



## Fiscal Year 2019 Grants Awarded

# FY19 General Operating Support Grants for Large Arts and Humanities Organizations \$3,374,941 for July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

*General Operating Support Grants for Large Arts and Humanities Organizations* provide support to nonprofit organizations in Montgomery County that have annual cash operating expenses of over \$150,000, full-time paid directors, and an annual audit. Twenty-eight organizations received awards within this category.

- **Adventure Theatre MTC**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$135,064) – Adventure Theatre MTC (ATMTC) educates and inspires new generations of theatre artists and audiences with exceptional theatrical experiences. ATMTC is a leading arts organization in the DC region, focused on youth and family theatre performances and high-quality pre-professional training. Serving nearly 40,000 constituents in the last year, ATMTC's award-winning professional productions and technique-based training inspire young people's imagination and creativity, cultivating new generations of artists and life-long audiences.
- **Artivate**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$48,541) – Artivate engages communities to create interactive arts experiences that inspire learning. The organization sees the transformative power of the arts as an essential part of community life, enhancing education and creating connections that transcend language, culture and individual circumstances to cultivate awareness and a broader world perspective.
- **ArtStream, Inc.**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$30,115) – Through collaborative performance and lifelong learning opportunities, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities gain the skills and confidence to engage with the world. ArtStream's Inclusive Theatre Companies (ITCs), Cabaret, and classes serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- **Baltimore Symphony Orchestra**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$275,216) – Since 1916, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (BSO) has performed the highest quality symphonic music of all eras that nurture the human spirit, with an organizational mission to engage, inspire, and educate its audiences in a fiscally responsible manner. The BSO is Maryland's largest arts and cultural organization, and serves as a cultural center of vitality and importance.
- **Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington**, Rockville, Maryland (\$60,390) - The Bender JCC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-sectarian, community service agency serving the Greater DC-metro area with affordable and accessible programs and services. Open to everyone, the organization's mission is to cultivate communities in a warm and inclusive environment to celebrate Jewish life and values. The Bender JCC's comprehensive arts and culture program provides high quality, value-added arts programming, under the Gildenhorn/Speisman Center for the Arts.

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

- **CityDance**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$85,198) – CityDance is an arts and education leader with a mission to transform lives and communities through dance. The organization meets this mission through three programmatic areas: CityDance School & Conservatory in Montgomery County, MD; CityDance DREAM in the District; and CityDance Presents serving the greater metro area. The CityDance School & Conservatory, with a goal to prepare youth for professional dance careers, provides dance training in ballet, contemporary and world dance forms taught by world-renowned faculty; personalized coaching; guest artist residencies; master classes; summer intensives with professional companies and artists; and professional performances.
- **Dance Exchange**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$22,829) – The mission of Dance Exchange is to ignite inquiry, inspire change, and connect people of all ages more deeply to the questions at the heart of our lives through dancemaking and creative practices. Dance Exchange collaborates across generations, disciplines, and communities to channel the power of performance as a means for dialogue, a source of critical reflection, and a creative engine for thought and action.
- **Friends of the Library, Montgomery County (FOLMC)**, Rockville, Maryland (\$47,659) – The mission of FOLMC is to strengthen, promote, and champion Montgomery County’s public library system as it responds to the changing needs of our diverse communities. FOLMC’s goal is to raise funds for and awareness of library resources and services by developing educational programs and launching new initiatives.
- **Germantown Cultural Arts Center dba BlackRock Center for the Arts**, Germantown, Maryland (\$84,582) – BlackRock, is a gem in Upper Montgomery County. The organization is both a cultural and community institution, widely acknowledged as the leading performing and visual arts center in this region. Together with their partner organizations, they help to create stronger bonds among residents by providing a unique array of opportunities to explore, experience and celebrate world-class artistry.
- **Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$113,645) – The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture (GEPPAC)’s mission is to present vibrant artistic, cultural, and educational offerings at Glen Echo Park and promote the Park as a unique destination for our region's diverse population. The Partnership nurtures a dynamic community of artists and performers while preserving and managing historic facilities within a National Park.
- **Imagination Stage**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$270,894) – The mission of Imagination Stage (IStage) is to empower all young people to discover their voice and identity through performing arts education and theatre. IStage envisions a future where theatre experiences are a fundamental aspect of children’s lives, nourishing their creative spirit, inspiring them to embrace the complexity and diversity of their world.
- **Levine Music**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$146,150) – Levine Music is the region's preeminent center for music education committed to developing a lifelong love of music in everyone, regardless of age, ability, or means. Levine is founded upon three pillars: Education, Performance, and Community. The organization’s goals are to provide the cognitive and social benefits of arts education; create a new generation of music appreciators; spur community redevelopment; provide mentors to our students; and provide children in under-served neighborhoods opportunity through music education.
- **Maryland Youth Ballet**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$113,679) – Maryland Youth Ballet (MYB)'s mission is to provide: 1) young dancers with high caliber, classical ballet training to prepare them for professional careers and/or acceptance top level dance training centers. 2) professional and

recreational adult programs 3) accessible, professional-quality ballet performances 4) financially disadvantaged young children with a free introduction to ballet and training scholarships 5) young children with physical disabilities, the opportunity to experience the joy of dance movement in our custom-equipped ballet studio.

