



Fiscal Year 2017 Grants Awarded

FY17 General Operating Support Grants for Large Arts and Humanities Organizations

\$3,308,202 for July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

General Operating Support Grants for Large Arts and Humanities Organizations provide general operating support to 27 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 FY17, the following organizations received grants:

- **Adventure Theatre MTC**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$104,633) - 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.
- **American Dance Institute**, Rockville, Maryland (\$183,180) - ADI is a dynamic and evolving organization that presents professional contemporary dance companies, hosts residencies for nationally prominent artists to complete new work, commissions work from emerging artists, offers low-cost rentals to local artists and arts organizations, and gives scholarships to promote diversity and increase access to dance education.
- **Artivate (formerly Class Acts Arts)**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$77,683) - Artivate was founded in 1995 in response to the demand for high quality, ethnically diverse cultural arts programs in our schools. Artivate 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.
- **Baltimore Symphony Orchestra**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$335,260) - Founded in 1916, the BSO is one of the country's most distinguished orchestras, remains one of only 17 full-time orchestras

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in the country, and is the only orchestra with two full-time concert venues: the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore and The Music Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda, MD. The BSO presents favorites from the classical canon, gives musical life to contemporary orchestral works, experiments with non-traditional concert formats, and offers a robust array of education and community engagement programming for all ages. Through these efforts, the BSO serves 350,000 annually, including 50,000+ children.

- **CityDance**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$123,486) - CityDance School & Conservatory provides over 700 students annually with high-level dance training at The Music Center at Strathmore in Bethesda, including an ancillary site at The Academy of the Holy Cross and a new location in Rockville. Students receive opportunities to perform throughout the year. Through the Conservatory program, dancers wishing to pursue professional careers receive intensive study, including the unique Saturday Master Class Series taught by professional dance artists, and the opportunity to perform with professional companies.
- **CREATE Arts Center**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$13,121) - CREATE Arts Center is a nonprofit arts organization founded by Tamar Hendel in 1986 as a place for the artist in each of us. Trained as a teacher and art therapist, Tamar fell in love with art when her mother taught her to draw while in hiding during WWII. CREATE grew over the years and has since helped over 25,000 artists of all ages and backgrounds find inspiration through camps, classes and art therapy.
- **Dance Exchange**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$25,431) - Founded in 1976 by Liz Lerman and under the artistic direction of Cassie Meador since 2011, Dance Exchange is a Maryland-based non-profit arts organization that collaborates across generations, disciplines, and communities to channel the power of performance and artmaking as a means for dialogue, a source of critical reflection, and a creative engine for thought and action. Recent and current projects include explorations of human rights, nuclear physics, ecology, and the advancement of racial equity.
- **Friends of the Library, Montgomery County**, Rockville, Maryland (\$43,435) - Friends of the Library, Montgomery County (FOLMC) was founded in 1982 with the approval of Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) and Montgomery County Library Board (MCLB) to make the library system stronger and to offer more services to the public. MCPL serves our county as a vibrant democratic institution. It exists to provide information and community centers for nearly 1 million people of all ages, locations, income levels, ethnicities, and levels of ability.
- **Germantown Cultural Arts Center dba BlackRock Center for the Arts**, Germantown, Maryland (\$103,353) - BlackRock Center for the Arts is the only performing and visual arts venue based in Upper Montgomery County. The organization serves over 20,000 individuals a year. BlackRock's facility consists of two art galleries, two theaters, an outdoor stage, and five arts instruction studios. Core programs include an annual performing arts series of more than 40 performances featuring international, national and regional touring artists, an independent film series, 25 free gallery exhibits, over 100 classes, camps, and workshops in music, visual art, theater and dance, and a variety of free community engagement activities.
- **Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$106,697) - Established in 2002 in collaboration with the National Park Service (NPS) and Montgomery County, the Partnership is the umbrella nonprofit organization that oversees all of the arts programs at Glen Echo Park and essentially makes it possible for the site to operate successfully and serve over 400,000 people annually. The organization collaborates with resident and nonresident organizations and artists to sponsor classes, dances, exhibitions, concerts, children's theater

performances, festivals, and events at the Park. It also maintains and manages the Park's historic facilities, including the Spanish Ballroom and Dentzel carousel, and provides marketing and class registration services to the Park's resident groups.

