



Fiscal Year 2020 Grants Awarded

FY20 General Operating Support Grants for Large Arts & Humanities Organizations

\$3,374,941 awarded for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

General Operating Support Grants for Large Arts & 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-seven organizations received FY20 awards within this category.

- **Adventure Theatre MTC**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$137,156) – Adventure Theatre MTC educates and inspires new generations of theater artists and audiences with exceptional theatrical experiences.
- **Artivate**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$40,543) – Artivate engages communities to create interactive arts experiences that inspire learning. The organization offers arts-based learning to motivate and invite audiences to participate through performances and workshops representing a wide range of artistic disciplines and cultural traditions in order to captivate the imagination and activate human potential. Through Artivate’s focus on education, the organization enables access to the arts for all, particularly under-resourced communities.
- **ArtStream, Inc.**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$38,426) – Through collaborative performance and lifelong learning opportunities, ArtStream enables people with intellectual and developmental disabilities gain the skills and confidence to engage with the world.
- **Baltimore Symphony Orchestra**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$258,976) – The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra performs quality symphonic music of all eras that nurtures the human spirit. The BSO is committed to engaging, inspiring, educating, and serving its audiences in a fiscally responsible manner and to enhancing the State of Maryland as a cultural center of vitality and importance.
- **Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington**, Rockville, Maryland (\$58,515) – The Bender JCC is an all-inclusive community - from the people served to the programs offered - rooted in Jewish values. The JCC’s arts and cultural programming illuminates the human experience through film, music, gallery exhibits and literary events. Their workshops and classes present the community with the opportunity to try something new in a comfortable, welcoming supportive place. The Bender JCC Kreeger Auditorium, a 290-seat performing arts theater, is utilized for internal events and external rentals.
- **BlackRock Center for the Arts**, Germantown, Maryland (\$80,869) – BlackRock Center for the Arts inspires the community to explore, experience, and engage in the arts through artistically excellent programs that foster lifelong participation in the arts. BlackRock’s overarching goals are to: present local and international artists of the highest quality; offer educational opportunities in a variety of arts disciplines; and to provide leadership within our community by forging partnerships.

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

- **CityDance**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$97,468) – Since its founding in 1996 with a mission to transform lives and communities through dance, CityDance has pursued its vision of a thriving arts community where every child has access to the benefits of an arts education and where world-class dance is available to all. CityDance achieves its mission by providing high-quality dance instruction including a pre-professional training program for students ages 3-18; producing and presenting world-class professional dance; and providing tuition-free dance programming to students from low-income communities.
- **Dance Exchange**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$33,876) –Dance Exchange ignites inquiry, inspires change, and connects people of all ages to the questions at the heart of our lives through dance making 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 Maryland, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$53,591) – Friends of the Library strengthens, promotes, and champions Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) to serve the learning interests and needs of the diverse and changing communities of the county.
- **Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc.**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$109,125) – Glen Echo Park presents vibrant artistic, cultural, and educational offerings and promotes the park as a unique destination for the region's diverse population. The Partnership nurtures a dynamic community of artists and performers while preserving and managing historic facilities within the National Park Services. The strategic objective is to bring an overarching identity with a seamless experience for visitors, participants, and donors as they interact with Glen Echo Park.
- **Imagination Stage**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$265,554) – Imagination Stage (IStage) empowers 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, and helping them overcome their challenges with hope, courage, and above all, creativity.
- **Levine Music**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$139,427) – Levine 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 on 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 students; and offer scholarships and free outreach programs for hundreds of children with limited financial resources.
- **Maryland Youth Ballet**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$118,383) – Maryland Youth Ballet (MYB) provides the highest caliber of training and performance opportunities to prepare young dancers for a career in the performing arts as well as to provide classes to dancers of all ages and levels, together with high-quality classical ballet productions, to the community.
- **Metropolitan Ballet Theatre, Inc.**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$48,156) – Metropolitan Ballet Theatre provides arts opportunities to all through exceptional dance education, community outreach, and inspiring performances.

- **KID Museum, Inc.**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$74,206) – The KID Museum empowers kids to become the creative problem-solvers of tomorrow. The museum provides impactful hands-on learning that incorporates art, culture, creativity and critical thinking.
- **Montgomery Community Media**, Rockville, Maryland (\$177,715) – Montgomery Community Media (MCM) creates and delivers unique content that educates, entertains, informs, and inspires those who live and work in Montgomery County. The organization’s vision is to become the preeminent resource for all people who live, learn, work, and play in Montgomery County, to create and access media content that enhances our community. MCM creates original content, provides educational instruction, presents resident's contributed content on multiple platforms, and digitally archives their community contributions in the humanities and arts.
- **Montgomery History**, Rockville, Maryland (\$18,403) – Montgomery History has been serving Montgomery County through exhibits, programs, educational activities, a research library, and history-themed conferences since the organization was founded in 1944. The organization collects, preserves, interprets, and shares the histories of all of Montgomery County’s residents and communities.
- **National Philharmonic and Chorale of Montgomery County, Inc.**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$107,662) The National Philharmonic is a dynamic organization providing quality orchestral, choral, and other musical experiences to enrich and inspire the lives of people in Montgomery County through concerts and educational programs for all ages.
- **Olney Theatre Center**, Olney, Maryland (\$359,462) – Olney Theatre Center (OTC) produces, presents, and tours extraordinary performances for a diversity of audiences. The center educates and inspires the next generation of theater-makers.
- **Round House Theatre**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$210,554) – Round House Theatre is a home for outstanding ensemble acting and lifelong learning. Round House seeks to captivate audiences with stories that inspire compassion, evoke emotions, and demand conversation.
- **Sandy Spring Museum**, Sandy Spring, Maryland (\$31,885) – 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. In direct response to community feedback, SSM embraced a mission that shifted the museum's efforts from a focus on preservation to one on participation. Sandy Spring Museum supports community-driven cultural arts and educational programs. SSM gathers community to build a sense of place and belonging.
- **Strathmore Hall Foundation, Inc.**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$620,460) – Strathmore presents and produces exemplary visual and performing arts programs for diverse audiences; creates dynamic arts education experiences; nurtures creative ideas and conversations that advance the future of the arts.
- **The Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts**, Rockville, Maryland (\$98,956) – The Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts (VisArts) transforms individuals and communities through the visual arts.

