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## **Dane County Awards Nearly \$100,000 in Grants to Local Arts Organizations**

*Dane Arts Awards 46 Grants Supporting Arts and Cultural Activities Countywide with Public-Private Funds*

Dozens of local organizations that promote community arts, history, and culture are receiving “Dane Arts” grants, County Executive Joe Parisi and the Dane County Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission announced today. 43 project grants and three capital grants totaling \$99,801 are being awarded in the second cycle of “Dane Arts” grants in 2021.

“We are fortunate to have so many creative artists sharing their talents with the Dane County community,” said County Executive Parisi. “Congratulations to this year’s ‘Dane Arts’ grant recipients. We proudly support our arts and culture communities and look forward to the exciting experiences and performances that will be able to be carried out with the support of these funds.”

The “Dane Arts” grants are funded by county dollars in conjunction with private donations from the Endres Manufacturing Company Foundation, the Evjue Foundation, Inc., charitable arm of The Capital Times, the W. Jerome Frautschi Foundation, and the Pleasant T. Rowland Foundation.

This year, Dane County’s Dane Arts will award over \$201,000 in public-private funds to nonprofit organizations, schools, individuals, and municipalities for arts, cultural, and local history projects and programs offered countywide.

The next project grant deadline is February 1, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

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*\*\*Grant recipients are listed below this announcement\*\**

## **Multidisciplinary Arts/Culture**

**Africasong Communications, Inc.** - *2022 Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Award: \$2,090.00**

The 4th Annual State of Wisconsin Tribute & Ceremony honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a multi-disciplinary and multi-ethnic arts and cultural showcase that celebrates Dr. King's legacy and inspires hope using music, dance, and spoken word.

**Cultural Connections** - *Club Express*

**Award: \$3,060.00**

Club Express provides a culturally responsible space for children impacted by incarceration to find their voice and express it through art in a stigma-free space. The exhibition of their work raises awareness around the damage done to children and families, particularly those of color through disproportionate arrests and incarceration.

**Madison Children's Museum** - *Winter Wonderground Festival*

**Award: \$3,000.00**

Madison Children's Museum's Winter Wonderground Festival presents a full month of sports and arts (SPARTS) programming and art installations to help families explore and embrace Wisconsin winters in the *Wonderground*, a creative and utterly unique new outdoor play space created in direct response to the pandemic.

**Madison Circus Space** - *Solar Powered Circus*

**Award: \$3,150.00**

The Madison Circus Space presents Solar Powered Circus, featuring sustainable energy-themed new circus acts by local and regional performers including hoop dance, German wheel, aerial dance, juggling, and acroyoga. Audiences will have two-three opportunities to see this performance. Everyone is welcome and performances are family friendly.

**Opera for the Young** - *Family Opera Day featuring "Cinderella"*

**Award: \$1,100.00**

Opera for the Young presents its 12th annual Family Opera Day at the Overture Center for the Arts in June 2022. A free performance of *Cinderella* will be complemented by area partners with workshops in theater and design (Madison Children's Museum), movement and mindfulness (little om BIG OM), and music (Madison Youth Choirs).

**Overture Center for the Arts** - *Overture's 2022 International Festival*

**Award: \$3,150.00**

Overture's annual International Festival brings together thousands of Dane County residents to celebrate our collective cultural heritage. The 2022 International Festival will be presented in a hybrid model with over 30 performances, discussions, cooking classes, and visual art demonstrations available for free virtually and featured performances presented to an in-person audience while livestreamed. This is sure to be our most accessible festival yet!

**Rachel Werner** - *The Little Book Project WI: Edition #5 ("Access/Representation")*

**Award: \$990.00**

The Little Book WI Project weaves together visual and literary arts focused on a central theme, providing a mechanism to spark "uncensored" public discourse by providing a platform for artists from a variety of disciplines—especially those who have encountered barriers to making their work accessible to a wider audience.

**UW-Madison Arts on Campus - Wisconsin Film Festival: Big Screens, Little Folks**

**Award: \$2,750.00**

Big Screens, Little Folks, an extension of UW-Madison's Wisconsin Film Festival, enthusiastically welcomes the return to theaters again after two years of being held virtually. BSLF will host school-sponsored field trips April 7-15, 2022, in partnership with Dane County schools and transport young audiences (4K-12th grade) to local theaters where they will in turn be transported around the world by the relevant, educational, and specially-curated films we select.

**Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets - 2022 Winter Festival of Poetry**

**Award: \$1,042.00**

The annual Winter Festival of Poetry—now celebrating its 35th year—is an eight-week long series of poetry readings held on Sunday afternoons in January, February, and March. Each week, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., six diverse poets will share their words, visuals, and experiences as only they can.