- **Imagination Stage**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$308,201) - 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 opens hearts, inspires minds and ignites imaginations.
- **Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$51,298) - The Arts & Culture Division of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington (JCCGW) is firmly committed to offering high-quality, affordable and diverse cultural arts events; enhancing experiences with a range of auditory, visual and movement opportunities; enriching lives with arts education; bringing enjoyment and promoting discovery of self and others; encouraging interaction of diverse populations using arts as common ground; and presenting to the community Jewish and Israeli arts and culture in appreciation of heritage, to encourage dialogue and create understanding.
- **Levine School of Music**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$177,898) - Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2016, Levine is the preeminent music education center in Metropolitan Washington. Serving 3,500 students at four campuses, the organization offers instruction in 22 instruments and voice to everyone, regardless of age, ability, or means. It offers a robust scholarship program, and music therapy to children and adults with disabilities. Levine is one of 12 community music centers accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, and is the only one designated an "All Steinway School."
- **Lumina Studio Theatre**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$18,297) - Lumina Studio Theatre was founded with the purpose of offering youth the opportunity to receive professional training in the performing arts and perform in a professionally produced show. Beginning in 1996 in their Takoma Park home, Founder Jillian Raye and David Minton, worked with a few youth from the neighborhood. Theatre Group (2009) added an inter-generational component and The Raye Players (2013) offered alumni a chance to stay connected. The organization reaches hundreds of young actors each season, an ever growing audience and an alumni whose achievements are a great testament to the value of what Lumina offers and the life skills it instills.
- **Maryland Youth Ballet**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$94,435) - From the small basement studio of Founder, Hortensia Fonseca, to the five state-of-the-art studios, spacious lobby, restrooms, offices, and dressing rooms, MYB today, led by Artistic Director and Principal, Michelle Lees, is a nationally recognized institution for classical ballet training. Originally located in Bethesda for 35 years, MYB has been in its vibrant Downtown Silver Spring home since 2007. MYB offers classes for children from 2 through 19 years old and continues to produce some of the country's most accomplished and internationally acclaimed ballet stars.
- **Metropolitan Ballet Theatre**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$68,799) - Founded in 1989, Metropolitan Ballet Theatre (MBT) is a growing arts education organization, offering dance education in core disciplines of classical ballet, modern, and jazz.
- **Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts, dba VisArts at Rockville**, Rockville, Maryland (\$63,367) - The Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts, founded in 1987 as Rockville Arts Place and renamed in 2007, creates opportunities for children, teens, and adults to express their creativity, connect with others, and deepen their experience with the visual arts. The organization offers comprehensive

educational programming for students of all ages, interest levels, and artistic abilities. It reaches underserved populations through programs designed to improve access to veterans, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. The organization presents vibrant contemporary art exhibitions and educational programs that challenge, inspire, and expand audiences' awareness of the arts.

- **Montgomery Community Television, dba Montgomery Community Media**, Rockville, Maryland (\$184,759) – The organization is the county's community media center and the region's largest public access station. We broadcast to 873,000 viewers in over 351,000 cable TV households. As the county's only remaining hyper-local news and events resource since The Gazette Newspapers closure on June 18, 2015, the broadband platform, MyMCMedia.org, has grown from annually engaging 820,404 web visitors to 952,114 web visitors in FY16.
- **Montgomery County Historical Society, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$15,621) - From its base in Rockville, Montgomery History operates the c. 1815 Beall-Dawson House as a historic house museum, the Stonestreet Museum of 19th Century Medicine, and the Jane C. Sween Research Library. The organization also operates the County's official government archives and maintain a 10,000-item collection of historic artifacts dating from prehistory to the present. We host and participate in numerous public events every year including our annual Montgomery County History Conference. The organization also produces the annual Montgomery County History Day, part of a nationwide competition that encourages the study and interpretation of history among middle and high school students.
- **National Philharmonic Orchestra & Chorale of Montgomery County, Inc.**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$152,295) - A merging of the National Chamber Orchestra and Masterworks Chorus on July 1, 2003 created the National Philharmonic, now an eleven-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 in Montgomery County.
- **Olney Theatre Center**, Olney, Maryland (\$261,612) - Olney Theatre Center (OTC) was founded in 1938 as a rural summer playhouse. As the town of Olney transformed in the 1980s and 1990s from horse country to exurb, and from exurb to suburb in the 2000s, the Theatre began programming year-round, and significantly expanded its physical footprint from one to four stages: three indoor, one outdoor. The organization is now a year-round, professional producing theatre with more than 300 live performances annually.
- **the Puppet Co.**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$23,444) - The organization presents over 400 performances annually with age appropriateness ranging from 2-4 years for our Tiny Tots shows and 4 years - adults for the main stages shows and adult slams. It also provides a broad range of interpretive programs including exhibitions, classes for children and adults, Talk-Backs, and a puppetry research library. Activities include rehearsal space at no/low cost to emerging puppet companies in the area, as well as providing a meeting place for the National Capital Puppetry Guild, a charter of our national organization, Puppeteers of America.
- **Round House Theatre**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$167,147) - Round House Theatre is one of the leading professional theaters in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The organization produces a six-show season of modern classics, new plays, and musicals for 40,000 patrons each year at our 395-seat theater in Bethesda. It also provides education programs for more than 2,500 students of all ages at our Education Center in Silver Spring and in schools throughout Montgomery County.
- **Strathmore Hall Foundation, Inc.**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$431,616) - 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 well over 300 live performances of popular music; contemporary dance; spoken word; theatrical entertainment; comprehensive arts education presentations; and a well-regarded chamber music and recital series. Strathmore's historic mansion is the visual arts center of the campus mounting approximately ten museum-quality exhibitions year-round.

- **Washington Conservatory of Music**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$51,623) - 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 has presented a free professional concert series to the greater Bethesda area, along with master classes and special events for children and families at Glen Echo Park.
- **Washington Revels Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$71,542) - 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. Programs include seasonal celebrations, festivals, community sings/dances, after-school workshops, parades, and dozens of performances of traditional music and spoken word by 5 year-round ensembles of singers and actors, each focusing on a different repertoire including African-American traditions, maritime music and history, American heritage, and a Capella vocal music across the second millennium C.E.
- **The Writer's Center**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$49,968) - The Writer's Center is one of the region's premier independent literary organizations. Since 1976, the organization has cultivated the creation, publication, presentation, and dissemination of literary work. It has helped people tell their stories and find the best way to write them. The programming includes more than 300 writing workshops, more than 80 author readings and literary events, and publishing the nation's oldest poetry magazine, Poet Lore. The organization serves more than 3,000 individuals per year.

FY17 Advancement Grants

\$263,984[†] awarded for July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

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. Six organizations received FY17 *Advancement Grants*.