- **The Puppet Co.**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$22,981) – The Puppet Co. creates and presents professional puppet theater for children and families as an art form, reflecting excellence in both the performance and visual experiences. The organization provides an array of supporting programs including classes, demonstrations, publications, and exhibitions. In addition, they maintain a puppetry library, a collection of puppets, and puppetry memorabilia focused on the mid-Atlantic region of the United States, available by request.
- **The Writer's Center**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$66,745) – The Writer's Center empowers writers, and those who want to write, through workshops, events, and creative collaboration. They also support and celebrate those who publish.
- **Washington Conservatory of Music**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$55,098) – The Washington Conservatory of Music provides exceptional musical learning and listening experiences for area students and the community.
- **Washington Revels, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$50,749) – Washington Revels uses performance, education, and community engagement to revive, sustain, expand, and celebrate cultural traditions -- in music, dance, storytelling, and drama -- that bind people together in spirit and joy. The organization strives to illustrate the world's common humanity, connecting all people in a community that stretches across ethnic, cultural, and religious divisions.

FY20 Advancement Grants

\$340,565 awarded for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

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/humanities mission. Eight organizations received FY20 awards within this category.

- **Adventure Theatre MTC**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$22,500) – Grant funds will be used to upgrade theatre technology and displays. Upgrades include replacing aging production equipment, improving theatre lighting, and enhancing customer experience and safety. These infrastructure projects are designed to collectively improve both artistic presentations and management operations.
- **Gandhi Brigade Youth Media**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$16,000) – Grant funds will be used to develop and implement a plan to help guide Gandhi Brigade Youth Media as the organization expands programming in its new space at the Silver Spring Library. The move into the Library offers the organization a unique opportunity to both expand and diversify programming. Gandhi Brigade will hire consultants to assist in developing a plan that will guide funding, staffing, and programming decisions.
- **KID Museum, Inc.**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$84,150) – Grant funds will be used for the exhibit design and development process for KID Museum's new home. KID Museum will issue an RFP to select the exhibit design firm and contract exhibit developers. At the end of the project, KID Museum will have conceptual sketches for key exhibit areas, formative evaluation on exhibit prototypes, and exhibit fabrication documents.
- **New Orchestra of Washington**, Rockville, Maryland (\$10,455) – Grant funds will be used for the development of a strategic branding plan over the next several seasons, as the organization embraces its mission of building a positive, inclusive, and inspired community around New Orchestra of Washington's (NOW) artistic brand. The strategic branding plan will create effective messaging and an organizational narrative to implement marketing priorities, strategies, action items, evaluation tools, and set the stage for a new period of growth for the organization in the next decade.
- **Olney Theatre Center**, Olney, Maryland (\$88,000) – Grant funds will be used to advance two planning processes essential to the success of Olney Theatre Center's (OTC) long-term goals and part of a five-year capital campaign. First, OTC will undertake an engineering analysis and entitlement process to build a dedicated education center for youth and life-long learners, a ring road to improve patron safety, and housing for guest artists. Second, funds will support market analysis to inform long-term program planning for the new education center to ensure that the new facility effectively meets the needs of county residents, including MCPS and local communities facing barriers to equal arts access.
- **Round House Theatre**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$92,000) – Grant funds will be used to upgrade the theatre's technology to provide patron-focused service through a new customer relationship management software platform, integrated website interface, and ticket scanning equipment. The technological upgrade will allow Round House to better tailor communications to different patron constituencies, respond to patron needs in real time, generate reports that offer feedback on fundraising, marketing activities, and to increase return on investment.

- **Story Tapestries, Inc.**, Germantown, Maryland (\$14,340) – Grant funds will be used to engage a nonprofit consultant to help guide organizational capacity building activities, to diversify fundraising strategies, and to engage a technical consultant to help improve donor tracking and reporting tools. Working with the consultants will strengthen Story Tapestries organizational capacity and position the organization for long-term sustainability. Grant funds will also support Board member attendance at courses offered by Nonprofit Montgomery and the Bridge Conference.
- **Young Artists of America at Strathmore**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$13,120) – Grant funds will be used to create a growth plan for Young Artists of America at Strathmore’s (YAA) successful Summer Performing Arts Intensives (SPAI) program, which is approaching capacity at its current location, and is the most rapidly expanding revenue source in the organization’s budget. YAA will hire a consulting team with the requisite skills to conduct the necessary research and analysis to help staff and Board create a growth plan that lays out the best possible direction for SPAI's next phase. This complements the recent completion of a strategic plan reflecting YAA’s future vision of the organization as a whole.

FY20 Capital Improvement Grants

\$253,581 awarded for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021

Capital Improvement Grants provide supplemental funding to assist arts and humanities organizations in attaining stability and long-term viability. Four organizations received FY20 awards within this category.

- **Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc.**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$88,833) – Grant funds will be used to conduct restoration and preservation of Glen Echo Park's historic Spanish Ballroom exterior. Work will include repairs, cleaning, and painting of the stucco walls, window frames, and doors of the facility. The grantee will also replace the roof over the addition (Ballroom Back Room.) The project will ensure that the entire exterior of the Spanish Ballroom will be free of mildew staining and leaks, and be fully restored.
- **Imagination Stage**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$41,150) – Grant funds will be used to undertake repairs to the organization's 16-year-old facility in Bethesda to prevent the failure of Imagination Stage's HVAC control system, add supplemental duct heaters to correct heating deficiencies in the applicant's building, and replace damaged flooring that currently present safety hazards to patrons.
- **Montgomery Community Media**, Rockville, Maryland (\$43,597.50) – Grant funds will be used for enhancements to Montgomery Community Media's (MCM) new Silver Spring location, the Alexander House. The project includes branding on the building exterior, the construction of a set for media classes and video productions, and equipment for media training. Additionally, to meet the surging demand for audio and video podcasts, a professional grade audio booth for the Rockville studio will be built. These improvements will bring new contributors to MCM, expand fundraising, and aid sustainability by providing new revenue sources.
- **Sandy Spring Museum**, Sandy Spring, Maryland (\$80,000) – Grant funds will be used to make transformative improvements to the museum's exterior, buildings and grounds. The project includes the repair and repainting of the exterior wood siding, installing two conservation gardens, planting a third garden with native species, enhancing exterior lighting to emphasize the facility's award-winning architecture, and improved visibility and usability of the grounds at night. Improvements will make the property more usable by the public, increase the visibility of the museum, and increase private facility rentals.

