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UNITED ARTS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA HAS OPENED THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE MINI-GRANTS PROGRAM

ORLANDO – July 18, 2019 – United Arts of Central Florida has opened the application process for the Mini-Grants program. These grants, up to \$2,500 for cultural projects, have three deadlines per year, a short application and a one-month turnaround from submission to grant decision. The program is geared for smaller/emerging nonprofit 501(c)(3) cultural organizations with a budget of \$75,000 or less. These grants are supported by gifts to United Arts’ *Arts for ALL* Fund and the deadline is 5 p.m., Thursday, August 1, 2019, for projects starting on or after Sept 1. The complete list of application guidelines and requirements is located on the United Arts website (www.UnitedArts.cc/grants).

Mini-Grants help fund programming by arts, science and history nonprofit organizations, increasing the variety of cultural experiences available to residents and visitors in Central Florida. This grant program recognizes the high value of arts and culture for our region and the institutions that provide cultural programming for the public year-round.

“Since its inception in 1989, United Arts has invested more than \$155 million in the growth and development of Central Florida nonprofit cultural groups,” said President & CEO Flora Maria Garcia. “This grant process ensures that Central Florida residents are receiving inspired programming from cultural institutions no matter their size.”

The value of these grants is clear. The May 2019 Mini-Grants were awarded to seven cultural organizations totaling \$9,300. Nearly 3/4 of grantees receive their first grant from United Arts through this program, and 52% of funding goes to culturally diverse organizations.

In order to be considered for the Mini-Grants, the organization must have been in existence for one year; have a nonprofit 501(c)(3) status; the proposed project must involve the arts, sciences, or history, such as the fine arts of a culture; must occur in Lake, Orange, Osceola or Seminole counties; and must be open to the public. Exhibits, performances, festivals, arts education or outreach programs are examples of typical projects. All projects must be executed by professional artists and performers. Multiple projects can be included in one application, but separate budget forms are required for each project. Administrative costs can be included, up to 15% of the project budget.

United Arts staff initially reviews applications and may contact applicants for additional materials. Grant awards are determined by the Executive Committee of the United Arts board of directors.

Please visit www.UnitedArts.cc/grants for more information and the complete list of application guidelines and requirements.

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About United Arts of Central Florida

United Arts is a collaboration of individuals, businesses, governments and school districts, foundations, arts and cultural organizations, and artists. Its mission is to enrich communities by investing in arts, science and history. United Arts serves residents and visitors in Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties through more than 60 local arts, science and history organizations. It raises and distributes funds for these cultural groups and provides management, administrative and advisory services. Since 1989, United Arts has invested more than \$155 million in Central Florida's arts and culture.

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