- **Gandhi Brigade Youth Media**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$28,415) - Grant funds will be used to move into the lower level of the new Silver Spring Library to expand programming and create a safe and nurturing environment for youth to create media arts.
- **Germantown Cultural Arts Center dba BlackRock Center for the Arts**, Germantown, Maryland (\$52,787) - Grant funds will be used to underwrite vital enhancements to BlackRock's technology infrastructure.
- **Imagination Stage**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$21,904) - Grant funds will be used to upgrade digital/visual media technology to improve the educational and artistic product.
- **Levine School of Music**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$91,352) - Grant funds will be used to support the purchase of Steinway pianos for the studio teaching spaces at Levine's newly approved campus at the Silver Spring Library.
- **Sandy Spring Museum**, Sandy Spring, Maryland (\$28,532) - Grant funds will be used to implement Year II of a three-year rebranding and marketing campaign at the Sandy Spring Museum, which will include upgrading the website, search engine optimization, increase direct mail, use of professional graphic designer, paid advertising, audience segmentation for targeted marketing, and digital marketing.
- **Strathmore Hall Foundation, Inc.**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$40,994) - Grant funds will be used to replace the current aging network infrastructure with state-of-the-art equipment that is proven to enhance system reliability, functionality, and performance.

[†] Includes portion of a forfeited FY16 Advancement Grant.

FY17 Capital Improvement Grants

\$377,217 awarded for July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018

Capital Improvement Grants provide supplemental funding for special purposes and assist arts and humanities organizations in attaining stability and long-term viability. Three organizations received FY17 *Capital Improvement Grants*.

- **Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$67,795) - Grant funds will be used to make capital improvements to Glen Echo Park's Bumper Car Pavilion, and permanently install motorized clear vinyl panels that will replace the current system of hand-sewn panels.
- **Montgomery Community Television, dba Montgomery Community Media**, Rockville, Maryland (\$159,422) - Grant funds will be used to: continue the technological innovations that serve their volunteer producers and production staff and provide hardware that allows them to participate in HD broadcasting with fewer barriers to entry. Grant funds will also be used to integrate the File Catalyst Hardware that allows current and future multi-media content creators to transmit their content from home.
- **Olney Theatre Center**, Olney, Maryland (\$150,000) - Grant funds will be used for: carpet replacement in the lobbies of the Mainstage and the Historic Theatre; a permanent concessions area and gift shop in the Mainstage Lobby; essential technical and electrical upgrades to the Mainstage Lobby that will provide a more interactive and accessible space; renovations to their parking lot including expanded spaces, lighting, and paving; repair to railings, steps and patio; upgrades and repair to public restrooms; floor and lighting replacements in the William H. Graham, Sr. Actor's Hall; roof repair on all buildings; exterior signage, including the road sign and directional signage; and upgrades to common areas in the Crawford house, including the kitchen and bathroom.

Emergency Capital Improvement Project Grant

\$224,677 awarded for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

- **Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture**, Glen Echo, Maryland (169,960) - Grant funds will be used to complete critical roof replacement and repair and as well as repairs to the flashing and stucco to address leaks in Glen Echo Park's historic Spanish Ballroom.
- **Montgomery Community Television, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$29,717) - Grant funds will be used to construct and establish electrical power surge, power phasing and power outage abatement and elimination systems at 7548 Standish Place, Rockville, Maryland 20855 that are urgent, mission-critical needs requiring emergency action
- **Olney Theatre Center**, Olney, Maryland (\$25,000) - Grant funds will be used to perform emergency structural repairs in our Mainstage orchestra pit to bring a musicians' platform and surrounding area permanently into compliance with County Fire Marshall and Dept. of Permitting Services regulations, as well as other work to bring us up to code campus-wide.

FY17 General Operating Support Grants to Mid-Size Arts and Humanities Organizations

\$564,945 awarded for July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

General Operating Support Grants to Mid-Size Arts and Humanities Organizations provide general operating support to arts and humanities organizations with annual cash operating expenses of at least \$50,000 and not more than \$150,000, and to organizations that have annual expenses of more than \$150,000 if the organization is not applying for *General Operating Support Grants to Large Arts and Humanities Organizations*. Thirty-one organizations received FY17 *General Operating Support Grants to Mid-Size Arts and Humanities Organizations*.

- **After School Dance Fund**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$23,250) - The After School Dance Fund (ASDF) is a Silver Spring-based nonprofit organization established in 2010 by Montgomery County resident Ricardo Loaiza, a dancer and choreographer originally from Colombia. ASDF's mission is to develop youth leadership and promote wellness, heritage and unity through Latin dance education. ASDF offers meaningful after-school experiences that empower at-risk students to learn about their heritage and culture.
- **Akhmedova Ballet Academy**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$8,505) - The Akhmedova Ballet Academy (ABA) is dedicated to providing the finest quality ballet training utilizing the Vaganova Method, with personal and artistic mentoring that prepares young talented dancers to become strong and fully developed 21st century artists who are ready to take their places in major dance companies around the world.
- **Artpreneurs, Inc. dba Arts on the Block**, Kensington, Maryland (\$23,250) - ARTpreneurs, Inc., dba Arts on the Block (AOB), empowers creative youth to imagine and shape fulfilling futures and contribute to the quality of life in their communities. AOB achieves its mission by providing real-world experiences in the arts, educational guidance and entrepreneurial training geared to their unique capabilities.
- **Arts for the Aging, Inc. (AFTA)**, Rockville, Maryland (\$23,250) - The mission of Arts for the Aging, Inc. (AFTA) is to deliver high-quality arts experiences to physically and cognitively frail older adults to improve their mental and physical health, and promote their longevity and overall quality of life. AFTA flips the paradigm of old age by using creativity to turn isolation, loneliness, and loss into community, access and joy. Each year, they serve over 700 seniors in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region in weekly and bi-weekly workshops.
- **ArtStream, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$23,250) - ArtStream's mission is to bring to adults with disabilities creative and performance opportunities that help them gain the confidence to engage with the world. This mission is based on the belief that when people are engaged, stimulated, challenged and inspired, they surpass perceived limitations and undertake challenges they might never have considered. ArtStream's vision is twofold: to use the arts as a means for social change by empowering adults with disabilities to participate and flourish in inclusive communities, and to develop the leading models for self-advocacy and for creating original inclusive theatre.
- **Bel Cantanti Opera Company**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$18,250) - Bel Cantanti Opera's mission is to support the development of young opera singers by providing performance opportunities, and to