FY20 General Operating Support Grants for Mid-Size Arts & Humanities Organizations

\$759,186 awarded for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

General Operating Support Grants for Mid-Size Arts & Humanities Organizations provide support to organizations with 501(c)(3) status that are governed by an independent, legally liable Board, have at least one part-time paid staff member, and annual cash operating expenses of at least \$50,000. 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 & Humanities Organizations* within the same fiscal year. Thirty-six organizations received FY20 awards within this category.

- **After School Dance Fund**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$23,000) – The After School Dance Fund (ASDF) develops youth leadership and promotes wellness, heritage, and cultural unity through Latin dance education. The organization uses performance to combat preventable social and health issues in the Latinx community, including obesity, high rates of high school dropouts, teen pregnancy, domestic violence, and the devastating influence of gangs. Latin dance becomes a vehicle for increased cultural awareness and pride, encouraging exercise, building community, and having fun.
- **Akhmedova Ballet Academy**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$17,500) – The Akhmedova Ballet Academy is dedicated to providing ballet training utilizing the Vaganova Method. Personal and artistic mentoring prepares young, talented dancers to become strong, fully developed artists ready to take their place in major dance companies around the world.
- **Arts for the Aging, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$23,000) – Arts for the Aging, Inc. (AFTA) is a nationally recognized social service organization. The organization engages older adults and care partners in health improvement and life enhancement through regular participation in multidisciplinary arts programs. AFTA's participatory, therapeutic interventions focus on those experiencing aging-related physical and cognitive impairments, and can include trainings for practitioners in AFTA's structured improvisation methods.
- **Arts on the Block**, Kensington, Maryland (\$25,000) – Arts on the Block (AOB) empowers creative youth to imagine and shape fulfilling futures, join the creative workforce, and contribute to the quality of life of their communities. AOB achieves its mission by providing real-world experiences in the arts, arts education, and entrepreneurial training geared toward opening new pathways to learning, self-discovery, and achievement.
- **Bel Cantanti Opera**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$20,000) – Bel Cantanti Opera provides performance opportunities to young opera singers and brings those performances to the community at an affordable price.
- **Cantate Chamber Singers**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$16,800) – Cantate Chamber Singers stimulate awareness and appreciation of sacred and secular choral music through innovative programming, creative outreach and collaborative performances with other artists and ensembles. To achieve this mission, Cantate is dedicated to presenting artistically exciting and inspiring performances of newly commissioned and rarely heard choral works, alongside established repertoire.

- **Carpe Diem Arts, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$18,000) – Carpe Diem Arts engages communities across generations, cultures, and socio-economic divides through the visual, literary and performing arts. Through creative partnerships, the organization achieves the dual aim of impacting diverse and underserved populations, while also supporting the livelihoods of master teaching and performing artists that represent a broad range of artistic disciplines and cultural traditions.
- **Chevy Chase Historical Society**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$10,800) – The Chevy Chase Historical Society collects, records, interprets, and shares materials relating to the history of Chevy Chase, Maryland, one of America's first streetcar suburbs. Founded in 1981, the nonprofit volunteer organization provides resources for historical research and sponsors a variety of programs to foster knowledge and appreciation of the community's history.
- **ClancyWorks Dance Company**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$23,000) – ClancyWorks increases the public appetite for and understanding of the arts by presenting high quality dance performances and educational programs. The organization expands 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. ClancyWorks nurtures leadership skills and artistic excellence in emerging artists.
- **CREATE Arts Center**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$22,500) – CREATE Arts Center (CREATE) is a visual arts organization that has been providing high-quality art education, art therapy, and community arts experiences to individuals and families for 32 years. The organization sparks creativity, fosters learning, empowers individuals, and facilitates community partnerships and connections through the visual arts.
- **Docs in Progress**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$23,000) – Docs In Progress gives individuals the tools to tell stories through documentary film, to educate, inspire, and transform the way people view their world.
- **Flying V, Ltd.**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$24,500) – Flying V redefines theatre to invigorate and inspire people to live life with a greater sense of appreciation and adventure. Bridging the gap between pop and high culture, Flying V creates original plays and performance art inspired by genre fiction and other modern mythologies. Reflecting the intimate struggles of the human condition through vivid, high concept metaphors and artistic vigor, Flying V shines a light on the loneliness and isolation so many feel, and creates a sense of connection and wonder. Flying V is your Friendly Neighborhood Indie Theatre. Expect Awesome. Be Awesome.
- **Gandhi Brigade Youth Media**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$21,000) – Gandhi Brigade Youth Media prepares young people, particularly those from underserved and immigrant neighborhoods, to become leaders through a community engagement process that uses digital media.
- **Glen Echo Pottery**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$21,000) – Glen Echo Pottery teaches the ceramic arts in a relaxed but creatively serious environment that is accessible to everyone from the tentative novice to the very experienced clay student. The organization provides exceptional opportunities for continuous learning on a year-round basis, through high quality instruction in all aspects of the pottery-making process. Glen Echo Pottery develops a strong community of interest among students, faculty, and the public through opportunities to observe and interact with potters practicing their craft.

- **Glorystar Children’s Chorus**, Potomac, Maryland (\$21,000) – 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 for a diverse community.
- **Inscape Chamber Orchestra**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$21,000) – Founded in 2004, the Inscape Chamber Orchestra performs concerts that aim to engage audiences by providing a compelling way to explore both standard and nonstandard works of classical music. Inscape is also dedicated to premiering and recording new works by American composers. Inscape's concerts, performed by some of Maryland's most talented professional classical musicians, are affordable, and easily accessible to residents of Montgomery County.
- **InterAct Story Theatre Education Association**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$22,500) – InterAct Story Theatre brings arts-based learning experiences to everyone, especially to those communities that are underserved due to economic, social, and geographic constraints. InterAct believes that every kid, every grown-up, everywhere deserves great theatre, whether or not you can get to a theatre. InterAct also believes that the arts help foster communication and understanding in our communities, because the arts help us express our ideas, our emotions, and our experiences. Arts are for everyone, and everyone learns through the arts!
- **interPLAY Orchestra**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$24,500) – interPLAY Orchestra 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 believes that music is not just about the written notes, and that cognitive disabilities should not limit a person's access to enjoy music performance. Orchestra Members learn to perform music through improvisation, repetition, and memory.
- **Kalanidhi Dance**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$22,500) – Kalanidhi Dance is committed to the preservation, promotion, and the teaching of Kuchipudi, one of India's eight classical dance forms. It inspires appreciation for Kuchipudi by creating original, high quality artistic work that remains authentic to the Kuchipudi style; pushing the boundaries of Kuchipudi through collaborations with local and international artists across genres. The organization attracts students at an early age, and helps them reach their full potential through rigorous instruction; empowering dancers to become professional artists through enrichment programs.
- **Lumina Studio Theatre, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$20,000) – Lumina Studio Theatre provides unique opportunities for young and adult actors of all levels to perform Shakespeare and other Classic theatre in a professional setting. Lumina’s actors engage in a rigorous, comprehensive, performance-focused program of theatre arts using the techniques of Rudolf Steiner, Michael Chekhov and Stella Adler. Rehearsal work includes in-depth vocal and character coaching, and improvisation. Stage combat, live music, and choreography are included as the production requires.
- **Marlow Guitar International**, Rockville, Maryland (\$21,000) – Marlow Guitar International (MGI), formerly known as the International Conservatory of Music, creates community through music, by drawing people together for entertainment, education, and inspiration. MGI brings people together to experience classical guitar music from around the world through performances, classes, and scholarship competitions. MGI provides educational opportunities and fosters an appreciation for classical guitar in the community.

