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CITY COUNCIL APPROVES PERFORMING ARTS GRANTS TO FURTHER CULTURAL ARTS IN GLENDALE IN 08/09

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Glendale’s art and culture will continue to grow, thanks to the Glendale Arts Commission’s awarding a total of 25 performing arts grants to non-profit organizations, schools and governmental agencies for the 08/09 fiscal year.

Grant applications were reviewed by the Arts Commission in May and approved by the Glendale City Council on June 10. Applicants were eligible to apply for grants up to \$4,000 for supporting community arts projects.

Applications were reviewed in accordance with the following evaluation criteria: 1) artistic quality, 2) ability to serve the needs of the community, 3) managerial and administrative ability of the applicant organization in producing or presenting the arts and, 4) appropriateness of the project budget.

“The upcoming year will be an exciting time for the city's arts,” said Rex Gulbranson, Glendale’s arts and culture administrator. “Programs will be held in all parts of the city, and the majority are free of charge and will be enjoyed by audiences of all ages.”

The Arts Commission recommended the following 25 grants totaling \$84,375 for funding for 2008-2009:

- \$2,700 – Arizona Authors Association, series of 7 public events and workshops featuring published authors held at Foothills Branch Library;
- \$2,175 – Arizona Dance Education Organization, series of 4 master classes taught by professional jazz dancer held at Glendale Community College for local high school dance students;

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- \$3,500 – Arizona Theatre Company, series of master classes over 3-month period taught by professional actors for students at Ironwood and Glendale High Schools;
- \$3,500 – Arizona Theatre Company, month-long artist in residence for students at Mountain Ridge High School showcasing the work of Shakespeare;
- \$3,500 – Ballet Arizona, outdoor Ballet Under the Stars concert at Sahuaro Ranch Historical Area;
- \$3,750 – Ballet Arizona, series of workshops taught by ballet dancers at Don Mesendick Elementary School;
- \$3,500 – Bead Museum, dance and music performances for the 3rd Annual International Family Day outdoor festival held at the Civic Center Plaza;
- \$3,500 – Bead Museum, performances, lectures and other public programs over a 4-month period for the Museum's Nagaland Exhibition, which opens in September 2008;
- \$3,750 – Center Dance Ensemble, series of 10 lecture-demonstration dance performances to be held for the student body, parents and friends at 6 schools in the Glendale Elementary School District;
- \$3,000 – Childsplay, series of 4 theatrical touring performances held at Foothills Branch Library;
- \$3,500 – Deer Valley Unified School District, series of workshops and concerts held at Sierra Verde School for students featuring Southwest Brass Ensemble;
- \$3,270 – Dysart Unified School District, series of dance workshops and performances held for students at Luke Elementary School over a 4-month period;
- \$3,750 – Glendale Elementary School District, performances and classroom visits at Horizon Elementary School by cultural historians Marshall Trimble and Dolan Ellis;
- \$3,500 – Glendale Public Library, Foothills Branch, series of performances, workshops, lectures and other events celebrating Route 66's Golden Era;
- \$3,730 – Glendale Public Library, Foothills Branch, performing arts series celebrating well-known tales of childhood targeting preschoolers, school-age children, teens and families;
- \$3,500 – Glendale Public Library, Main Branch, outdoor festival showcasing the urban arts movement known as hip hop;
- \$1,750 – Glendale Public Library, Main Branch, year-long series of monthly film discussions led by local film presenter Frederick Linch;

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- \$4,000 – Peoria Unified School District, series of opera performances presented by Operatunity at 10 elementary schools in the school district;
- \$3,500 – Phoenix Conservatory of Music, year-long after school music program presented at Bicentennial South Elementary School;
- \$3,500 – Phoenix Symphony, two concerts presented for the student body at Copperwood Elementary School;
- \$3,500 – Scottsdale Cultural Council and Arizona Wolf Trap, arts programs for preschoolers and workshops for their teachers at Glendale Elementary School District held during the fall semester;
- \$3,500 – Theater Works, series of 8 performances at Glendale Community Center, which include local youth as actors;
- \$3,500 – Theater Works; series of 8 performances at Velma Teague Library, which include local youth as actors;
- \$3,500 – West Valley Arts Council; festival celebrating the arts and culture of Brazil held at Copper Canyon High School Auditorium;
- \$3,500, West Valley Arts Council; The Big Read, a month-long literary arts series based on the book “The Maltese Falcon” held at Glendale’s libraries and other locations.

In 1996, the City Council approved the Performing Arts Grants Program to motivate, increase and support the performing arts in Glendale. The Performing Arts Grant Program supports a wide variety of programs, which make the arts more accessible to Glendale citizens, most notably youth and their families. Since the inception of the program, the city has funded 134 grants totaling \$338,325.

The arts are spread throughout the community targeting people of all ages with culturally diverse programs. For 2008-2009, programs benefit schools in the Deer Valley Unified, Dysart Unified, Glendale Elementary, Glendale Union High School, Peoria Unified and Tolleson Unified School Districts. Other programs benefit the city’s libraries and parks and recreation facilities. Programs benefit Glendale-based organizations including Arizona Authors Association, Bead Museum and Glendale Community College.

For more information on Glendale’s Arts programs, call 623-930-3520 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/arts/.

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