bring those performances to the community in Montgomery County, Maryland at an affordable cost.

- **Cantate Chamber Singers**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$10,950) - Cantate Chamber Singers seeks to raise community awareness and appreciation of the art of choral music through innovative programming of new and rarely-heard music alongside the well-loved established choral repertoire, the fostering and promotion of the works of talented young composers, and unique collaborative, cross-disciplinary performances with other area artists and ensembles.
- **Chevy Chase Historical Society**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$7,300) - The mission of the Chevy Chase Historical Society is to collect, record, interpret and share materials relating to the history of Chevy Chase, Maryland, one of America's first streetcar suburbs. The organization provides resources for historical research and sponsors a variety of programs and activities to foster knowledge and appreciation of the community's history.
- **ClancyWorks Dance Company**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$23,250) - The mission of ClancyWorks is to: increase the public appetite for and understanding of the arts by presenting high quality dance performances and educational programs; expand the relevance of dance in people's lives by demonstrating that creative movement can be used to solve conflicts, develop community cohesion, improve academic achievement, and promote civic responsibility; and nurture leadership skills and artistic excellence in emerging artists.
- **Damascus Theatre Company**, Damascus, Maryland (\$14,600) - Damascus Theatre Company (DTC) engages, inspires, and entertains theatrical artists and audiences from the broad-based and diverse communities of Montgomery County and the surrounding DC Metropolitan area. Their approximately 200 member, all-volunteer Company of performers, designers, and scenic artists is led by a dedicated Board of Directors and seeks to bring quality productions to numerous venues throughout Upper Montgomery County.
- **Docs In Progress, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$23,250) - Docs In Progress is a non-profit documentary arts organization which supports and empowers documentary filmmakers to develop and enhance their works in progress. Through community, individualized, and online programs, Docs in Progress helps independent filmmakers from Montgomery County and the vicinity tell stories about the human condition, through the creation of successful documentary projects.
- **Flying V Theatre**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$20,750) - Quickly developing a niche within the Montgomery County arts and theatre scene, Flying V focuses on creating vibrant original works, fostering new play development, and presenting offbeat contemporary plays and musicals.
- **The Forgotten Opera Company, dba The Victorian Lyric Opera Company**, Rockville, Maryland (\$15,750) - The mission of the Forgotten Opera Company and The Victorian Lyric Opera Company is to provide high quality performances of light operatic works, offering educational and performance opportunities for our community.
- **Forum Enterprises**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$20,750) - Forum Theatre produces accessible, affordable, and ambitious productions from a diversity of voices that provoke and inspire open discussions in an effort to build community. Since Forum Theatre's inception, they have aimed to be both the home for stories that not only provoke, but also host, discussions. Forum Theatre strives for shows to be a conversation with the audience with stories that focus on who we are as a local, national, and global community.
- **Gandhi Brigade Youth Media**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$20,750) - Gandhi Brigade Youth Media helps young people, especially those who are alienated or "at risk," connect with adult allies who teach

media arts. Using video production, photography and graphic design as vehicles for personal and community change, they focus on the development of a core group of youth, teaching them critical thinking and communication skills, and then providing opportunities to practice these skills in authentic community based projects.

- **Glen Echo Pottery**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$23,250) - Glen Echo Pottery's mission is to teach the ceramic arts in a relaxed but creatively serious environment that is accessible and inspirational to everyone from the tentative novice to the very experienced clay student. Since 1975, Glen Echo Pottery has nurtured the artistic spirit of thousands of students.
- **Glorystar Music Education and Cultural Foundation**, Potomac, Maryland (\$18,250) - Glorystar Children's Chorus (GCC), provides excellent music education to children and youth in the joy of choral art. Through a rich repertoire of Eastern and Western music, GCC promotes music appreciation and builds bridges in our diverse community.
- **Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County**, Germantown, Maryland (\$5,000) - The Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County (Heritage Montgomery, HM) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created in 2003 dedicated to preserving, supporting, and promoting county history, culture, and distinctive natural areas and fostering stewardship and pride in our community.
- **The Highwood Theatre**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$23,250) - The Highwood Theatre's mission is to provide members of the Montgomery County community, of all ages and experience levels, with opportunities to create theatre collaboratively in a professional environment. Through their three divisions, The Highwood Theatre strives to build community through participant-produced theatre, and to bring the powerful benefits and excitement of theatre to more students, adults, and the community at large.
- **InterAct Story Theatre Education Association, Inc.**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$11,160) - InterAct Story Theatre is a multidisciplinary arts-in-education organization and touring theatre for young audiences. Since their founding in 1981, they have been dedicated to providing quality performances, arts-infused workshops and artist-in-residency programs for students, teachers and families throughout our region and across the country.
- **International Conservatory of Music**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$18,250) - The mission of the International Conservatory of Music (ICM) is to create community through music, drawing people together for entertainment, education, and inspiration. The primary program of the ICM is the John E. Marlow Guitar Series, a concert series devoted to bringing the best classical guitarists in the world to Montgomery County to entertain, educate and inspire our community.
- **Jazz Academy of Music**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$15,750) - The Jazz Academy of Music Inc's mission is to advance and preserve jazz music through education and outreach. In support of their mission, Jazz Academy of Music's goals include developing a broader appreciation for jazz music in the community, and exposing our youth to the disciplines of applied music, thereby enhancing their individual creativity, inductive and deductive reasoning abilities, and focus.
- **National Capital Historical Museum of Transportation**, Colesville, Maryland (\$18,250) - The National Capital Historical Museum of Transportation, Inc. trades as the National Capital Trolley Museum which preserves and interprets the heritage of electric street and interurban railways of Washington, D.C. and environs for the benefit of present and future generations while supplementing its collections with significant national and international objects to enhance its interpretative programs.

