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UNITED ARTS CONTINUES TO SUPPORT ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH ORANGE COUNTY VENUE SUBSIDY GRANTS

ORLANDO – December 1, 2020 – United Arts of Central Florida (United Arts) announced the recipients of its Orange County Venue Subsidy Grants. Twenty-five organizations were awarded grants totaling \$504,489.06.

“This funding has helped our organization keep our doors open and allowed our students to continue to believe in the impossible and dance in their passion,” said Terri J. Burns, Executive Artistic Director at the Standing Ovation Talent Group.

Now in its second year, United Arts developed this grant program in conjunction with Orange County to provide support for venue rentals throughout Orange County. It is funded through a \$500,000 allocation from Orange County Government with the goal of bringing a variety of arts and cultural programs to Orange County districts. Due to COVID-19, the focus of the program was expanded to include long-term venue leases as well.

"After having been closed for over nine months, this rent-subsidy grant is truly a lifeline," stated Heather Alexander, executive director at The Winter Park Playhouse. "It will help The Playhouse emerge from the pandemic stronger and focus on our mission of entertaining, uplifting and inspiring the Central Florida community through professional musical theater programming. We are so grateful!"

Long-term lease grant recipients are:

The Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community

Funding Amount: **\$7,039.50**

Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts

Funding Amount: **\$19,950**

Capoeira for Tomorrow

Funding Amount: **\$19,950**

Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center

Funding Amount: **\$14,022**

Standing Ovation Talent Group Inc.

Funding Amount: **\$12,698.97**

Theatre South Playhouse

Funding Amount: **\$37,682.70**

The Winter Park Playhouse

Funding Amount: **\$47,500**

Venue rental grant recipients are:

Celebration Theatre Company

Funding Amount: **\$22,088.45**

Central Florida Community Arts

Funding Amount: **\$36,466.23**

Central Florida Vocal Arts

Funding Amount: **\$9,794.71**

Creative City Project

Funding Amount: **\$8,407.50**

International Fringe Festival of Central Florida D/B/A Orlando Fringe

Funding Amount: **\$47,500**

Music To My Mind

Funding Amount: **\$1,073.50**

Opera Orlando

Funding Amount: **\$47,500**

Orlando Ballet

Funding Amount: **\$47,500**

Orlando City Ballet D/B/A Russian Ballet Orlando

Funding Amount: **\$3,289.38**

Orlando International Film Festival, Inc.

Funding Amount: **\$2,768.36**

Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra

Funding Amount: **\$47,500**

Orlando Shakes (Orlando Shakespeare Theater)

Funding Amount: **\$47,500**

Orlando Symphony Orchestra

Funding Amount: **\$4,522**

Orlando Urban Film Festival (OUFF)

Funding Amount: **\$2,850**

Performing Arts of Maitland

Funding Amount: **\$3,039.98**

Playwrights' Round Table

Funding Amount: **\$5,324.75**

Timucua Arts Foundation

Funding Amount: **\$7,737.28**

Write To Be Scene

Funding Amount: **\$783.75**

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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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