- **National Capital Trolley Museum**, Colesville, Maryland (\$20,000) – The National Capital Trolley Museum (NCTM) preserves and interprets the heritage of street and interurban railways and environs for the benefit of present and future generations, while supplementing its collections with significant national and international objects to enhance its interpretive programs. The Museum connects its audiences to the transit-based development of their communities through its demonstration railway and traditional museum programs providing educational opportunities for all ages.
- **New Orchestra of Washington**, Rockville, Maryland (\$22,500) – New Orchestra of Washington (NOW) makes classical music relevant, accessible, and engaging for a new generation of audiences through virtuosic performances with fresh interpretations, a modern aesthetic, and through community-building projects that engage both new and experienced concertgoers.
- **Olney Children’s Ballet Theater, Inc.**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$18,000) – Olney Ballet Theatre (OBT) trains young dancers (ages 6 - 18) in dance including classical and contemporary ballet, jazz, modern, tap, and hip-hop. Further, it stages dance productions throughout Montgomery County. OBT is committed to being an educational resource that provides cultural enrichment for the community, particularly for the community’s young people, through presentations of high quality, original productions of understandable, entertaining story ballets performed by student dancers.
- **Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$21,000) – Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd. is an award-winning, community-based organization founded in 1974 to preserve buildings, objects, and information important to Rockville’s heritage. Peerless Rockville advances its goals through education, example, advocacy, and community involvement.
- **Photoworks at Glen Echo Park**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$22,500) – Offering a diverse combination of educational programs, gallery exhibitions, and community initiatives, Photoworks is a vibrant and unique resource for student and professional photographers – an arts community in the very best sense of the word.
- **Project Change**, Olney, Maryland (\$22,500) – Project Change, the parent organization for the Team of Stars Camp program, is a youth-driven, nonprofit organization empowering middle and high school students to be agents for positive change within their communities through youth health and wellness, service, and leadership opportunities. The Team of Stars Camp promotes life skills through the art of musical theater for underserved middle school youth in afterschool and summer camp programs.
- **Silver Spring Town Center, Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$22,500) – 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.
- **Story Tapestries, Inc.**, Germantown, Maryland (\$24,500) – Story Tapestries serves the 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, increase their literacy, social-emotional, and STEAM skills.

- **Symphony of the Potomac**, Glen Echo, Maryland (\$21,000) – The organization maintains a high-quality symphony orchestra with diverse membership offering affordable concerts in Montgomery County, MD. The symphony increases awareness of and educates county residents about classical music and orchestral performance. The organization also provides youth and adult amateurs the opportunity to play under a professional conductor, with professionally trained musicians, while bringing classical music to audiences that would not otherwise have access to live performances, including schoolchildren and adults in residential care.
- **The Kentlands Community Foundation, Inc.**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$18,000) – The Kentlands Community Foundation is an educational and cultural organization established in 1993 dedicated to enriching civic life. The organization builds community by supporting local arts and cultural programs, and provides opportunities for volunteerism and community outreach. The Foundation serves as an educational resource in the landmark new urbanist community that is Kentlands.
- **The Victorian Lyric Opera Company**, Rockville, Maryland (\$20,000) – The Victorian Lyric Opera Company provides high quality performances of light operatic works, offering educational and performance opportunities for the community.
- **Word Dance Theater**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$13,611) – Word Dance Theater invites people from all walks of life to learn the Isadora Duncan-inspired philosophy, methodology, and aesthetic of dance. The organization blends music, theater, poetry, architecture, and visual arts with holistic dance movements that unite us with the full range of our emotions and restores us to our roots...the breath, energy, strength, beauty, spirit, community, and freedom that is the birthright of all people.
- **Young Artists of America at Strathmore**, North Bethesda, Maryland (\$22,500) – Young Artists of America at Strathmore (YAA) is an educational organization offering excellent 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 (\$22,500) – Youth Art For Healing is an organization that brings works of art created by youth into healthcare environments to provide a sense of comfort, inspiration and healing for patients, their loved ones, and healthcare professionals.
- **Zemer Chai**, Kensington, Maryland (\$17,100) – Zemer Chai ("Living Song" in Hebrew) is a volunteer choir of singers dedicated to the preservation and performance of the full range of Jewish choral repertoire, including liturgical and classical pieces, worldwide Jewish folk music in multiple languages, and new commissioned works. The singers come from all walks of Jewish life, finding common ground in their love of music and commitment to sharing it. The choir is a unique cultural resource in Montgomery County, sharing a musical tradition that spans centuries with diverse audiences throughout the region.

FY20 Small Arts & Humanities Organizations & Groups Project Grants

\$109,400 awarded for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Small Arts & Humanities Organizations & Groups Project Grants fund organizations with annual cash operating expenses up to \$50,000. Grants support high-quality programs for the public offered by arts and humanities organizations or groups that may or may not have 501(c)(3) status. Twenty-four organizations received FY20 awards within this category.