- **Metropolitan Ballet Theatre, Inc.**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$57,547) – Metropolitan Ballet Theatre (MBT) provides arts opportunities for all through exceptional dance education, community outreach, and inspiring performances. The organization's goals of excellence and service to our community are accomplished in MBT's three program areas: Academy, Outreach, and Productions.
- **KID Museum**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$84,186) – KID Museum's mission is to cultivate creativity, curiosity, and compassion to build a better world. A home-grown nonprofit created by parents and educators from Montgomery County, KID Museum is a unique, experiential learning space. KID Museum provides a space to inspire wonder and exploration through maker experiences for elementary and middle school-aged children that integrate hands-on science, technology, engineering, art, culture, and service learning with an exploration of world cultures and global citizenship.
- **Montgomery Community Television dba Montgomery Community Media**, Rockville, Maryland (\$198,339) – Montgomery County Media (MCM) is the county's Telly and CINE award-winning community media center and region's largest access station. Since 1984 MCM's aim is to "*inform, connect and educate*" the residents of Montgomery County. MCM's mission is to create and deliver unique media content that educates, entertains, informs and inspires those who live and work in Montgomery County.
- **Montgomery County Historical Society**, Rockville, Maryland (\$14,400) – Since 1944 Montgomery History has served Montgomery County and the region through exhibits, programs, educational activities, a research library, and history-themed conferences. From our base in Rockville, we operate the c. 1815 Beall-Dawson House and Stonestreet Museum of 19th Century Medicine; manage an 11,000-item collection of historic artifacts, and operate the Jane C. Sween Research and Special Collections Library and Montgomery County's official government archives.
- **National Philharmonic Orchestra & Chorale of Montgomery County, Inc.**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$107,145) - The mission of the National Philharmonic is to provide the highest quality orchestral, choral, and other musical experiences that enrich and inspire the lives of residents in Montgomery County and the Washington metropolitan area. The goal of the National Philharmonic is to provide audiences with professional performances at a convenient location and an affordable price. The organization aims to appeal to the diverse cultural backgrounds of the community through concerts of varied repertoire, diverse guest soloists, and unique education programs accessible to people of all ages.
- **Olney Theatre Center**, Olney, Maryland (\$351,773) – Olney Theatre Center for the Arts (OTC) has served as a cultural landmark for 80 years, entertaining and educating millions of Americans on its fourteen-acre campus in Montgomery County, and all over Maryland and the nation through its National Players touring arm.
- **Round House Theatre**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$205,740) – Round House Theatre is a home for outstanding ensemble acting and lifelong learning. Round House Theatre seeks to captivate audiences with stories that inspire compassion, evoke emotions, and demand conversation.

- **Sandy Spring Museum**, Sandy Spring, Maryland (\$55,387) – Founded in 1981 to preserve the unique history of Sandy Spring, Sandy Spring Museum (SSM) has consistently adapted to the demands, requests, and needs of its community. SSM’s mission is to serve as a place for people to make meaningful connections to community history through the cultural arts. SSM provides the environment and inspiration for artists and community members to create and host programs, performances, activities, and exhibits that engage, stimulate, and bring people together.
- **Strathmore Hall Foundation, Inc.**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$566,281) – Strathmore’s vision is to create transcendent moments that ignite the human spirit. Their mission/purpose is to present and produce exemplary visual and performing arts programs for diverse audiences; create dynamic arts education experiences; and nurture creative ideas and conversations that advance the future of the arts.
- **Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts dba VisArts**, Rockville, Maryland (\$96,179) – The mission of the Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts (“VisArts”) is to transform individuals and communities through the visual arts.
- **the Puppet Co.**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$24,035) – the Puppet Co. was established to create and present puppet theater, especially for children and family audiences, as a synthesis of the visual and performing arts; through interpretive programs including classes, demonstrations, and exhibits, to inform and excite the public about the potential of puppetry; and to establish theaters for the presentation of those programs.
- **The Writer's Center**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$71,715) – The Writer’s Center (TWC) cultivates the creation, publication, presentation, and dissemination of literary work. TWC is an independent literary organization with a global reach, rooted in a dynamic community of writers. As one of the premier centers of its kind in the country, the organization believes the craft of writing is open to people of all backgrounds and ages.
- **Washington Conservatory of Music**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$54,285) – The Washington Conservatory of Music provides exceptional musical learning and listening experiences for students and the community. The Conservatory’s vision is to be a community inspired and informed by the experience of music. The paramount goal of the organization is to maintain high quality music lessons, classes, free concerts and events for children, teens, and adults that reflect their distinction as one of the sixteen nationally accredited community music schools in the country.
- **Washington Revels, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$40,560) – Washington Revel's mission is to create community through celebration. Through performance, education, and outreach, Washington Revels is dedicated to reviving and celebrating cultural traditions such as music, dance, storytelling, drama and ritual, which have bound communities together over the ages and across the globe.
- **Young Artists of America at Strathmore**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$13,406) - 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, middle and high school 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.

## FY19 Advancement Grants

**\$295,094 awarded for July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019**

*Advancement Grants* assist arts and humanities organizations in attaining fiscal stability and long-term viability. Grants support long-term planning, and technology improvements critical to an organization's arts or humanities mission. Nine organizations received FY19 awards within this category.

- **Adventute Theatre MTC**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$39,762) – Grant funds will be used to upgrade programmatic and operational infrastructure, including upgrading aging production equipment, replacing carpeting and office lighting, redesigning a mobile-friendly website, and creating an Autism-friendly quiet room.
- **Artpreneurs, Inc dba Arts on the Block**, Kensington, Maryland (\$91,077) – Arts on the Block (AOB) will use grant funds to facilitate an organizational move and expansion from their Kensington studio location to the first floor of the new Silver Spring Library. Funds will be used to hire architecture, interior design, and project management professionals to plan and design the interior of the new space. The new space will include AOB offices, a gallery, a retail store, a large digital design and mosaic studio.
- **Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington**, Germantown, Maryland (\$19,187) – The Bender JCC of Greater Washington (Bender JCC) requests funding to replace the wireless microphone systems in the Kreeger Auditorium in order to comply with new Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations.
- **Docs In Progress**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$21,827) – Grant funds will be used to make technological improvements for Docs In Progress' new Silver Spring space, which will expand the organization's capacity to offer high quality documentary filmmaking workshops and screenings.
- **Friends of the Library, Montgomery County**, Rockville, Maryland (\$20,387) – Grant funds will support IT infrastructure upgrades including hardware, software, network resources, and services required for efficient, reliable operations.
- **Imagination Stage**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$25,103) – Grant funds will be used to replace the aging headset system, which is vital to producing professional and student productions on the mainstage. Imagination Stage (IStage) will also upgrade digital media equipment needed for filmmaking courses. Both components of this project are vital to IStage programs aimed at middle and high school students.
- **KID Museum**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$55,860) - Grant funds will be used to support Phase I of KID Museum's Campaign Planning Process. This includes 1. Communications assessment and brand enhancement; 2. Campaign readiness coaching and; 3. Capital Campaign Consultant will help finalize case statement and materials, develop timeline and targets for fundraising, and work with Board and staff to launch the private sector phase of the campaign.
- **Sandy Spring Museum**, Sandy Spring, Maryland (\$10,256) – Grant funds will be used to upgrade technology that will build the foundation for enhanced fundraising capabilities.