- **New Orchestra of Washington**, Rockville, Maryland (\$18,250) - The New Orchestra of Washington's mission is to make music relevant to new generations of audiences through virtuosic performances that combine a diversity of genres with fresh interpretations of classic works. Unconstrained by the structure or repertoire of traditional orchestras, NOW is both modern and sustainable, proving how orchestral and chamber music can survive and flourish in the 21st century.
- **Project Change/Team of Stars**, Olney, Maryland (\$23,250) - Project Change, Inc., is a youth/adult partnership organization dedicated to promoting positive youth development through leadership experiences, meaningful community service opportunities, the performing arts, and safe social activities. Programs include Team of Stars (TOS), a Summer Camp and After-School Program for low income middle school youth that fosters youth development skills through musical theater.
- **Sandy Spring Museum**, Sandy Spring, Maryland (\$23,250) - The Sandy Spring Museum is a place where people can make meaningful connections by exploring community history through the cultural arts - visual, literary and performing. Sandy Spring Museum believes that all people have a story to tell and that the museum can serve as a place where people of diverse backgrounds come together to explore differences and commonalities through personal histories.
- **Silver Spring Town Center, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$18,250) - The mission of Silver Spring Town Center, Inc. is to provide a vibrant, inclusive and engaging community gathering place that enriches the lives of residents of the Greater Silver Spring area. Embracing the racial and cultural diversity of the region, the organization seeks to educate, entertain, inspire and involve people while encouraging and supporting the building of a creative, compassionate and caring community.
- **Story Tapestries**, Germantown, Maryland (\$20,750) - Story Tapestries (ST) executes programs guided by the belief that: With arts, understanding; with understanding, community. ST's network of Teaching Artists combine the arts, literacy strategies, and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) with social development to educate and empower children and adults to create a blueprint for a self-sufficient community and learning environment.
- **Symphony of the Potomac**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$6,930) - The mission of the Symphony of the Potomac (SOTP) is to build and manage an orchestra that fosters the enjoyment of classical music by offering affordable concerts performed in Montgomery County.
- **Young Artists of America at Strathmore**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$23,250) - Young Artists of America at Strathmore (YAA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization offering world-class training to gifted and committed young performing artists in a professional and nurturing environment. Through mentorship and individualized instruction from renowned artists, students work collaboratively to perform fully orchestrated works of music-theatre in state-of-the-art venues such as the Music Center at Strathmore, where YAA resides as the arts center's first Affiliate.
- **Youth Art for Healing**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$20,750) - Youth Art for Healing is a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring works of art created by youth into healthcare environments to provide a sense of comfort, inspiration and healing for patients and their loved ones, and healthcare professionals.

FY17-1 Project Grants to Small Arts and Humanities Organizations and Groups

\$53,548 awarded for July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Project Grants to Small Arts and Humanities Organizations and Groups 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. Fourteen organizations received FY17-1 *Project Grants to Small Arts and Humanities Organizations and Groups*.

- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used to cover costs related to the Conference.
- **Focusmusic**, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,200) - Grant funds will be used to cover costs related to the FY17 season.
- **Harmony Express Chorus**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,798) - Grant funds will be used to support Harmony Express' appearances at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair and other outdoor venues by compensating members and helping cover the cost of components of a portable sound system (speaker, microphones and related equipment).
- **Jazz Encounters**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,500) - Grant funds will be used to pay musicians/vocalist (bands) for their performance on Jazz Encounters: Jazz Live Studio Sessions television show.
- **Montgomery Philharmonic**, Montgomery Village, Maryland (\$5,000) - Grant funds will be used for program costs for FY17 orchestral performance and educational programming, Summer Reading Sessions, the Youth Chamber Music Festival, the "Celebrate Youth" Concert, adult education master classes, and senior outreach.
- **NIH Philharmonia**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$4,250) - 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.
- **Photokids**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$3,500) - Grant funds will be used for a Photography, Art and Nature 7 session summer program for 17 teens providing a creative experience while exploring nature in Montgomery County. An exhibition of photographs will showcase their talents and share the natural beauty in our community.
- **Rockville Bach Academy**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used to cover costs related to next "Conversation Concert" in Spring 2017.
- **Six Degree Singers**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,250) - Grant funds will be used to create two concert series focusing on the interface between music and the individual. Funds will pay for venue spaces and artistic staff stipends. Artistic staff includes Artistic Director, Assistant Artistic Director, and accompanists/performers.
- **Takoma Ensemble Inc.**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used to help cover musician fees for one concert presented in the Takoma Park/Silver Spring community.
- **Takoma Park JazzFest, INC.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,200) - Grant funds will be used to pay the bands that the Takoma Park Jazzfest, INC. will be presenting at its' 22nd annual free outdoor festival, called simply the 2017 Fest in June 2017.