- **Bethesda Little Theatre**, Olney, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used for theater rental, set design, costumes, promotion, and an honorarium for the director, stage manager, and musicians to support a two-hour musical stage performance. Performances will take place over two weekends: Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday matinees.
- **DC South Asian Arts Council Inc**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used for movie fees, equipment rentals, and honorarium for visiting artists.
- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,900) – Grant funds will be used to help pay expenses for the annual literary conference. Costs includes the facility rental, featured speaker, workshop fees, printing, and supplies.
- **FocusMusic**, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,920) – Grant funds will be used to; 1) Coordinate production of Focus Gaithersburg & Focus Rockville shows; 2) Develop joint projects with other nonprofit organizations that produce folk and acoustic concerts in Montgomery County; and 3) Pay the Focus Bethesda and Rockville sound tech costs.
- **Halau Nohona Hawaii**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grants funds will be used for venue, costumes, stage decorations, and dance implements.
- **Heralds of Hope Theater Company**, Laytonsville, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used to pay the publishing house Samuel French royalty fees for the script *Ceremonies in Dark Old Men*, and Randolph Road Theater in Silver Spring for rehearsal and performance time.
- **Hope Garden Children’s Ballet Theatre (HGCBT)**, Poolsville, Maryland (\$4,900) – Grant funds will be used to defray theater rental costs for the 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.
- **Montgomery Philharmonic, Inc., (MP)** Rockville, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used for program costs for MP's FY20 concert season, including orchestral performance and educational programming, Summer Reading Sessions, Youth Chamber Music Festival, adult education master classes, professional musicians, and for senior outreach.
- **Montgomery Symphony Orchestra**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$4,000) – Grant funds will be used to present a youth concerto free for the community in downtown Silver Spring. The concert will feature middle and/or high school soloists performing in concert with the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra.

- **National Institutes of Health Community Orchestra**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$3,325) – Grant funds will be used to support the presentation of three major concerts for the general public. The concerts will be held in Montgomery County and will be offered without a fee for admission. All three concerts will feature classical music, and the winter concert will include seasonal music to be performed with the NIH Community Chorus.
- **NIH Philharmonia**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used for direct operating costs including orchestra sheet music rental, percussion instrument rental, program printing, soloist honorarium, and the Music Director's stipend.
- **Olney Concert Band**, Olney, Maryland (\$1,635) – The organization will provide music education and outreach to middle school students, and also encourage them to continue their music education in high school. Grant funds will be used to pay for a collaborative performance of symphonic band pieces of moderate difficulty with student musicians from Farquhar and Rosa Parks Middle Schools. Four pieces will be played together with Olney Concert Band members and student musicians. There will be no charge for admission.
- **Peace Mountain Theatre Company**, Darnestown, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used for facility rental fees at The Writer's Center (TWC) in Bethesda, Maryland for a spring theatrical production.
- **Peter's Alley Theatre Productions**, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,880) – Grant funds will be used for rental costs at The Writers' Center's Allan B. Lefcowitz Theatre. Peter's Alley Theatre Productions will present the Maryland premiere of the award winning play, *The Gulf* by Audrey Cefaly.
- **Rockville Brass Band Inc.**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,410) – Grant funds will be used for costs associated with a two-part concert series, including a free fall concert, preceded by a band clinic that is open to the public, as well as a joint concert in the spring with another local ensemble.
- **Six Degree Singers**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,750) – Grant funds will be used for the preparation and execution of Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 concerts. Six Degree Singers plans to continue its community choir operations and will continue to expand the number of free performances in venues all over the County. Expected expenses include stipends for musical directors and accompanist, rehearsal space, advertising, and multimedia recording. In addition, Six Degrees Singers will seek to fund their annual composers' competition to promote the generation and presentation of new music.
- **Tagore Music Group of Greater Washington DC, Inc.**, North Potomac, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used to cover staging costs of Tagore Music Group's project *Arupratan The Formless Jewel*, an allegorical musical drama by Nobel-laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore.
- **The Bethesda Blues & Jazz Foundation**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$4,850) – The Bethesda Blues & Jazz Youth Orchestra will perform a concert at the Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club with a nationally recognized guest artist. In addition, the guest artist will be leading a 2-hour workshop with the young musicians the day prior to the concert. Grant Funds will be used to pay the guest artist's performance fee and related costs, including hotel rooms, equipment rental, and production costs.

- **The National String Symphonia**, Frederick, Maryland (\$4,500) – Grant funds will be used to produce three concerts at Forcey Christian School over the course of their FY20 season. The concerts will include the first in what will be a series of concerts featuring jazz performers and string orchestra entitled *Jazz with Strings*. Funds will be used to underwrite the programs, including paying musicians, advertising, and purchasing materials.
- **The Rockville Bach Academy – ChorSymphonica**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,850) – Grant funds will be used to partially support costs for soloists, orchestra, venue, publicity, and other logistic and technical costs for the *Leipzig's 1st Taste: Bach Cantatas for a New Home Concert* in 2020.
- **The Washington Metropolitan Gamer Symphony Orchestra, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,830) – Grant funds will be used for a concert at the Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center in Silver Spring. These funds will pay for venue rental, equipment rental, concert promotion, and graphic design for concert advertising.
- **Trinity Chamber Orchestra**, Germantown, Maryland (\$4,900) – Grant funds will be used to conduct a competition for young musicians for strings, woodwinds, and piano. The winners will participate in a concert presented by and with the Trinity Chamber Orchestra. The competition will be open to young musicians from Montgomery County, participants in the Young Musicians International Competition, and the Montgomery County Honors Ensembles.
- **Unexpected Stage Company**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$4,750) – Grant funds will be used for program costs for Unexpected Stage's production of Samuel D. Hunter's *The Few*.
- **Wildwood Summer Theatre**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used to help finance the main-stage production of *Side Show*. Funds will be used to finance production costs (including set construction, costumes, and props) and the renting of show rights.

FY20 Artists and Scholars Project Grants

\$135,683 awarded for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Artists and Scholars Project Grants support the work of individual artists and scholars who reside in Montgomery County. Projects focus on the creation and/or presentation of artistic or scholarly work. Grant awards can also support professional development. Thirty-four artists and scholars received FY20 awards within this category.