- **Story Tapestries, Inc.**, Germantown, Maryland (\$11,631) - Grant funds will be used to hire two consultants to work collaboratively with Story Tapestries (ST) to provide expertise and training for Board development/recruitment, and developing fundraising capacity to help ST meet its goals. Consultants will also assist staff and Board members to create a fundraising roadmap. Grant funds will allow ST staff/Board members to attend training programs, including courses offered by Nonprofit Montgomery.

## FY19 Capital Improvement Grants

**\$891,762 awarded for July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020**

Capital Improvement Grants provide supplemental funding for special purposes and assist arts and humanities organizations in attaining stability and long-term viability. Five organizations received FY19 awards within this category.

- **Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$250,00) - Grant funds will be used to replace the deteriorating roof and repaint the exterior of the carousel building that houses the historically and artistically significant 1921 Dentzel carousel at Glen Echo Park.
- **Metropolitan Ballet Theatre**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$193,525) - Grant funds support the buildout of the space to include 3 studios with proper sprung dance flooring and integrated audio/AV. The construction includes demo, rerouting HVAC units to gain adequate ceiling height, and installing equipment such as barres and mirrors.
- **Montgomery Community Television dba Montgomery Community Media**, Rockville, Maryland (98,237) - Grant funds will be used to complete the infrastructure construction of Silver Spring Community Media Lab with an integrated security system, power surge, phasing protection, construction of a podcast facility, and cabinets.
- **Olney Theatre Center**, Olney, Maryland (\$100,000) - Grant funds will be used for improvements of the structural integrity and appeal of Olney Theatre Center (OTC) including new carpet in the Mainstage Theatre; roof and drainage repairs to three buildings; sidewalk and parking lot repairs across campus; new fire alarm panels and security lighting.
- **Round House Theatre**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$250,000) - Grant funds will be used to overhaul the HVAC system at Round House Theatre's Bethesda facilities. This major capital improvement is part of a larger renovation project to begin in January 2019. The new HVAC system will have a long-term impact on the theatre's operations by improving temperature control, reduced acoustic interruption, and enhanced energy efficiency.



## FY19 General Operating Support Grants for Mid-Size Arts and Humanities Organizations

**\$590,540 awarded for July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019**

*General Operating Support Grants for Mid-Size Arts and Humanities Organizations* provide support to organizations with annual cash operating expenses of at least \$50,000 and not more than \$150,000. Organizations that have annual expenses of more than \$150,000 are eligible if the organization did not apply for *General Operating Support Grants for Large Arts and Humanities Organizations*. Twenty-eight organizations received FY19 awards within this category.

- **After School Dance Fund**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$17,687) – After School Dance Fund's (ASDF) mission is to develop youth leadership and promote wellness, heritage, and cultural unity through Latin dance education. Our goals are to combat the troubling prevalence of preventable social and health issues in the Latina/o community, including childhood obesity, high rates of high school dropouts, teen pregnancy, domestic violence, and the devastating influence of gangs in our communities. Participants in the after school dance program learn to perform popular Latin dances and live a healthy lifestyle.
- **Akhmedova Ballet Academy**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$19,706) – 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 artists ready to take their places in major dance companies around the world.
- **Artpreneurs Inc. dba Arts on the Block**, Kensington, Maryland (\$24,706) – Arts on the Block (AOB) empowers creative youth to imagine and shape fulfilling futures for themselves and contribute to the quality of life of their communities. AOB achieves its mission by providing real-world experiences in the arts and entrepreneurial training that open new pathways to learning, self-discovery, and achievement.
- **Arts for the Aging, Inc. (AFTA)**, Rockville, Maryland (\$23,456) – Arts for the Aging, Inc. (AFTA) is an award-winning social service organization that engages older adults in health improvement and life enhancement through frequent, multidisciplinary, participatory arts programs. AFTA's primary focus brings visual, musical, performing, literary, interdisciplinary, and intergenerational arts experiences to groups of older adults living with a range of aging-related physical and cognitive impairments.
- **Bel Cantanti Opera**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$18,456) – Bel Cantanti Opera's mission is to support the development of young opera singers by providing coaching and performance opportunities in front of live audiences, and bring these performances to the community at an affordable cost.
- **Cantate Chamber Singers**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$14,247) – Cantate Chamber Singers' (CCS) mission is to stimulate awareness and appreciation of sacred and secular choral music through innovative programming, creative outreach, and collaborative performances with other artists and ensembles. Cantate is dedicated to presenting artistically exciting, inspiring performances of

newly commissioned and rarely heard choral works, alongside well-beloved established repertoire.