- **Trinity Chamber Orchestra**, Germantown, Maryland (\$3,600) - Grant funds will be used for: a competition for young pianists in this area; concerts with winners of Young Artists Piano and young singer competitions; school concerts; and special concerts on themes, with appropriate soloists.
- **Unexpected Stage Company**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$4,250) - Grant funds will be used for production costs for USC's October 2016 performances of the musical ZOMBIE PROM by Dana P. Rowe and John Dempsey.
- **Wildwood Summer Theatre**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,000) - Grant funds will be used to help finance this year's main-stage production to occur in July. Funds will be used to partially finance production costs (including set construction, costumes, and props) and the renting of show rights.

FY17-2 Project Grants for Small Arts and Humanities Organizations and Groups

\$44,141 awarded for January 1 – June 30, 2017

Project Grants for Small Arts and Humanities Organizations and Groups 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. Fifteen organizations received FY17-2 *Project Grants for Small Arts and Humanities Organizations and Groups*.

- **DC Beauty of Beijing Opera, Ltd.**, North Potomac, Maryland (\$3,250) - Grant funds will be used to finance a 3-hour fully costumed Beijing Opera for the general public in Montgomery County, MD.
- **The Finest Performance Foundation Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,750) - Grant funds will be used to provide honoraria for the production team and cast, for the presentation of the African American play *Dream Girls* at the Gaithersburg Arts Barn.
- **Halau Nohona Hawaii**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,750) - Grant funds will be used for Halau Nohona Hawaii's annual ho'ike (recital). Ho'ike has been held for the past two years in Silver Spring, Maryland.
- **Heralds of Hope Theater Company, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,250) - Grant funds will be used to pay for rental fees and partial printing costs associated with Heralds of Hope Theater's production of *Zelma*. The play is the 3rd in a three-part series about slavery in America.
- **Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre**, Poolesville, Maryland (\$3,250) - Grant funds will be used to defray theater rental costs for their spring 2017 production of *Aladdin and His Magic Lamp*, to be performed at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School Performing Arts Center in Olney.
- **Kolot HaLev**, Kensington, Maryland (\$4,655) - Grant funds will be used for honoraria for two soloists; travel for one soloist from NYC; honoraria for 4 instrumentalists; and outreach activities including printing, publicity, and audio recording.
- **Live Garra Theatre**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,250) - Grant funds will be used to help underwrite the production costs of the original musical production *Fool in Love - the Frankie Lymon Story*.
- **Montgomery Symphony Orchestra**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,400) - Grant funds will be used for a youth concerto concert in June 2017, featuring middle and/or high school students playing one movement of a concerto of their choice, accompanied by the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra.
- **National String Symphonia**, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,750) - Grant funds will be used to support a performance entitled *Compos(h)ers*, a concert featuring string orchestral music that will highlight works composed by women. Grant funds will assist in renting the venue and paying the NSS musicians.
- **Neighborhood Concerts**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$1,125) - Grant funds will be used for costs associated with producing two admission-free concerts at the Chevy Chase Town Office, including artist fees, space rental, music purchase, printing, and postage.
- **NIH Community Orchestra**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$1,166) - Grant funds will be used for the April 2017 NIH Community Orchestra concert. The included costs are the facilities rental for performance and rehearsal, and the Music Director's honorarium.

- **The Rockville Bach Academy, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$1,000) - Grant funds will be used to partially support costs for soloists, chorus, orchestra, venue and instrument (organ) rental, insurance, publicity, other logistic and technical costs for their next *Conversation Concert* in Spring 2017.
- **Rockville Brass Band, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,381) - Grant funds will be used for venue rental, marketing materials, and new musical scores for a community concert closing out their 40th anniversary season.
- **UpRooted Dance**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,750) - Grant funds will be used for a collaborative interdisciplinary performance combining dance and printmaking. UpRooted Dance and printmaker Susan Goldman will work together to create this new and original visual, performance piece.
- **The Washington Metropolitan Gamer Symphony Orchestra**, Germantown, Maryland (\$1,414) - Grant funds will be used to fund a Spring 2017 concert at Rockville High School. These funds will pay for venue rental, equipment rental, concert promotion, and graphic design for concert advertising.

FY17 Artists and Scholars Project Grants

\$90,030 awarded for July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Artists and Scholars Project Grants 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-eight artists received FY17 *Artists and Scholars Project Grants*.

