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## ***UNITED ARTS AWARDS ORANGE COUNTY VENUE SUBSIDY GRANTS TO 15 ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS***

**ORLANDO – August 11, 2020** – United Arts of Central Florida (United Arts) announced the recipients of its second cycle of Orange County Venue Subsidy Grants.

In light of the financial impact on the arts community due to COVID-19, United Arts and Orange County administrators have modified the criteria of the Venue Subsidy Grants to make them accessible to groups with longer term venue leases. Fifteen organizations were awarded grants totaling \$278,300. Ten were to assist with long-term leases; five organizations that were awarded grants in the first cycle forfeited those grants because of event cancellations and reapplied in the second cycle, switching from a venue rental subsidy to a long-term lease subsidy.

United Arts developed this grant program in conjunction with Orange County. It is funded through a \$500,000 allocation from Orange County Government with the goal to bring more arts and cultural programs to Orange County. Due to COVID-19, for the time being, the focus is on organizations' essential needs.

New long-term lease grant recipients are:

**Crealdé School of Art**

Funding Amount: **\$5,785**

**Garden Theatre**

Funding Amount: **\$11,619**

**Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida**

Funding Amount: **\$9,841**

**Mad Cow Theatre**

Funding Amount: **\$11,910**

**Orlando Museum of Art**

Funding Amount: **\$49,287**

**Orlando Repertory Theatre**

Funding Amount: **\$23,370**

**Orlando Science Center**

Funding Amount: **\$50,000**

**Orlando Shakes**

Funding Amount: **\$24,558**

**The Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community (P.E.C.)**

Funding Amount: **\$2,568**

**The Winter Park Playhouse**

Funding Amount: **\$25,315**

Modified awards from first grant cycle recipients are:

**Central Florida Ballet**

First Cycle Award Amount: **Forfeited**

New Funding Amount: **\$14,480**

**Central Florida Community Arts**

First Cycle Award Amount: **Forfeited**

New Funding Amount: **\$3,975**

**Downtown Arts District**

First Cycle Award Amount: **Forfeited**

New Funding Amount: **\$3,854**

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First Cycle Award Amount: **Forfeited**

New Funding Amount: **\$35,053**

**Orlando Fringe**

First Cycle Award Amount: **Forfeited**

New Funding Amount: **\$6,685**

United Arts is now accepting applications for the next cycle of Venue Subsidy Grants. The next application deadline will be due in October 2020. Applicants are eligible for a maximum of \$50,000 and not more than 50% of the total venue rental and long-term venue lease costs for performances and exhibitions, per fiscal year. Organizations can learn more or apply at [www.UnitedArts.cc/grants](http://www.UnitedArts.cc/grants).

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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 the more than 60 local arts, science and history organizations it supports. It does this by providing direct support through grants and contracts for services, collaborative fundraising, arts education opportunities, advocacy, and technical and administrative assistance. Since 1989, United Arts has invested more than \$162 million in Central Florida's arts and culture.

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