- **ClancyWorks Dance Company**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$23,456) - ClancyWorks (CW) enhances the quality of life for people in many communities, using the arts as a way to develop mutual understanding and to advance positive social action. The Company does this in four focus areas: Performance, Arts Education (AiE), Community Engagement, and Professional Development (PD). CW's mission is to increase the public appetite for, and understanding of, the arts by presenting high quality dance performances and educational programs.
- **CREATE Arts Center Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$23,456) – CREATE Arts Center (CREATE) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit visual arts organization that has been providing high-quality art education, enrichment, and therapeutic arts experiences to individuals and families for over 30 years. CREATE's mission is to spark creativity, foster learning, empower individuals, and facilitate community connections through the visual arts.
- **Docs In Progress**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$20,957) – The mission of Docs In Progress is to give individuals tools to tell stories through documentary film to educate, inspire, and transform the way people view their world. Docs in Progress empowers and supports a community of visual storytellers with fresh perspectives that are crucial to civic discourse, social change, and greater awareness of key issues confronting our society, from around the world to right here in our neighborhood in Silver Spring.
- **Flying V, Ltd.**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$20,957) – Flying V creates theatre that invigorates and inspires people to live life with a greater sense of appreciation and adventure. A gateway drug to theater that bridges the gap between pop culture and high culture, Flying V is dedicated to the creation, development, and production of vibrant, original work, offbeat contemporary plays, and performance art inspired by genre fiction and other modern mythologies.
- **Gandhi Brigade Youth Media**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$22,206) – The mission of Gandhi Brigade Youth Media is to prepare youth to become leaders through a community engagement process that uses digital media. The organization's goals include training middle and high school students in videography, digital editing, digital music creation, graphic design and engaging participants in a process of building leadership and advocacy skills as they create digital media that challenges injustice.
- **Glen Echo Pottery (GEP)**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$22,206) – Based in Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo Pottery (GEP) has nurtured the artistic spirit of thousands of students since 1975. The organization's mission is to teach ceramic arts in a relaxed but creatively serious environment that is accessible and inspirational to everyone from the tentative novice to the very experienced student.
- **Glorystar Music Education and Cultural Foundation, Inc. dba Glorystar Children's Chorus**, Potomac, Maryland (\$19,707) – 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.
- **Inscape Chamber Orchestra**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$18,456) – Inscape Chamber Orchestra is dedicated to premiering and recording of new works by American composers. The organization's mission is to perform concerts that engage audiences with compelling concert experiences.
- **InterAct Story Theatre**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$22,206) – InterAct Story Theatre is a multidisciplinary touring theatre for young audiences dedicated to providing quality

performances, arts-integrated classroom workshops, artist-in-residency programs for kids, families and educators. The organization creates interactive theatre experiences for kids and families designed to bring everyone together through theatre to engage, explore, and grow.

- **interPLAY Orchestra**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$23,456) – interPLAY Orchestra (IPO) is a community orchestra comprised of adults with cognitive and physical disabilities who learn to make music in collaboration with high school seniors, college students and professional musicians. The organization’s mission is based on the belief that music is not just about the written notes, and that cognitive disabilities should not limit a person's access to enjoy and even perform music. Professional musicians volunteer to share their musical talent and performance experience by joining Orchestra Members to perform all types of music, from Bach to Basie.
- **Kalanidhi Dance**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$23,456) – Kalanidhi Dance's mission is to inspire appreciation for Kuchipudi dance through artistic excellence, creative performances, high quality educational programs, and collaborations. It does this by maintaining and enhancing its status as a dance company rooted in the classical Indian tradition, creating original, high quality artistic work that remains authentic to the Kuchipudi style and pushing the boundaries of Kuchipudi through collaborations with local and international artists, across genres.
- **Lumina Studio Theatre, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$18,456) – Lumina Studio Theatre provides unique opportunities for young and adult actors of all levels of experience to perform classic theatre in a professional setting. Lumina engages actors in a rigorous, comprehensive performance-directed program of theatre arts using the techniques of Rudolf Steiner, Michael Chekhov, and Stella Adler.
- **Marlow Guitar International Incorporated**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$23,456) – The mission of Marlow Guitar International (MGI), formerly named International Conservatory of Music, is to create community through music by drawing people together for entertainment, education, and inspiration. MGI was named in honor of John Marlow, a performer, composer, arranger, and educator, who inspired and assisted generations of guitarists with his talent, commitment to excellence, and generous personality.
- **New Orchestra of Washington**, Rockville, Maryland (\$22,206) – The mission of the New Orchestra of Washington (NOW) is to make music relevant to new audiences through performances that combine a range of genres with fresh interpretations of classic works, and through community-building projects that engage new and experienced concertgoers.
- **Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$23,456) – Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation (PRHP) safeguards and promotes the history of the City of Rockville by preserving buildings, objects, documents, spaces, places, and information important to the City’s heritage. The organization seeks to accomplish this mission through a multi-pronged approach of education, advocacy, example, and community involvement.
- **Photoworks at Glen Echo Park**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$19,706) – Photoworks is a unique photography, community, and resource center. Photoworks offers education programs, quarterly courses, gallery exhibitions, and community outreach initiatives to enrich and broaden the lives of photographers, artists, and students, facilitating photographers at all levels to grow to their visual potential.
- **Project Change (Team of Stars Program)**, Olney, Maryland (\$20,957) – Project Change (PC), the parent organization for the Team of Stars (TOS), is a youth-driven, nonprofit organization empowering middle and high school students to be agents for positive change within their

communities through youth health, wellness, service, and leadership opportunities. PC enables youth to tap into their potential and influence their communities, with peer mentoring being an integral part of its programs. TOS is a Summer Camp and after-school program for low income middle school youth that fosters youth development skills through musical theater.

