Mandell**, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,200) - Grant funds will be used to research, develop and perform a 40 minute solo, educational, theatre piece called the "Wit and Wisdom of Her Royal Highness the Queen of Bees", an entertaining presentation in which the Queen teaches about the ecological importance of pollinators.
- **Lindsay McCulloch**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$875) - Grant funds will be used to complete a series of artworks that McCulloch began in 2014, entitled "Interference". The funds would be used to execute 4 paintings and 6 prints, adding to two oil paintings and 16 screen prints that McCulloch has already completed for this series.
- **Miriam Morsel Nathan**[†], Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,763) - Grant funds will be used to create a visual document of lives in a world before WW II. Working with Lily Press in Rockville & 1920s-1930s photographs as source, Nathan will use the funds to print multiple etchings, integrate them as a series, and submit the project for consideration in the US and abroad.
- **Adrienne Moumin**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,870) - Grant funds will be used to produce and frame two large-scale, and two additional, small- to medium-scale, handmade gelatin silver photo collages, in continuation of Moumin's "Architextures" series, ongoing since 2000.
- **Vicky Pinpin-Feinstein**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$2,700) - Grant funds will be used for a research trip and a writing retreat for a book about Ethiopian immigrants and native-born Americans and the stories that unfold in their lives. This is the first in a book series on four immigrant groups in Montgomery County.
- **Xueling Qin**, Potomac, Maryland (\$3,000) - Grant funds will be used to organize a fully staged and costumed live performance of historically recognized works of Beijing Opera for Montgomery County residents, which will enhance Qin's managerial skills in coordinating a large artistic event.
- **Maritza Rivera**, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,000) - Grant funds will be used to create a deck of poetry playing cards using a short form of poetry called "Blackjack." An original Blackjack poem would appear on each of the 52 playing cards in the deck. This would provide a non-traditional way to experience and share poetry.
- **Carrie Rose**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$3,000) - Grant funds will be used to produce the sixth season of the Origins Concert Series in Silver Spring. Rose will premiere three new compositions of hers during this series, one at each concert.
- **Michael Shereikis**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,000) - Grant funds will be used to produce an album of original compositions and reimagined African classics in a promising new collaboration between Shereikis (Chopteeth Afrofunk Big Band) and fellow local band-leader and cultural activist Eme Awa (Eme & Heteru).

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- **Elzbieta Sikorska**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,400) - Grant funds will be used to make necessary improvements in Sikorska's studio, including updating lights, securing adequate storage space, and replacing panels which support works on paper in progress.
- **Gwydion Suilebhan**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$5,000) - Grant funds will be used to draft and revise Suilebhan's new play, THREE, which will be having its world premiere with The Welders in 2016. The grant will help Suilebhan support himself during a long period of writing and revision.
- **Ting Wang**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,489) - Grant funds will be used to attend the 38th annual conference of the American Literary Translation Association (ALTA) from October 28 to October 31, 2015 in Tucson, AZ, for professional development that will enhance Wang's skills and advance her career as a literary translator.
- **John Wysong**, Damascus, Maryland (\$1,062) - Grant funds will be used to independently publish 500 copies of a 60 page graphic novel entitled "Stomach Bug," which Wysong has been developing since 2013, and to purchase a copyright and ISBN for this project.

FY16-1 Arts Integration Residency in the Schools Grants

\$7,000 awarded for September 1 – December 31, 2015

Arts Integration Residency in the Schools 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. Three artists received FY16-1 Arts Integration Residency in the Schools Grants.

- **South Lake Elementary School, Ali Oliver-Krueger**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$2,000) - Grant funds will be used to implement a creative drama residency, focusing on strategies designed to promote reading comprehension and oral language skills among 4th grade ELL/ESOL students.
- **Strathmore Elementary School, Leila Cabib**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,000) - Grant funds will be used to create a graphic novel on the causes and effects of a turning point in the civil rights, labor, health and safety, or women's movement. Students will present historical information through narration, dialogue and the graphic elements of sequential art.
- **Wheaton High School, Joanne Miller**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,000) - Grant funds will be used to cover a cross-curriculum project for 200 students and use the art of photography to examine land use in the Wheaton community.

FY16-2 Arts Integration Residency in the Schools Grants

\$9,845 awarded for January 1 - June 15, 2016

Arts Integration Residency in the Schools Grants support individual teaching artists trained in curriculum-based arts integration techniques that collaborate with a classroom teacher to develop an arts-integrated program for students during the school day. Four artists received FY16-2 Arts Integration Residency in the Schools Grants.

- **Gaithersburg Elementary School, Arianna Ross – Young Artists of Maryland**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$2,168) – Through a series of creative writing exercises and storytelling integrated with visual arts techniques, students discover the power of their own words to create an original story and create puppets to accompany that story. Using co-teaching strategies, storyteller Arianna Ross and participating art teachers will create daily lessons leading students to create their own original stories. They will create paint strip marionettes featuring the colors that express personality traits.
- **Stedwick Elementary School, ClancyWorks Dance Company**, Montgomery Village, Maryland (\$2,997) – Grant funds will be used to work with all 5th grade classes and teachers for the Earth & Space Dance Residency combining science 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 includes 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 4th grades.
- **Westbrook Elementary School, Carien Quiroga**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$3,000) – Grant funds will be used to work with SPED students in the Emotional Disability Cluster program to create a glass mosaic mural inspired by what they learn about the culture and history of South Africa and their own personal journeys of overcoming challenges in life. Social Studies, Health & Writing curricula are integrated with the collaborative mosaic making process to provide students with an empowering and positive mechanism for self-expression and communication.
- **White Oak Middle School, Ali Oliver-Krueger**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,680) - Grant funds will be used to conduct a creative drama residency at White Oak Middle School supporting the 8th grade Social Studies unit on the Civil War and the Underground Railroad. This residency integrates drama with Maryland Common Core State Standards in Reading for Literacy in History/Social Studies.