- **Alyscia Cunningham**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used to develop and print 1,000 copies of Cunningham's book *I Am More Than My Hair: Bald and Beautiful Me*, a social-change coffee table book that tells the stories and celebrates the beauty of girls and women who have lost their hair due to medical conditions.
- **Barbara Allen[‡]**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$942) - Grant funds will be used to have several watercolor paintings on paper framed by a professional framer to present them to a gallery in the Washington metro area for exhibition.
- **Beatriz del Olmo-Fiddleman**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used to teach a series of art book classes to high schoolers in MCPS, continuing her work with immigrant youth in exploring and creating new avenues for this art-making expression.
- **Bonnie Rich**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,200) - Grant funds will be used to complete the feature length documentary, "Searching for My Jewish Soul," which follows three generations of one Jewish Montgomery County family and how their relationship to religion evolves with each generation.
- **Carien Quiroga**, Damascus, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used for the creation of a new body of mixed media work entitled "The Mother Effect." The series of 25 small-scale artworks will be in response to shared stories about mother figure relationships.
- **Carol Petrucci**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,850) - Grant funds will be used to complete a series of ceramic sculptural works that incorporate Montgomery County and Maryland biodiversity.
- **Carrie Rose**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$3,693) - Grant funds will be used to produce the seventh season of the Origins Concert Series in Silver Spring. New compositions will be premiered - one at each concert.
- **Cathy Fink**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used to create a new body of works in short stories.
- **Charles Barnett**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used to write and record a three-movement musical composition for strings, harp, and percussion. The rhythms used in this piece will be Latin: songo, rhumba, and merengue.
- **Clare Winslow**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$2,936) - Grant funds will be used to create a series of approximately twenty prints and three paintings that are part of an ongoing body of work related to nature and relationships.
- **Dan Britton**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,332) - Grant funds will be used to complete the recording, mixing, and release of the album "Oceanarium" by Deluge Grander, a musical project that Britton is leading.

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- **David Terrar**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used for the design preparation, painting, handling, installation and exhibit of 10 high quality representational oil paintings on the theme of "Damascus My Hometown." Additionally, the funds will be used to prepare and print a small booklet describing the art work.
- **Dawn Hall**, Germantown, Maryland (\$2,960) - Grant funds will be used for pick-up shooting, editing and animation in order to complete a short avant-garde experimental film, "Testament of the Shadow."
- **Elizabeth Wallace**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$2,914) - Grant funds will be used to write a business and marketing plan for a science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) camp for middle school students, and create a curriculum to teach lunar astronomy and space exploration using storytelling and multimedia production.
- **Frank Martin**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,008) - Grant funds will be used to pay for songwriting instruction and mentoring with successful songwriter and instructor Steve Seskin. The objectives of the instruction are to advance Martin's songwriting knowledge, skills, and abilities.
- **Gregory Fontana**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$4,200) - Grant funds will be used to produce Fontana's thesis film. This short film, entitled "Comma Think About Your Choices in Gold Now Period," will tell the story of Karen Lempf, a dyslexic Live Voice Translator, who uses her voice to translate the spoken dialogue in television shows into closed captions for the hearing-impaired.
- **Jackie Hoysted**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$2,309) - Grant funds will be used to attend a workshop called Experimental Capture at Anderson Ranch Arts Center, CO in July 2016.
- **Jacqui Crocetta**, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,171) - Grant funds will be used to create a new body of artwork in response to Crocetta's exploration of hope and healing, particularly the issues that erode hope in our families and communities and how people, particularly women, cope and thrive in difficult times.
- **John Borstel**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,343) - Grant funds will be used in support of the development of *Critique Is Creative: Liz Lerman's Critical Response Process in Theory and Action*, a book that Borstel is co-authoring and editing, to be published by Wesleyan University Press in early 2018.
- **Karen Lovejoy**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$4,200) - Grant funds will be used to complete a CD and accompanying PR, including band rehearsals of new arrangements and tunes, charts for new music and arrangements, studio recording time, and photos of the band and CD cover art to facilitate community knowledge and information.
- **Kasi Aysola**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$3,369) - Grant funds will be used to create and stage a new dance production entitled "Amba: A Tale of Conviction and Courage" using the movement vocabulary of the Indian dances style, Bharata Natyam.
- **Lauren Kingsland**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,700) - Grant funds will be used to create four unique fabric artworks entitled "Quilted Mementos" to exhibit in the atrium gallery of the Takoma Park Community Center (TPCC) in Sept.-Oct. 2016. The project entails construction, installation and documentation of these panels, plus development of related lectures and workshops.
- **Laurie Breen**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,360) - Grant funds will be used to attend an artist residency in order to create a new body of work, a series of large format mixed media paintings.
- **Leon Gerskovic**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used to support post-production costs on a documentary work-in-progress with the working title "The Sideman".

- **Liz Seaton**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$3,024) - Grant funds will be used to write and illustrate with ink drawings/watercolor paintings a children's book entitled "Paint with a Big Brush," featuring the newly created characters Whimsy Paintheart and Palette for children ages 3 to 7.
- **Muriel Hasbun**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,200) - Grant funds will be used for the printing of a limited edition of archival pigment prints of the series of photographs "si je meurs/if I die" and the publication of 125 catalogs via MagCloud to promote the work.
- **Rob Guttenberg**, North Potomac, Maryland (\$2,174) - Grant funds will be used to produce a concert featuring singer/songwriter Rob Guttenberg, Bassist Tom Scullen and folk singer/songwriters Kim and Reggie Harris focusing on the theme of 'Overcoming Adversity', to be held at St. Mark Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, Maryland.
- **Thomas Block**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,700) - Grant funds will be used to create a body of paintings to complete the set for Block's play "Sub Basement." Six large paintings will be portraits representing of the characters in the play, while the 10 smaller pieces will be abstract representations of their emotional state.

FY17-1 Arts Integration Residency in the Schools Grants

\$13,352 awarded for September 1 – December 31, 2016

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. Five artists received FY17-1 *Arts Integration Residency in the Schools Grants*.