- **Silver Spring Town Center Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$18,455) – Silver Spring Town Center Inc. (SSTCi) educates, entertains, and inspires residents of all ages by activating public spaces with arts and cultural events that embrace the region’s diversity and build community connections. SSTCi's goal is to create a "community living room" through its over 100 FREE arts and entertainment programs year-round.
- **Story Tapestries, Inc.**, Germantown, Maryland (\$24,705) – Story Tapestries (ST) is a leading arts organization that serves our Montgomery County community through: 1) Professional performances in storytelling, theater, dance, spoken word, and other art forms in a variety of public spaces including community centers, local theaters, libraries, and schools; and 2) Workshops and in-depth training programs for adults and children to develop skills in various art forms, sharing how to use the performing, visual, and literary arts to develop their voice, share their stories and increase their literacy, social-emotional, and STEAM skills.
- **Symphony of the Potomac**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$19,706) – Symphony of the Potomac (SOTP) is a community-based orchestra. The high-quality symphony orchestra, with diverse membership, offers affordable concerts to increase awareness of and educate residents about classical music and orchestral performance. The symphony provides talented young people and qualified adult amateurs the opportunity to play under a professional conductor with professionally trained musicians. The symphony brings classical music to audiences that would not otherwise have access to live performances, including school children and adults in residential care.
- **The Highwood Theatre Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$22,205) – The Highwood Theatre's (HT) mission is to provide members of the community, of all ages and experience levels, with opportunities to create theatre collaboratively in a professional environment. The Highwood Theatre believes that anyone can do theatre and that there is a place and a role for everyone. The Highwood Theatre strives to build community through participant-produced theatre.
- **Youth Art for Healing**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$18,455) – Youth Art for Healing (YAFH) is a non-profit organization founded in 2012. YAFH brings works of art created by youth into healthcare environments, to provide a sense of comfort, inspiration, healing for patients, their loved ones, and healthcare professionals.

# FY19 Project Grants for Small Arts and Humanities Organizations and Groups

**\$83,948 awarded for July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019**

*Project Grants for Small Arts and Humanities Organizations and Groups* fund organizations with annual cash operating expenses up to \$50,000, and support the presentation of high-quality programs for the public. Nineteen organizations received FY19 awards within this category.

- **Bethesda Little Theater**, Olney, Maryland (\$4,750) – Grant funds will be used for theater rental, set design, costumes, promotion, and other show materials for a musical stage performance that takes place over three weekends. Funds will also pay for director, stage manager and musician honorariums.
- **DC Beauty of Beijing Opera Ltd**, North Potomac, Maryland (\$4,950) – Grant funds will be used to finance a fully costumed Beijing Opera, and associated workshops for the public, to broaden the cultural horizon of local residents.
- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,700) – Grant funds will be used to pay expenses for festival activities, including the facility rental, workshop fees, panelist fees, supplies and printing.
- **FocusMusic**, Derwood, Maryland (\$3,800) – Grant funds will be used to: 1. Coordinate production of Focus Bethesda & Focus Rockville shows. 2. Develop joint projects with other nonprofit organizations that produce folk and acoustic concerts in Montgomery County. 3. Focus Bethesda and Rockville sound tech costs.
- **Heralds of Hope Theater**, Laytonsville, Maryland (\$4,900) – Grant funds will be used to pay for rental and rehearsal fees for the production of the play, *"Fire In My Eyes"* to be held at the Randolph Road Theater, Silver Spring, Maryland, in October through November.
- **Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre**, Poolesville, Maryland (\$4,900) – Grant funds will be used to defray theater rental costs for our production of *"A Christmas Carol,"* HGCBT's ballet adaptation of the Dickens classic, to be performed at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater in Rockville, Maryland.
- **Jazz Encounters**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,700) – Grant funds will be used to pay musicians and vocalists appearing at the Betty Mae Kramer Gallery, as well as a program/event host fee. The event will feature young musicians and vocalists performing every Friday night. Selected young artists from Montgomery County, and the region will be invited to showcase their talents for the downtown Silver Spring community.
- **Kolot HaLev**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$4,802) – The grant funds will be used to present a winter concert with a Montgomery County international dance group. The concert will combine music and dance under the theme: Yom SheKulo Shabbat- Redemption is at Hand.
- **Montgomery Philharmonic, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used for costs associated with an orchestral performance, educational programming, Summer Reading Sessions,

a Youth Chamber Music Festival, the “*Celebrate Youth*” Concert, adult education master classes, and senior outreach.

- **National String Symphonia**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,750) – Grant funds will be used for a professional concert of string orchestral music performed in Montgomery County.
- **NIH Philharmonia**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$4,950) – Grant funds will be used to cover costs for sheet music rental, percussion instrument rental, program printing, soloist honorarium, and the Music Director's stipend.
- **Rockville Bach Academy, Inc. dba The Advent Project**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,320) – Grant funds will be used to partially support costs for soloists, orchestra, venue, publicity, and other technical costs for the “*Conversation Concert*.”
- **Rockville Brass Band**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,976) - Grant funds will be used for venue rental, equipment rental, promotional costs, marketing costs. Funds will also support commission costs for a brass band and choir arrangement to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of Versailles.
- **Six Degree Singers**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,900) – Grant funds will be used for the preparation and execution of the fall and spring concerts. Six Degree Singers plans to continue its community choir operations and present free performances. Funds will support stipends for musical directors and the accompanist, rehearsal space fees, advertising fees, and a multimedia recording.
- **Unexpected Stage Company**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$4,950) – Grant funds will be used for program costs for Unexpected Stage's summer production of Duncan MacMillan's “*The Most Humane Way to Kill a Lobster*.”
- **Wheaton Wonders dba Wheaton Arts Parade**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used to pay for art instructors, art supplies, workshop space rental, interpretation, and other direct costs involved in producing two visual art workshops for Wheaton civic and cultural associations. The Community Art Workshops will focus on churches, especially those with a large Spanish speaking membership, and residents in affordable housing, especially middle and high school students.
- **Wildwood Summer Theatre**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,750) – Grant funds will be used to help finance this year's main-stage production of “*Heathers*,” which will be performed in July. Funds will be used to partially to finance production costs (including set construction, costumes, props) and the renting of show rights.
- **Zemer Chai**, Kensington, Maryland (\$4,850) - Grant funds will be used to organize and perform a choral concert of diverse Jewish music from around the world in a variety of styles and languages (including Hebrew, Yiddish, and Ladino, as well as English), before an audience of 400-500 people in Montgomery County, MD.