- **Aaron Hernandez**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment to create an environment to offer arts lessons for youth. Videography and photography classes will be open to the public to teach those who would otherwise not have access to the arts.
- **Adrienne Clancy**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant Funds will be used to support the creation of a new dance choreographed by guest artist Lewis Cooke, created specifically for Dr. Adrienne Clancy, with the interest to challenge Dr. Clancy with new ideas in dance and to advance Dr. Clancy's artistic skills. Although the focus is for this project is to be used as a professional development grant for Dr. Clancy, her interest is to eventually perform the solo in theaters and community centers in Montgomery County. In addition, Dr. Clancy will be able to use the new knowledge gained from working with Mr. Cooke in workshops that she will lead for members of the Montgomery County Community.
- **Alexander Bondarev**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used to support the creation of an original score and recording of a Symphonic Suite for a string orchestra, solo violin, accordion, guitar and percussion inspired by the novel *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry.
- **Alexandra Zapruder**, Chevy Chase, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used to support scholarly work for a new edition of the diary of Yitskhok Rudashevski, an immensely talented young writer who documented 2-years of his life in Vilna ghetto during the Holocaust, and perished at age 15. The work will include editing the original diary, preparing scholarly notes, and researching and writing an introduction to the volume.
- **Candy Perque Herlihy**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$2,500) – Grant funds will be used to help defray the costs of attending the *Figurative Arts Convention and Expo* in Williamsburg, VA. This convention brings together museum-quality artists to provide instruction and demos for painting figures in a realistic style. The opportunity to learn from these masters will be a huge benefit for the grantee's art career, painting figures in the style of realism. The grantee will benefit from the opportunity to meet and network with other artists who work in a similar style, share ideas, and possibly collaborate on future projects.
- **Carol Petrucci**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$2,000) – Grant funds will be used support the creation, production, and exhibition of new work that examines the histories of diverse, multi-cultural Montgomery County using new arrangements of traditional or historical works. Large ceramic pots open to reveal their hidden histories and include: 1) The registry of people enslaved by Francis Preston Blair – Acorn Park, Silver Spring, MD; 2) The 1845 insurrection of enslaved people – Route 355, Montgomery County, MD; 3) The meaning of trees to enslaved and captor – Sandy Spring, MD; 4) Maryland confederates – Maryland state flag and state song; and 5) Enoch George Howard, land owner and entrepreneur – Patuxent state park, Montgomery County, MD. The exhibition will include the creation of a participatory community art sculpture. Grant funds will also be used to consult with renowned narrative ceramicists, and construction.

- **Carrie Rose**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used to produce the 10th season of the *Origins Concert Series* in Silver Spring, MD. Each concert will premiere a new piece composed by the grantee. This project includes two public performances.
- **Clare A. Winslow**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$4,249) – Grant funds will be used for materials to launch a new body of work that explores canvases at a scale the grantee has not worked on before.
- **Cory Oberndorfer**, Rockville, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used for the research, development, and production of a series of prints.
- **David Terrar**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$5,000) – The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for the preparation, handling, installation and exhibit of 10 high quality representational oil paintings on the theme of *Damascus: My Hometown* and the creation of an exhibit booklet.
- **Dwight McNair**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,000) – Grant funds will be used to compose a new musical work consisting of 5-8 songs with music and lyrics. These songs will address the themes of self-love, empowerment & motivation. The ultimate goal is to provide tools of self-transformation to the listener, enabling them to take charge of their lives. These compositions will be recorded and produced as a CD & MP3 download. The compositions will be presented in a series of 2-3 live performances with audience participation for homeless and low-income communities in Montgomery County. The audience will receive a free copy of the CD/download.
- **Elzbieta Sikorska**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,517) – Grant funds will be used to purchase professional photographic equipment essential to developing work based on high quality photographic images. A professional camera and lens will make it possible to gather high-resolution photographic images to be used in creating large scale mixed media work, explore new areas of artistic expression, and extend the possibilities of integrating photography, drawing, and printmaking. Collected photographic imagery, sometimes transformed and sometimes used as a quotation in larger arrangements, will form narratives about time, identity, our relation to the past and other cultures. The project will also include images of ancient writing, the ultimate symbol of communication between people.
- **Erin Roberts**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used for the development of new linked works of speculative fiction set within a world where memory is a commodity to be shared, bought, sold, and, too-often, exploited. Each story will feature women of color who have suffered from inherent injustices within this system and will explore real-world issues, including identity, colorism, exoticism, racial profiling, the prison industrial complex, and bias within the criminal justice system. Once completed, the individual works will be submitted to professional speculative fiction markets for publication and shared at local Montgomery County readings once published.
- **Glen Kessler**, North Potomac, Maryland (\$4,580) – Grant funds will be used to facilitate the creation and exhibition of a body of plein air paintings that capture the beauty of Montgomery County agriculture. Grant funds will be used to purchase painting surfaces and framing materials for this body of works as well as to mount a month-long exhibition.
- **Gretchen Schermerhorn**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,835) – Grant funds will be used to attend a two-week artist residency, where the grantee will create a new body of large-scale paper sculptures and explore new methods of non-toxic paper casting techniques.

- **Jacqui Crocetta**, Rockville, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used for the development of a new body of work (paintings, prints, drawings, sculpture) in response to the grantee’s investigation of various mindsets, practices, and beliefs of First Nation Peoples and other groups who believe in the principle of connectivity, reciprocity, gratitude, and cooperation. The grantee will explore how these guiding principles for behavior differ from practices and systems in our society today that reflect an emphasis on power, greed, and dominance. Grant funds will also be used to cover workshop fees to expand the grantee’s artistic skills and services to support the development of prototypes for public art.
- **James Kennedy**, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,816) – Grant funds will be used to form an ensemble of professional musicians and support persons to perform songs from the grantee’s self-produced album *The Life of Mischief* in concert.
- **Jay Mallin**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$4,600) – Grant funds will be used to help fund a short documentary on three known lynchings that occurred in Montgomery County. Using archival sources and present-day footage, the film will present details of the lynchings, identify the present-day locations involved, and include discussion about how the impact of these incidents carries forward to the present day.
- **Joan Zenzen**, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,992) – Grant funds will be used for conducting 20 oral history interviews with individuals important to key Action in Montgomery (AIM) social justice campaigns, writing four case studies to teach organizing principles and strategy for future volunteer leaders, and working with an AIM volunteer to publicize the case studies through social media in English and Spanish. The project will focus on campaigns AIM led, including a housing initiative, rehabilitation of community centers, afterschool programs, and helping pass the DREAM Act.
- **John Sullivan**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,700) – Grant funds will be used to complete post-production work on a documentary film about Archie Avedisian, an Executive for the Greater Washington Boys & Girls Club. Funds will be used to hire an audio engineer, colorist, musical composer, and editor, as well as to license stock photos.
- **Joshua Fishbein**, Rockville, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used for the creation of a new chorus and string orchestra composition. The composition will chronicle the grantee’s family during World War II. As Jews living in German occupied Greece, the grantee’s maternal grandmother and eight other family members were hidden in an isolated Greek mountain village by a non-Jewish family of Righteous Gentiles. The Righteous Gentiles risked everything to save the lives of the grantee’s family, who were among the mere 10% of Greek Jews that survived the Holocaust.
- **Lisa Swenton-Eppard**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$2,480) – Grant funds will be used for registration, travel, accommodations, and meals in New York to study with tap dance master Heather Cornell, in her 31st annual Tap Lab focusing on tap master Eddie Brown’s choreography. Heather was his student for many years during the tap renaissance in the 1980s. She has preserved Brown’s choreography and is now sharing Brown’s work with select students to carry the choreography forward. The training also includes studying footage, participating in a jam at a local jazz club, and working with live musicians.
- **Marty Ittner**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$3,000) – Grant funds will be used to create a site-specific winter installation in Historic Takoma’s picture windows as a follow-up to the grantees FY19 installation *Wintry Mix*, displayed at Historic Takoma, which featured a vintage photo of four boys and their sleds. The second show will feature women and girls.