**Music**

**Arts & Literature Laboratory, Inc. - Madison Jazz Festival 2022**

**Award: \$2,791.00**

The Madison Jazz Festival is a week-long celebration of jazz throughout Greater Madison, culminating with a headlining concert on the Memorial Union Terrace. Programs ranging from talks and film screenings to concerts, collaborative performances, and jazz jams occur daily from June 10-19, 2022.

**Madison Bach Musicians, Inc. - 11th Annual Baroque Holiday Concert and Outreach Event**

**Award: \$1,380.00**

Madison Bach Musicians will give its 11th annual Baroque Holiday Concert on Sunday afternoon December 12, 2021, at First Congregational Church. The concert will also be livestreamed. On Friday December 10, MBM will give a concert/discussion of this repertoire for students at Madison Memorial High School.

**Madison Bach Musicians, Inc. - Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater" And Bach's "Christ Lag in Todesbanden" Concerts and Outreach**

**Award: \$1,234.00**

Madison Bach Musicians concludes its 18th season April 13 and 15, 2022 with performances of Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater" and Bach's Cantata BWV 4 "Christ lag in Todesbanden" in the magnificent acoustics of Madison's Grace Episcopal Church. The concerts will be livestreamed for ticketed patrons who cannot attend in person. On April 12, the MBM ensemble will perform for students at Verona High School.

**Madison Choral Project - January-February 2022 Concert**

**Award: \$2,250.00**

The Madison Choral Project, Wisconsin's first fully professional choir, will present a variety of timely musical works that wrestle with complex social justice issues embedded in modern American life, anchored by "Privilege," composed by Ted Hearne. The works will be presented in a final concert on Saturday, January 29, 2022, at a local Madison performance venue as well as recorded and streamed for a wide online audience.

**Madison Flute Club - 2022 Wisconsin Flute Festival**

**Award: \$2,100.00**

Wisconsin Flute Festival is an engaging and educational day celebrating flute. The Festival includes workshops, lectures, performances, competitions, masterclasses, and an exhibit hall. The 2022 Festival will include both in-person and virtual components to improve accessibility and impact through and expanded paid and free offerings.

**Madison Opera, Inc. - Youth Engagement Programs 2021-2022**

**Award: \$2,363.00**

Madison Opera offers a range of Youth Engagement Programs designed to share the magic of professional opera with students from across Dane County.

**Madison Symphony Orchestra Inc. - Fall Youth Concerts 2021**

**Award: \$2,888.00**

Each year, the Madison Symphony Orchestra's Fall Youth Concerts entertain and educate over 5,000 students in grades 5-8 by introducing them to live classical music through age-appropriate programming and curricula. The concerts enrich and engage through themed performances that include projected images, narration, and inspiring performances by students' peers — winners of the MSO's Fall Youth Concerto Competition.

**Madison Youth Choirs - Spring 2022 Concert Series, "In This Place"**

**Award: \$2,888.00**

From January through May 2022, the 350 young singers of Madison Youth Choirs will explore repertoire reflecting the complex themes embedded in Amanda Gorman's poem "In This Place," including the world premiere of a new commissioned work, and a variety of classical and contemporary compositions. This semester-long study will culminate in a public concert series at Madison's Capitol Theater in May 2022.

**Middleton Community Orchestra - Holiday 2021 and Spring 2022 Concerts**

**Award: \$2,363.00**

Performed by outstanding amateur musicians from Dane County, in collaboration with some of classical music's brightest local stars, MCO's Eleventh Anniversary concerts are affordable, accessible community events perfect for audiences of ALL ages. General Admission is \$15, and all students (including college age) are admitted FREE of charge.

**Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center - Concerts on the Rooftop 2022**

**Award: \$840.00**

Monona Terrace Concerts on the Rooftop is a series of concerts on Thursday nights each summer that are free and open to the public. These events bring the entire community together to hear live music in a beautiful setting.

**UW Community Arts Collaboratory - Drum Power 2021-22 Programming and Performance**

**Award: \$2,888.00**

Drum Power is a youth leadership program that provides youth with an opportunity to learn West African Traditional, Afro-Cuban, and Afro-Brazilian drumming and their cultural/historical significance in order to build life skills and practice social-emotional skills. With Dane Arts' support, Drum Power will conduct in-school residencies, after school programming at the Madison Youth Arts Center (MYArts), and Africa Night at the Hammel Center.

**Wisconsin Union Theater - Renée Fleming Residency**

**Award: \$2,100.00**

A leading voice in music, soprano, arts advocate and respected researcher Renée Fleming makes her Madison debut with a multi-day residency that includes a performance, master class, and a Music and the Mind lecture in April 2022.

**Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras, Inc. - Music Makers Percussion Pilots Program**

**Award: \$2,750.00**

The WYSO Percussion Pilots is an exciting new pilot program for the WYSO Music Makers Program. Diverse 3rd and 4th grade students will explore world music, percussion rhythms, and music theory through the use of Afro-Cuban instruments and music. The program is designed for beginning percussionists with the idea that Excellence is for Everyone! Participants will share their learning at the 2022 Percussion Extravaganza on April 2 at the McFarland Performing Arts Center.

### **Visual Arts**

**Adriana Barrios** - *Artist Proof*

**Award: \$2,508.00**

Artist Proof is made up of two group exhibitions and a Pop-Up Print Shop that coincides with the Southern Graphics Council International (SGCI) printmaking conference taking place in Madison on March 16-20, 2022. Artist Proof aims to increase awareness of fine art printmaking to youth and families while amplifying underrepresented voices in printmaking.

**Max Puchalsky / Communication** - *Solarpunk Futures*

**Award: \$2,614.00**

*Solarpunk Futures* is an artist's game where players imagine the pathways to a desirable world from the perspective of a utopian future.

**Madison Museum of Contemporary Art** - *2022 Wisconsin Triennial*

**Award: \$2,888.00**

MMoCA will present the Wisconsin Triennial from April through October 2022. A signature survey of contemporary art statewide, MMoCA's Triennial will – for the first time in its 40-year history – be curated by someone working outside the institution to bring a transformative approach to a cornerstone of the museum's programming.

**Madison Public Art Project** - *Canopy Understories*

**Award: \$2,500.00**

The Madison Public Art Project supports the creation of "Canopy Understories," a public art sculpture series presented at the Arboretum. This project serves the Madison general public. Two local Madison-based artists will create larger than life sculptures designed to highlight native plant species. The sculptures placed in the Arboretum grounds will encourage optimal interaction within the natural landscape to the thousands of visitors.

**Mount Horeb Area Arts Association** - *2022 MHAAA Spring Art Tour*

**Award: \$2,640.00**

The Spring Art Tour is a family-friendly, three-day weekend, open art-studio event from June 3 to June 5, 2022. Featuring fine art from 30-40 Wisconsin artists within 30 miles of Mount Horeb, visitors gain exposure to a wide variety of media and techniques. The small-town feel of rural and village studios coupled with the rolling hill landscape of southwest Wisconsin provide visitors with a unique experience.

**Victoria Maidhof** - *Collateral Damage*

**Award: \$1,693.00**

Mental illness knows no social, ethnic, or economic bounds. Fifteen diverse artists turn their voices to the psychological effects of more than a year in isolation.

**Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters** - *Lois Bielefeld & Comfort Wasikhongo solo exhibits; installation and residency by Borealis*

**Award: \$1,665.00**

Solo exhibitions by Lois Bielefeld, a photographer known for her intimate, informally staged portraits of domestic life, and Comfort Wasikhongo, a painter whose audacious canvases celebrate figures from Black intellectual history and bodybuilding culture. Social practice artist Borealis will create an installation-based residency and engage with visitors to share their vision of "care webs" for the LGBTQ+ and disability communities.

**Dance**

**Dance Wisconsin - *A Nutcracker for All***

**Award: \$1,953.00**

Dance Wisconsin presents a far more inclusive *Nutcracker* ballet. Gone are demeaning stereotypes of international cultures that have unfortunately been at the heart of this holiday classic since its 1892 creation in imperial Russia. New scenes, new dance, and new costumes excite in their welcoming diversity.

**Kanopy Dance Theatre Inc - *Reflection + Dreams***

**Award: \$2,500.00**

Kanopy's *Reflection + Dreams* presents visionary works of dance legends Anna Sokolow (1910-2000) and Talley Beatty (1918-1995). Performed by guest artists NYC's Sokolow Theatre/Dance Ensemble, Clarence Brooks, and Kanopy Dance Company dancers. Both fought to be artists (Sokolow a Jewish woman, and Beatty a Black man) and were uncompromising in exposing social injustices and expressing joy and sorrow in their works. As potent today as when first created, their dances deeply move audiences.

**Li Chiao-Ping Dance - *7DaysDancing***

**Award: \$2,340.00**

*7DaysDancing*, directed/choreographed by Li Chiao-Ping, is a seven part series of free, crafted live art experiences that integrate dance in non-traditional performance spaces in Dane County. The events take place over each day of the week, spanning the 2021-2022 season to highlight dance's omnipresence and availability.

**Madison Contemporary Vision Dance - *Hip Hop and Contemporary Community Dance Concert***

**Award: \$2,250.00**

*Holidays Collide* is a contemporary and hip-hop dance concert dedicated to bringing people together for community and learning. Madison Contemporary Dance (MCD) is partnering with the BLW Neighborhood Center, Madtown Hip Hop Crew, and A Step Above Dance to include children, teens, and community members in the concert.