## FY19 Artists and Scholars Project Grants

**\$147,880 awarded for July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019**

*Artists and Scholars Project Grants* support the work of individual artists and scholars who reside in Montgomery County. Projects focus on the creation of artistic or scholarly work, and/or professional development. Thirty-six artists received FY19 awards within this category.

- **Adele Schmidt**, Rockville, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used for production of a documentary titled *"California Dreaming."* Funds will cover artist fees, production expenses, and travel to shoot interviews and additional footage in California.
- **Anastasia Christofakis**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$4,232) – Grant funds will be used to bring innovative musical programs to ethnically diverse students. The goal is to elicit a conversation about humanitarian concerns while providing students with an outlet to express emotions and heal.
- **Barbara Siegel**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$4,550) – Funds will be used for the artist's salary to complete, self-publish, and promote a graphic novel about Tycho Brahe, a 16th Century astronomer. Grant funds will cover copies of the finished graphic novel. These copies will be used for promotion at conventions, and to mail to individuals and organizations.
- **Beverly Ress**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,050) – Grant funds will be used for the cost of working with a Master Printer to create a multi-color print. The costs include ink, paper, the time incurred by the printer, and the time incurred by the artist.
- **Bonnie Rich**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,050) – Grant funds will be used to create the web series *"40 Days of Dishing Tradition."* In this series, filmmaker Bonnie Rich explores themes regarding passing on tradition, heritage, and religion through daily conversations with seniors, preschoolers, rabbis, scholars, her parents, her millennial daughters, their friends, and fun folks she meets along the way. Viewers will be encouraged to add their own stories.
- **Brian Frankel**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,550) – Grant funds will be used to produce a documentary film called *"Fabric"* that celebrates cultural diversity within Montgomery County. Frankel will collaboratively (1) record & compile stories representing cultural diversity, (2) use the film to mentor and educate emerging filmmakers, and (3) share the finished film at a free public screening.
- **Carlen Quiroga**, Damascus, Maryland (\$5,000) – The grant funds will be used to work with inmates suffering from mental illness in the Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU) at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. Quiroga will provide a series of visual art and creative process workshops, including a project entitled *"Call and Response - Hear our Voices."* The project and visual art workshops will offer beneficial educational, artistic, and therapeutic experiences for this vulnerable population during their incarceration.

- **Caroline Ferrante**, Olney, Maryland (\$4,550) – Grant funds will be used to pay for studio time, production, studio musicians, mastering, distribution, the culminating workshop and concert at Montgomery College.
- **Carrie Rose**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$4,550) – Grant funds will be used to produce the ninth season of the *“Origins Concert Series”* in Silver Spring, MD. Rose will premier two new compositions.
- **Cathy Fink**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,550) – Grant funds will be used to cover time spent composing new works and recording the compositions for a roots music sound library on the gourd banjo, five-string banjo, six- and 12-string guitars, Appalachian dulcimer ukulele, and cittern. The sound library will be distributed for use in film and television.
- **Cecily Bumbray**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used for studio time, producer fees, musician payments, mixing, mastering, and digital distribution.
- **Gilda Claudine (Dini) Karasik**, Kensington, Maryland (\$4,550) – Grant funds will be used to develop a book of personal essays/memoir about borders and boundaries. Karasik intends to examine issues of mixed-race identity, class, and privilege through this lens, exploring her identity as a Latina, her experience as the daughter of a Mexican immigrant with Borderline Personality Disorder, and her life living both on the U.S.-Mexico border and in Montgomery County, Maryland.
- **Fabiola Alvarez Yurcisin**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$3,724) – The grant funds will be used to purchase two cages, three small projectors, and a sheet of clear acrylic mirror that will be used to frame nine woven panels. The funds will support Alvarez Yurcisin’s artistic practice for a solo exhibition at VisArts in Rockville.
- **Jackie Hoysted**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used to install the *“One House Project”* at Blackrock Center for the Arts. The installation will include over 200 individual artist panels dedicated to a family member’s immigration story. The house is a powerful visual statement about the diversity of America. Funds will be used to build the house, conduct workshops, develop an interactive catalogue, and create an instruction manual to encourage the replication of the One House Project in other communities.
- **Jacqui Crocetta**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,550) – Grant funds will be used to develop a new body of work (paintings, prints, drawings, sculpture) in response to themes centering on compassion and conviction, as inspired by an examination of Brookside Gardens. Crocetta will look at different aspects of the gardens through the lens of pattern, abstraction, and observational drawing. Funds will also cover workshop fees to expand her artistic skills.
- **Jerry Truong**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,300) – Grant funds will be used to create a series of large-scale photographs and moving images. This new project explores the vibrant community of immigrants who fled from war-torn Vietnam in the 1980’s and eventually settled in the Washington, D.C./Virginia area.
- **Karash Payne**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$3,640) – Grant funds will be used to purchase photographic equipment essential to improving the quality of reference photographs used in the applicant’s oil paintings of figures in and under water.
- **Karen Lovejoy**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$4,550) – Grant funds will be used to produce quality video samples for marketing. As part of the artist’s marketing plan to increase exposure, Lovejoy will produce videos that represent the music, vitality, and spirit generated in live performances.



