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United Arts Announces Grants for Region’s Cornerstone Cultural Organizations

United Arts of Central Florida announced \$1,400,880 in General Operating Support and matching grants to sixteen local arts and cultural organizations. These grants provide stabilizing operating support to the region’s cornerstone cultural institutions. The grant pool was reduced by 9% in a challenging year across the country for private and public sector support. Across the board, state and local funding for the arts is down for the fourth consecutive year, and Central Florida has suffered similar losses. United Arts will also award an additional \$215,460 later in the year through grant programs for organizational projects and individual artists.

“The arts foster economic development and education, and bolster tourism and a sense of community,” said Flora Maria Garcia, President & CEO of United Arts. “The arts also attract and retain high-level businesses and improve the quality of our lives—in short, support for the arts is a terrific investment in the betterment of our community—and we thank all the investors that make United Arts’ funding possible. We are looking toward the future equipped with new strategies and efficiencies with a focus on increased funding.”

United Arts of Central Florida is a dynamic collaboration of businesses, governments and school districts, foundations, arts and cultural organizations, and artists and individuals. This partnership works to enhance the quality and variety of cultural experiences available throughout Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. Since its inception in 1989, United Arts has invested more than \$117 million in local cultural organizations and cultural education. United Arts strengthens the community by connecting you with creative opportunities and experiences. *The Arts Matter*[™] – for our children, for our economy, for our community. For more information please visit UnitedArts.cc, or to perform an act of philanthropy by giving *for* the arts, visit TheArtsMatter.com.

General Operating Support Grantees

Art & History Museums, Maitland	\$ 40,122
Andrea Bailey Cox, andrea@artandhistory.org , 407.539.2181	
Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community	\$ 24,444
N. Y. Nathiri, apec@cfl.rr.com , 407.647.3307	
Bach Festival Society	\$ 77,632
Elizabeth Gwinn, egwinn@bachfestivalflorida.org , 407.646.2182	

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Crealdé School of Art Peter Schreyer, pschreyer@crealde.org, 407.671.1886	\$ 49,169
Enzian Elizabeth Tiedtke, etiedtke@enzian.org, 407.629.1088	\$ 33,368
Orange County Regional History Center Sara Van Arsdel, sara.vanarsdel@ocfl.net, 407.836.8500	\$ 28,856
Orlando Ballet Mark Hough, mhough@orlandoballet.org, 407.426.1733	\$ 188,105
Orlando Museum of Art Marena Grant Morrisey, mgmorrisey@omart.org, 407.896.4231	\$ 226,368
Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra	\$ 224,142
Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra – Concert Opera David Schillhammer, davidschiller@aol.com, 407.896.6700	\$ 98,927
Orlando Repertory Theatre Gene Columbus, gcolumbus@orlandorep.com, 407.896.7365	\$ 68,604
Orlando Science Center JoAnn Newman, jnewman@osc.org, 407.514.2000	\$ 192,737
Orlando Shakespeare Theater Shannon Lacek, shannonl@orlandoshakes.org, 407.447.1700	\$ 144,686

Matching Grants

CityArts Factory / Downtown Arts District Barbara Hartley, barbara@dadorlando.com, 407.648.7060	\$ 1,092
Osceola Center for the Arts Ed Moore, emoore@ocfta.com, 407.846.6257	\$ 706
Seminole Cultural Arts Council Donna Bundy, info@seminoleculturalarts.org, 407.302.1099	\$ 904
Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center Dave Chrystan, davec@wdpac.com, 407.321.8111 x101	\$ 1,018

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