- **Arcola Elementary School, Adrienne Clancy**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,694) - Grant funds will be used for a 4th grade dance residency that will connect the fall science unit to the Earth and Science approved AHCMC residency.
- **South Lake Elementary School, Ali Oliver-Krueger**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$2,958) - Grant funds will be used for a residency with Ali Oliver-Krueger using creative drama strategies for reading comprehension and vocabulary acquisition.
- **Stedwick Elementary School, Arianna Ross**, Montgomery Village, Maryland (\$2,000) - Grant funds will be used to hire Arianna Ross to lead a kick-off performance for 3rd-5th graders followed by a 5-day residency for 3rd grade students.
- **Strathmore Elementary School, Leila Cabib**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,700) - Grant funds will be used to provide a series of bilingual (Spanish/English) cartooning workshops for newly arrived immigrant students in grades 3-5.
- **Westbrook Elementary School, Carien Quiroga**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$3,000) - Grant funds will be used to create a collaborative mosaic mural as an empowering tool for self-expression and symbolic of overcoming personal challenges.

FY17-2 Arts Integration Residency in the Schools Grants

\$9,925 awarded for January 1 – June 15, 2017

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. Five artists received FY17-2 *Arts Integration Residency in the Schools Grants*.

- **Fox Chapel Elementary School, Suzanne Fierston**, Germantown, Maryland (\$2,025) - Grant funds will be used to conduct historical research and paint an acrylic 12 x 14-inch symbolic portrait of a U.S. colonial-era figure.
- **Gaithersburg Elementary School, Noa Baum**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$1,643) - Grant funds will be used for Noa Baum to creatively collaborate with the art teacher and students to create an original collaborative story book.
- **Stedwick Elementary School, Adrienne Clancy**, Montgomery Village, Maryland (\$2,629) - Grant funds will be used for the *Earth & Space Dance* residency combining science with dance and will be with Stedwick 5th grader students.
- **Wheaton High School, Joanne Miller**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,329) - Grant funds will be used for the *Photography, Art and Nature in the Community* residency and exhibit for 250 Wheaton High School ESOL students reaching all five levels of ESOL learners.
- **White Oak Middle School, Ali Oliver-Krueger**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,299) - Grant funds will be used to conduct a residency integrating creative drama with the 8th grade ELA curriculum and social studies unit on the Civil War.

FY17 Artists and Scholars in the Community Grants

\$4,500 awarded for October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017

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. Three artists received FY17 *Artists and Scholars in the Community Grants*.

- **B'Nai B'Rith Homecrest House, Adrienne Clancy**, 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 in supporting mental acuity, agility and positive attitudes.
- **Montgomery County Correctional Facility, Carien Quiroga**, Boyds, Maryland (\$1,500) - Grant funds will be used for a series of art workshops with inmates suffering from mental illness in the Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU) at MCCF as a beneficial artistic, educational and therapeutic experience during their incarceration.
- **Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Inc., Marcie Wolf-Hubbard**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,500) - Grant funds will be used for the artist to facilitate art sessions for transition-age youth, ages 14-24, with behavioral and/or mental health challenges. The artist will lead participants in drawing (portraits, nature) and collage with altered books.

FY17 Wheaton Cultural Project Grants

\$90,000 awarded for January 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018

Wheaton Cultural Project 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 FY17 *Wheaton Cultural Project Grants*.

- **Brian Frankel**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$9,500) - Grant funds will be used to produce the 3rd Annual *Wheaton Film Festival* and produce the 2nd Annual *Make a Movie in a Month* Project, which will offer educational panels, networking opportunities, & film screenings.
- **Carpe Diem Arts**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$9,500) - Grant funds will be used for culturally diverse after-school arts programs for middle school students at the Pembridge Community Center, and for a mural project -- in collaboration with Montgomery Housing Partnership.
- **ClancyWorks Dance Company**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$9,000) - Grant funds will be used to implement comprehensive community programming to engage Wheaton's diverse cultural and intergenerational community. ClancyWorks will conduct: after school workshops for Wheaton youth, creative movement sessions for Wheaton Senior Citizens, professional dance learning clinics to take place in Wheaton by Wheaton artists for dance community, as well as ClancyWorks performances and two culminating youth dance concerts to take place in Wheaton.
- **Dance Exchange**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$9,500) - Grant funds will be used for a week of outdoor dancemaking and experiential environmental education led by Dance Exchange at the Brookside Nature Center, serving local 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders and their families during Spring Break 2017.
- **DC Beauty of Beijing Opera, Ltd.**, North Potomac, Maryland (\$6,125) - Grant funds will be used to finance a 3-hour fully costumed Beijing Opera for the general public in Wheaton.
- **Gandhi Brigade Youth Media**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$9,975) - Grant funds will be used to fund a collaborative effort between Gandhi Brigade Youth Media and Vikara Village to work with students at Albert Einstein High School to create, produce, perform and share their art.
- **InterAct Story Theatre Education Association, Inc.**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$10,000) - Grant funds will be used for an expanded Wheaton Family Theatre Series featuring new artists and original InterAct productions—a new play, children's opera, arts workshops, and a new theatre festival celebrating stories written by kids.
- **Jazz Encounters**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$7,400) - Grant funds will be used for artists fees, for the *Jazz Masters Workshop*.
- **The Rockville Bach Academy, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$9,000) - Grant funds will be used to partially support costs for soloists, chorus, orchestra, venue, publicity, and other costs for the *Conversation Concert*, featuring the music composed by Mozart, designed to include the ALAANA community in Wheaton, MD.
- **Wheaton Wonders**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$10,000) - Grant funds will be used to produce a day-long arts parade and festival. The grant funds will also support 9 months of preparation, community outreach, artwork creation, and 3 public workshops.