- **Krista Caballero**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$4,318) – Caballero will conduct research in the Southwest focused on indigenous knowledge and the cultural implications of bird species in decline. This signifies the next stage for “*Birding the Future*,” a project in collaboration with Frank Ekeberg. This grant will provide funds for a critical trip back to Zuni (and the region) where the applicant will interview elders as well as visit important bird and ecologically threatened areas along the border to create a new media installation.
- **Kristine DeNinno**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,684) - Grant funds will be used to attend a one-week residency to create solar plate etchings, a new form of environmentally friendly printmaking at a print studio in Baltimore that specializes in this technique. The artist will create solar plates, collaborate with the director of the residency and create a final edition of prints to be shown at a local gallery. Solar plates are a safe way to create an etching and relief printing that does not use grounds, acids, or solvents.
- **Larry Levine**, Rockville, Maryland (\$1,544) – Grant funds will be used to create a series of framed, exhibition quality photographs and a book exploring the theme of why people create. The book will include close up images of the artists at work, detailed views of tools or materials used, and a quotation by each of the artists.
- **Laura Baron**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$4,300) – Grant funds will be used to finance a recording of original songs by celebrated songwriter Laura Baron. The record will be recorded and produced by DC legend Marco Delmar at Recording Arts. The funds will also be used to hire Delmar to produce and engineer the EP. The grant will fund the release of an initial 300 copies of the EP.
- **Lauren Thompson**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$4,084) – Grant funds will be used for a puppet show which promotes recycling, artistic expression, the development of emotional regulation, and body positivity for children.
- **Laurie Breen**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used to create a new body of large-scale mixed media paintings during an artist residency.
- **Liliane Blom**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,550) – Grant funds will be used towards completing the applicant’s “*Four Seasons*” series of digital paintings and accompanying video installation. The series is divided into four seasons and each season into three i.e.; early spring, mid-spring, and late spring. The project includes 12 pieces. Each will feature a “Spirit”/ “Goddess”/“Queen” surrounded by the trappings of her station/season.
- **Liz Seaton**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used to develop a Professional Portfolio of illustrations for three stories, to secure the applicant’s first publishing contract and engage MoCo residents in portfolio review.
- **Marty Ittner**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$2,730) – Grant funds will be used for creating six hand-printed scrolls for display in Historic Takoma's front picture windows during the winter season. The artworks will feature imagery from Historic Takoma's archives.
- **Nishi Chawla**, Potomac, Maryland (\$4,050) – Grant funds will be used for the staging and production of Chawla’s new play titled, “*DRAUPADI'S ARRANGED MARRIAGE*.” Draupadi has been considered a rather unfortunate but fascinating character in the Indian epic, “*The Mahabharata*.” Draupadi was doomed to marry five brothers, and in the dramatic exchange between Draupadi and her five husbands, Nishi Chawla hopes to explore the dynamics of marriage as an economic and social barter system where the role of romantic love is either diminished or interrogated.
- **Nistha Raj**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used for covering expenses for a musical recording (EP) including the fees for a professional recording studio (recording, mixing

and mastering), expenses for hiring musicians, a photo shoot for promo materials, and CD duplication.

- **Salieu Sidique**, Clarksburg, Maryland (\$4,300) – Grant funds will be used to produce a short film. The funds will be used to hire and pay a Director of Photography, buy a production kit, pay production talent, and pay for required location and equipment insurance. The film is set on the Metro rail.
- **Sarah Beth Oppenheim**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used for honoraria for the applicant, payment for artistic collaborators to conceive and rehearse a dance theatre work. Funds will also cover rehearsal space, the facilitation fee for a creative process workshop/community discussion about identity expression for Montgomery College students and faculty. The grant supports a facilitation fee to offer a movement workshop at Empowered Women International, exploring the themes about the creative process, identity empowerment in the workplace, social life, and home.
- **Seema Reza**, Rockville, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used to fund the promotion of Reza's second book, which is her first full-length book of poetry. "*Sand Body: A Constellation of Half Lives*" will be published by Write Bloody. Creative work and events will take place in Montgomery County. The funds will be used to purchase author copies, finance a pre-publishing trip to the Association of Writing Programs conference in Portland, OR, and a book launch in Montgomery County featuring other poets of color.
- **Susan Farrer**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,375) – Grant funds will be used to defray the costs of attending the National Center for Creative Aging's annual conference in Philadelphia. Conference participation will help develop Farrer's capacity as a teaching artist. Farrer focuses on older adults, including adults with Alzheimer's disease/related dementias living in Montgomery County. The professional development conference will include experiential and other sessions to expand her knowledge and skills for working with elderly people, as well as opportunities to network with national and international creative aging experts.
- **Susan Goldman**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,550) – Grant funds will be used to produce a suite of large-scale screen-prints and Artist Proofs. The imagery of vessels and flowers reference the applicant's interest in the art historical canons of these forms. Goldman will transform this concept into images, using the applicant's past to push ideas into a clearer and more precise artistic vision. This project will be a hybrid of her experience as a visual artist and master printmaker.
- **Wytold Lebing**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used to create and record an original EP of music blending classical technique on the six-string electric cello with live looping, and contemporary electronic beats crafted out of samples of acoustic cello. Grant funds will also be used to create a live light show and video projection design for performances of this original music, and to promote these performances to audiences in the MD/DC/VA area.

## FY19 - 1 Arts Integration Residencies in the Schools

### \$15,000 awarded for September 1 – December 31, 2018

*Arts Integration Residencies in the Schools Grants (AIRSG)* support individual teaching artists and scholars trained in curriculum-based arts integration techniques who collaborate with a teacher to develop an arts-integrated program for students during the school day. The program must benefit underserved students during the school year, during the school day, in a public or non-public elementary, middle or high school located in Montgomery County.