FY16-1 Artists and Scholars in the Community Grants

\$6,750 awarded for October 1, 2015 – February 29, 2016

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. Five artists received FY16-1 Artists and Scholars in the Community Grants.

- **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 ClancyWorks Dance 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., Magpie**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$750) - Grant funds will be used to support a performance by Magpie of "Ichthyomusicology" that will engage individuals supported by CHI Centers Inc. - adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities - in a musical exploration of marine life through original compositions, unique instruments, and content-supporting creative movement.
- **Easter Seals, Marcie Wolf-Hubbard**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,500) – Grant funds will be used to conduct hands-on art sessions for participants to create unique art in printmaking and mixed media based on visits to local artists’ studios and exhibits.
- **Montgomery County Correctional Facility, Carien Quiroga**, Boyds, Maryland (\$1,500) - Grant funds will be used for a series of visual 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.
- **Montgomery County Public Libraries, Leila Cabib**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$1,500) - Grant funds will be used to provide seven one-hour, hands-on animation workshops for children aged 10 and up during winter break in five Montgomery County public libraries: Aspen Hill, White Oak, Long Branch, Gaithersburg and Marilyn J. Praisner.

FY16-2 Artists and Scholars in the Community Grants

\$7,500 awarded for March 1 – September 30, 2016

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. Five artists received FY16-2 Artists and Scholars in the Community Grants.

- **Holy Cross Health, Marcie Wolf-Hubbard**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,500) - Grant funds will be used to conduct hands-on art sessions focused on drawing nature and exploring more techniques in mixed media for participants in their medical adult daycare program.
- **Montgomery County Correctional Facility, Carien Quiroga**, Boyds, Maryland (\$1,500) - Grant funds will be used for a series of visual art workshops with inmates suffering from mental illness in the Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU) at Montgomery County Correctional Facility. Participants will create several individual artworks as well as work collaboratively on a project, providing a beneficial educational and artistic experience during their incarceration.
- **Montgomery County Public Libraries, Leila Cabib**, Rockville, Maryland (\$1,500) - Grant funds will be used to provide seven free one-hour, hands-on animation workshops for children aged 10-14 in five Montgomery County public libraries: Silver Spring, White Oak, Gaithersburg, Germantown and Twinbrook.
- **Springvale Terrace Retirement Community, ClancyWorks Dance Company**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,500) – Grant funds will be used for a ClancyWorks Dance Company performance and 5 subsequent dance workshops for the residents of Springvale Terrace Retirement community that will engage the participants in movement and storytelling.
- **YMCA-Youth and Family Services, Arts on the Block**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,500) - Grant funds will be used to work with Arts on the Block's Common Ground Teaching Artist, Kristen Hayes, and YMCA-YFS staff, Common Ground teen mentors and middle school youth from the Carroll Avenue/Quebec Terrace (CAQT) community to create individualized, acrylic glazed, Plexiglas window inserts to be installed throughout the housing community, using the theme "Through My Eyes."

FY16 Wheaton Cultural Project Grants

\$90,000 awarded for April 15, 2016 – June 30, 2017

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. Ten organizations and individuals received FY16 Wheaton Cultural Project Grants.

- **Arpreneurs, dba Arts on the Block**, Kensington, Maryland (\$9,500) - Grant funds will be used to complete the artistic re-envisioning of the Wheaton clock tower.
- **Brian Frankel**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$9,500) - Grant funds will be used to produce the Second Annual Wheaton Film Festival. The festival will offer educational panels, networking opportunities, film screenings with awards, filmmaker discussions, and a collaborative filmmaking challenge leading up to the event.
- **ClancyWorks Dance Company**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$9,500) - Grant funds will be used to continue and expand a multi-faceted program that brings together a diverse cultural and intergenerational population through a series of workshops in the Wheaton community. This will culminate in concerts with performances by various members of the Wheaton community (middle school students, senior citizens, and the ClancyWorks Company).
- **Gandhi Brigade Youth Media**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$9,500) – Grant funds will be used to create video testimonials of the residents, identify individuals who have lived in the community over the past 60 years, and provide stories and history to create a documentary. The culminating event, a community-based cultural festival, will target all neighborhood residents and bring them together to celebrate the accomplishments and diversity of Wheaton.
- **The Highwood Theatre**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$10,000) – Grant funds will be used to bring an educational theatre production, performed by students from Wheaton’s A Mario Loiederman Middle School for the Creative and Performing Arts, to Wheaton elementary schools and their communities, to increase awareness and excitement about theatre arts.
- **InterAct Story Theatre Education Association, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$10,000) – Grant funds will be used to present a second, expanded season of the Wheaton Family Theatre Series featuring six free performances in theatre, dance, music, and storytelling for children and families.
- **Joanne Miller**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$6,750) – Grant funds will be used to engage and include members of the Wheaton and surrounding communities in a series of hands-on creative photography and urban nature activities resulting in community public art exhibitions.
- **Leila Cabib**, Potomac, Maryland (\$6,750) – Grant funds will be used for a series of after-school workshops during which students at A. Mario Loiederman Middle School and Wheaton High School will create bookmarks reflecting Wheaton's cultural diversity. These will be printed and distributed to patrons at all 21 branches of Montgomery County Public Libraries.
- **Six Degree Singers, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$9,250) – Grant funds will be used for the production, presentation, and promotion of two public choral music concerts in Wheaton.
- **Unexpected Stage Company**, Montgomery Village, Maryland (\$9,250) – Grant funds will be used to present the highly-acclaimed performance artist and playwright Deb Margolin in a three-week run of her latest one-woman show, 8 Stops.