**UW Community Arts Collaboratory - *Performing Ourselves 2021-22 School Residencies***

**Award: \$3,150.00**

*Performing Ourselves* dance and movement classes will be implemented in schools, community centers, and the new Madison Youth Arts Center.

**Theater**

**Forward Theater - *The Mytilenean Debate and Complimentary Programming***

**Award: \$2,625.00**

Forward Theater will produce "The Mytilenean Debate" by Amy Quan Barry February, 24 through March 13, 2022.

**StageQ - *HIR - February 11 - February 26, 2022***

**Award: \$952.00**

StageQ is excited to produce the Wisconsin premiere of Taylor Mac's "HIR," an absurd family dramedy surrounding one son's return from war to find his parent's house in chaos and his sibling transitioning. When waning male privilege and PTSD collide with acceptance of gender neutrality, the result is explosive.

**TNW Ensemble Theater, Inc. - *The Floridians***

**Award: \$1,200.00**

TNW Ensemble Theater requests support for *The Floridians*, an original post-pandemic comedy about the adventures of retirees who team up with an FBI agent to corral Russian spies/money launderers/wannabe musical theater artists in Florida. It takes a humorous look at how people struggled to adapt during a pandemic.

**Arts in Education**

**American Players Theatre - *APT's Potency of Poetry Residency Program for Dane County Schools***

**Award: \$2,888.00**

Potency of Poetry (PoP) is a week-long, in-classroom residency program that utilizes the unique skills of APT teaching artists to infuse students with enthusiasm and appreciation for classical texts. The program equips students to clearly comprehend challenging literature, such as poetry and Shakespeare and compels them to discover the confidence to use and express language.

**Little Picassos - *A free art enrichment program for low-income children***

**Award: \$2,035.00**

Little Picassos is a free after school art enrichment program for underserved, low-income children in Madison, WI.

**Prairie Music & Arts - *MAD Arts***

**Award: \$1,347.00**

MAD Arts is a Music, Visual Art, and Theater education program in Sun Prairie, WI directed in partnership among Prairie Music & Arts, Sun Prairie Community Schools, and the McKenzie Family Boys and Girls Club in Sun Prairie. The project strives for accessibility and emphasizes collaboration through artistic exploration.

**Music con Brio, Inc. - *10th Annual Community Concert Series***

**Award: \$2,100.00**

In 2021-22, Music con Brio will present our 10th Annual Community Concert Series, integrating our Music by Black Composers initiative. Partnering with MYArts and Emerson Elementary/the Goodman Center, we'll present two Community Concerts, professionally recording both to showcase online, providing motivation, outreach, and enriching collaborations between students, professional musicians, and the community.

**Odyssey Inc. - *Transforming Lives Through Art***

**Award: \$825.00**

The UW Odyssey Project, in collaboration with Cultural Connections, will create art for the new UW Partnership Space with Odyssey Junior families to build community, create inclusive spaces, and share ideas with the broader community.

**UW Community Arts Collaboratory - *Whoopsocket's 2021-22 Performance Season at MYArts***

**Award: \$3,150.00**

Whoopsocket works with emergent readers and writers. This project will support Whoopsocket's 2021-22 Performance season at Madison Youth Arts Center. Whoopsocket presents the writing of young people

from Madison schools, community centers, and libraries through unique, kid-authored, professionally performed short plays.

### **Capital Grants**

**Atwood Atelier** - *plaster casts, canvas racks, track lighting, lockers, etc.*

**Award: \$1,561.00**

The Atwood Atelier is moving to a new studio space to provide more access to the public and is requesting grant funds to cover the costs of some equipment expenses, including track lighting, canvas racks and lockers for students, and plaster casts and a skeleton to aid in drawing and painting instruction.

**Fermat's Last Theater Company** - *Documentary Theater - Amp and three wireless microphones*

**Award: \$250.00**

Fermat's Last Theater Company does not have its own venue and is requesting funds to purchase three wireless microphones with stands and a speaker/amp to allow participants to perform in a variety of non-traditional venues such as coffeehouses and bookstores.

**Overture Center for the Arts** - *Overture Rotunda Ring Lights*

**Award: \$3,000.00**

The replacement of the failing, early-generation, color-changing LED fixtures in all four levels of Overture's Rotunda has become absolutely imperative. The iconic Overture Rotunda dome will soon become dark and lifeless without the removal of existing, outdated fixtures and reinstallation of new fixtures. This project will ensure Overture's Rotunda will be well-lit and accessible for performances and events for Overture's 700,000+ annual visitors.