- **Neelsville Middle School, Arianna Ross**, Germantown, Maryland (\$3,000) – Teaching Artist Arianna Ross will lead a series of five, one hour workshops for all 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts classes (18 classrooms total).
- **Argyle Middle School, Leila Cabib**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,000) – grant funds will support a cartooning residency during which seventh and eighth grade students will create a written and visual narrative in the form of a graphic novel page that explores the theme of relationships. Using narration, dialogue, and the visual techniques of graphic novel storytelling, each student will combine his/her life experience and imagination to create this page.
- **Westbrook Elementary School, Carien Quiroga**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$3,000) – grant funds will support SPED students in the Emotional Disability program to create a large-scale, fused glass mosaic artwork inspired by the history and culture of South Africa while reflecting on their personal journeys of overcoming challenges in their lives. The collaborative artistic process will provide students an empowering and positive mechanism for self-expression, resiliency, and communication.
- **South Lake Elementary School, Ali Oliver-Krueger**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$3000) – grant funds will support a Books Alive residency tailored to integrate creative drama with the kindergarten math curriculum at South Lake. The residency will serve students and teachers in seven kindergarten classrooms, and will promote kindergarten-level math skills, emerging literacy skills, and oral language skills.
- **Albert Einstein High School, Adrienne Clancy**, Kensington, Maryland (\$3,000) – grant funds will support a dance integration residency focused on history and world cultural themes, and will be conducted with a core group of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students will create work using improvisation, choreographic devices, structures, and the elements of dance to highlight historical and cultural themes.

## FY19 Wheaton Cultural Project Grants

\$91,815 awarded for January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

*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 one individual received FY19 *Wheaton Cultural Project Grants*.

- **Heralds of Hope Theatre Company**, Laytonsville, Maryland (\$8,000) - Grants funds will be used to fund the cost of marketing and publicity fees associated with a robust outreach campaign for a "Wheaton Ten-Minute Play Festival." The Festival is scheduled to take place in June, 2019. Participation will be encouraged from culturally diverse individuals and groups, particularly from Asian, Latin, African-American, Native-American, and Arab (ALAANA) communities in Wheaton and throughout Montgomery County.
- **InterAct Story Theatre Education Association, Inc.**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$9,000) - Grant funds will be used to grow the InterAct Story Theatre's Wheaton Family Theatre Series, providing monthly free events in the arts and humanities for children and families in Wheaton. The newly enlarged Wheaton Family Theatre Series will include an expanded KidStory Theatre Festival in May 2019; the addition of drama programming during the summer; increased efforts to recruit and showcase the work of artists from Wheaton and our surrounding communities; and an emphasis on inclusion of artists from a diversity of cultures and art forms.
- **Sutradhar Institute of Dance & Related Arts**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$9,000) - Grant funds will be used to choreograph "Why Trees Dance" to highlight our sacred ecology. This is inspired and framed by the 'Chipko' movement of the resistance of Indian rural women who defied loggers by wrapping themselves around trees. To that end, classical dance and lyrics are used from the Atharva Veda 1500 B.C: "This earth is our alter, our heaven," the Bhagavad Gita, 4th C. B.C, "one who reads the wisdom in a leaf of a tree is an awakened soul," and from a contemporary English poet Kamala Devi. The audience is led to a place of reverence for our environment.
- **Wheaton Film Festival**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$9,000) - Grant funds will be used to produce the 5th Annual Wheaton Film Festival (WFF) and produce the 4th Annual Make a Movie in a Month Project (MMM). This is the follow up to the 2018 WFF, 2017 WFF, 2016 WFF, 2015 WFF, and 2018 MMM, 2017 MMM, 2016 MMM. We will offer educational panels, networking opportunities, film screenings, and a month long collaborative filmmaking project that takes place in Wheaton. The 2019 WFF is scheduled for Friday, November 8, 2019.
- **Wheaton Wonders, Inc.**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$9,000) - Grant funds will be used to produce the third annual Wheaton Arts Parade. The parade and festival that follows celebrate local artists, arts organizations, cultural organizations, and Wheaton's cultural diversity. The Wheaton Arts Parade presents Wheaton as an arts friendly community and an arts destination. The parade and festival help the community appreciate its wealth of art and culture which has been difficult to realize due to Wheaton's lack of performance space, studios, and galleries. Funds will be used for equipment rental, printing, insurance, marketing, arts supplies, and workshop instructors.
- **New Orchestra of Washington**, Rockville, Maryland (\$7,900) - Grants will be used to offset artist fees for four admission-free chamber music performances at Chuck Levin's Washington Music

Center in Wheaton, MD and two low-admission family concert performances at Temple Emanuel in Kensington, MD.

- **UpRooted Dance**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$8,000) - Grant funds will be used to further develop a new version of "The Legacy Project," to be presented by UpRooted Dance at Brookside Gardens located within the Wheaton Regional Park. Through dance, sculpture, costume design, live music, and interactive activities and workshops, UpRooted Dance will perform and educate the Montgomery County MD and Wheaton residents about the dire need to take personal responsibility for our shared consumption and waste habits.
- **Leila Cabib**, Potomac, Maryland (\$7,700) - Grant funds will be used to provide free multi-session after-school animation and graphic novel creation classes for children, a multi-session cartooning class for seniors, and four self-contained, one-hour animation workshops for children, and one for seniors at the new Wheaton Library during fall/winter 2019.
- **Urban Artistry, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$8,800) - Grant funds will be used to fund Urban Artistry, Inc.'s annual festival, The International Soul Society Festival, an all ages, week-long series of events celebrating the full spectrum of urban arts and its many influences. This festival creates needed opportunities for inspiration and collaboration amongst global artists and the community in Wheaton. Through cultural arts programming and community and skills building programming, we hope to instill the understanding that "it's bigger than dance."
- **Six Degree Singers**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$7,615) - Grant funds will be used to fund 1) the stipends of Six Degree Singers' artistic staff for leading music education to Wheaton residents and choral concerts in Wheaton and 2) the cost of producing the concerts in Wheaton, including advertising, music, and venue fees.
- **The Rockville Bach Academy**, Rockville, Maryland (\$7,800) - Grant funds will be used to help pay professional musicians (chorus and orchestra), conductor, and venue fees for rehearsals and one performance.