- **John Bashengezi**, Germantown, Maryland (\$4,500) – Grants funds will be used for the creation of a CD and a concert series. As a refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo, a world musician, and producer living in Montgomery County, the grantee will blend pan-African music with music from other cultures, culminating in a CD called *The Tributary Project*. The grantee will record songs that are inspired by cultural stories, with influences ranging from African and Balkan, to Indian and Egyptian. The concerts will focus on teaching audiences how music can help fuse cultures.
- **Melanie Figg**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$3,285) – Grant funds will be used to promote the grantee’s first full-length poetry collection, *TRACE*. The grantee will focus on three pivotal promotional opportunities: to attend the Twin Cities Book Festival (TCBF) in Minnesota where her publisher is located, to attend the Associated Writing Programs (AWP) Conference in Texas, and to submit *TRACE* for book prizes. The grant will enhance the grantee’s artistic growth, develop her marketing skills, and expand readership. The grant will also supports her scholarly career as a teacher and creativity coach, who works with writers to refine, publish, and promote their own work.
- **Natalie Jean**, Kensington, Maryland (\$4,000) – Grant funds will be used to create an album and concert tour. The album will cover immigration, the “MeToo” movement, the environment, racism, police brutality, and self-love.
- **Nataliya Mirnaya**, Rockville, Maryland (\$4,091) – Grant funds will be used to devise, rehearse, create sets, props, design, make costumes, lighting and sound design for the performance *Five Spoons*.
- **Nicole Saphos**, Takoma Park, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used for the production of *The Takoma Sessions*; a popup concert series showcasing new and original works performed by the Nicole Saphos Band. All concerts will be professionally recorded, and some performances will be selected for a live compilation album.
- **Rachel Weissman**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,000) – Grant funds will be used to record and edit video interviews with traditional musicians from different genres and cultures who are maintaining their musical heritage. The musicians will answers questions written by the grantee’s 5th and 6th grade students, to enhance their musical studies. The grantee will also incorporate arts integration lesson plans for music, math, reading/language arts, science, and social studies educators. The videos will be available on YouTube, and the lesson plan links will be hosted on the Institute of Musical Traditions website, (IMTFolk.org).
- **Rob Guttenberg**, North Potomac, Maryland (\$2,238) – Grant funds will be used to produce a songwriting workshop in collaboration with Tom Prasada-Rao. Grant funds will also support a collaborative acoustic folk concert featuring Rob Guttenberg and Tom Prasada-Rao.
- **Shanthi Chandrasekar**, North Potomac, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used to create a body of 24 framed pen and ink drawings on 30"x22" paper, focusing on cosmology, neuroscience, and human anatomy. The series feature scientifically accurate drawings with an imaginary twist.
- **Shelley Picot**, Rockville, Maryland (\$3,750) – Grant funds will be used to attend a residency at the Vermont Studio Center, including the residency fee, materials, and travel.

- **Ting Wang**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$1,550) – Grant funds will be used to support the grantee’s attendance at the American Literary Translators Association 2019 conference to be held in Rochester, NY. The grantee will attend to keep abreast of the latest trends in literary translation, to learn from accomplished literary translators, and to network with publishers and fellow translators.
- **Yesenia Flores Diaz**, Germantown, Maryland (\$5,000) – Grant funds will be used for attendance at two writing conferences in New York City, the continued development of the grantee’s work-in-progress (a draft young adult novel currently titled *Be Real With Me*), to compensate her time writing, and supply costs.

FY20 Wheaton Cultural Project Grants

\$91,815 awarded for January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

Wheaton Cultural Project Grants support impactful projects taking place in the Wheaton community. Projects provide cultural opportunities for artists and scholars to work in Wheaton. Eight organizations and three individuals (11 total grantees) received FY20 Wheaton Cultural Project Grants.

- **Wheaton Wonders**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$9,790) – Grant funds will be used to produce the fourth annual *Wheaton Arts Parade* and art festival to celebrate local artists, 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. Grant funds will be used for equipment rental, printing, insurance, marketing, arts supplies, and workshop instructors.
- **Leila Cabib**, Potomac, Maryland (\$9,500) – Grant funds will be used to provide free multi-session animation and graphic novel creation classes for children, multi-session cartooning classes for seniors, and five self-contained, one-hour animation workshops (four for children and one for seniors) at the Wheaton Library during spring, summer, and fall 2020.
- **Urban Artistry**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$9,000) – The *International Soul Society Festival* is a weeklong series of events celebrating the full spectrum of Hip-Hop, Urban Arts, and its many influences. This annual festival creates an opportunity for inspiration and collaboration between global artists and the Wheaton community. In FY20, Urban Artistry plans to emphasize Blues and Roots Music as foundational to urban dance culture and urban dance culture as traditional American culture.
- **Brian Frankel**, Wheaton, Maryland (\$8,800) – Grant funds will be used to produce the 6th annual *Wheaton Film Festival* and the 5th annual *Make a Movie in a Month* Project. The applicant will offer educational panels, networking opportunities, film screenings, and a month-long collaborative filmmaking project that will take place in Wheaton. The 2020 *Wheaton Film Festival* is scheduled for Friday, November 13, 2020.
- **Joanne Miller**, Bethesda, Maryland (\$8,600) – Grant funds will support a yearlong photography and oral history project engaging Wheaton community members in documenting the changing landscape of Wheaton's architecture, green spaces, residents, and businesses. The project will be led by artist Joanne Miller collaborating with community partner Montgomery History. Westfield Wheaton Mall will host coordinated exhibits, pop-up events, artist and history talks, and social media outreach. Wheaton High School ESOL teachers will facilitate student participation. One Montgomery Green will collaborate on green spaces artist photo walks.
- **New Orchestra of Washington**, Rockville, Maryland (\$8,400) – Grant funds will be used to support three family concert performances tailored to children. The concerts will take place in January and June 2020. The project features new and recent work by ALAANA composers, including a world premieres commissioned by the New Orchestra of Washington (NOW), which will be site-specific to the playground at the Wheaton Local Park, and will utilize the playground's innovative new outdoor musical

instruments. 2020 will be the third consecutive year that NOW has presented a family concert, but it is the first year that NOW will present a series of such events.

- **DC Beauty of Beijing Opera Ltd**, North Potomac, Maryland (\$6,725) – Grant funds will be used to support a presentation of Asian traditional performing arts, including music, dance and theater, to broaden the cultural horizon of local residents and advance the philosophy of harmonious society in Wheaton, MD.
- **DC South Asian Arts Council Inc.**, Gaithersburg, Maryland (\$7,900) – DC South Asian Arts Council Inc., (DCSAACI) will host the ninth annual *Washington DC South Asian Film Festival* (DCSAFF) to showcase independent cinema by South Asians in the USA and from South Asian countries, including India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. DCSAFF offers the community a unique opportunity to learn about South Asia's multi-faceted culture. DCSAFF will screen feature, documentary, and short films with South Asian content at AMC Wheaton Mall 9.
- **Six Degree Singers**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$7,800) – Six Degree Singers (SDS) educators will serve a newly recruited class of 35 adult students weekly, as well as children at public schools in Wheaton bi-monthly. SDS educators will also provide a series of concerts in Wheaton at public events culminating in a concert at Hughes United Methodist Church. Grant funds will be used for artist stipends and the production, marketing, and venue costs of the concert series.
- **ClancyWorks Dance Company**, Silver Spring, Maryland (\$7,800) – Grant funds will be used to continue and expand a multi-faceted program bringing together a diverse cultural and inter-generational population through a series of workshops in the Wheaton community. The series of workshops will culminate in performances by various members of the Wheaton community including middle school students, high school students, senior citizens, and the ClancyWorks Dance Company.
- **ChorSymphonica (formerly Rockville Bach Academy)**, Rockville, Maryland (\$7,500) – Grant funds will support a musical and educational event, the presentation of Bach's Cantata No. 71, *Gott ist mein König* (*God is my King*), with introductions in English and Spanish on November 7, 2020 at Hughes United Methodist Church. The cantata, one of several Bach composed for the election of the town council, offers a historic view of how a new government or administration was welcomed in Bach's time.

FY20 Arts Residencies in Schools Grants

\$39,599 awarded for January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

Arts Residencies in Schools Grants (ARSG) support the work of individual teaching artists trained in curriculum-based arts education. Teaching artists collaborate with a classroom teacher to develop an arts education program for students during the school day.

- **Ali Oliver-Krueger**, Eastern Middle School and White Oak Middle School (\$6,000) – Grant funds will be used for a theatre residency by Ali Oliver-Krueger, exploring Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and other selected Shakespearean texts, with 7th grade students at Eastern Middle School. Students in twelve 7th grade English classes will participate in a sequentially structured residency of 4 sessions each. Over the course of the residency, students will explore, analyze, interpret and perform selections from Shakespeare's plays. A second residency exploring only Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with 7th grade students will take place at White Oak Middle School. Students in all ten 7th grade English classes will follow the same structure as the first residency.
- **Carien Quiroga**, Summit Hall Elementary School (\$6,000) – Grant funds will be used for South African-born artist Carien Quiroga to work with 3rd grade students at Summit Hall Elementary School. Students will create a large-scale glass mosaic mural that will be permanently installed on the exterior facade of the building. During this collaborative mosaic mural making residency, students will learn about the history and culture of South Africa. Students will also find inspiration in their own personal heritage and traditions, while creating a painted and mosaic mural that will celebrate the school community and the many cultures and voices it represents.
- **Leila Cabib**, Glenallan Elementary School (\$6,000) – Grant funds will be used for a cartooning residency during which 4th grade students at Glenallan Elementary School will work with teaching artist Leila Cabib to write and illustrate their own original fairy tales in graphic novel format. Each student will complete one page in pen ink and color. The students' artwork will be displayed at the school.
- **Arianna Ross**, Dr. Charles Drew Elementary School and JoAnn Leleck Elementary School (\$5,998) – Arianna Ross will work with a cross-section of teachers and students at Dr. Charles Drew Elementary School on a project focused on storytelling and building literacy skills. The project will include: 1) a 2-hour professional development workshop held during staff meeting time to maximize teacher participation; 2) back-to-back performances for the whole school to enjoy; and 3) a series of three 45-minute workshops for six classrooms. For the second residency, JoAnn Leleck Elementary School has asked Arianna Ross to work with the 1st grade class to focus on developing their literacy skills. The second residency is structured the same as the first, except the series of workshops will be for seven classrooms.
- **Sue Fierston**, Dr. Martin Luther King Middle School (\$3,601) – Grant funds will be used to allow 220 6th grade students at Dr. Martin Luther King Middle School to work with Sue Fierston over 4 days to create a 9 x 12 inch watercolor painting. The painting will reinforce a lesson in ekphrasis. Students will write a poem inspired by a work of art they will see on a field trip to the Smithsonian Museum of American Art. Over four 45-minute lessons, students will learn art skills with Ms. Fierston, including contour drawing,

watercolor painting, and interpreting symbolic color, and will create a symbolic watercolor painting reflecting the emotion of their poem.

- **Joanne Miller**, Wheaton Woods Elementary School (\$6,000) – Teaching Artist and photographer Joanne Miller will lead 3rd grade students at Wheaton Woods Elementary School on a photographic journey. This arts-integrated residency is designed to bring the study of art and nature into the classroom and students outside to photograph the natural world. Classroom instruction begins with art vocabulary and ecosystem concepts. Instruction in camera use precedes photography outdoors with 30 cameras provided by the artist. Students will use their imaginations to create a collage incorporating two chosen photographs and a drawing to demonstrate understanding of art and ecosystem concepts.
- **Adrienne Clancy**, Albert Einstein High School and A. Mario Loiederman Middle School (\$6,000) – Grant funds will be used for a dance integration residency at Einstein High School focused on history and world cultural themes, which will be conducted with a core group of 9th – 12th grade students. Students will work with Dr. Clancy and a teaching assistant to create work using improvisation, choreographic devices and structures, and the elements of dance to highlight historical and cultural themes. A second residency will take place at Loiederman Middle School, focused on the same themes, which will be conducted with a core group of 7th – 8th grade students.