



THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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ROCHESTER AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS NINE ARTS-RELATED GRANTS TOTALING \$28,050

Rochester, NY – Rochester Area Community Foundation is awarding \$28,050 in competitive grants to nine local arts organizations and programs.

The grants, which range from \$2,500 to \$5,000, will help boost the profile of the local arts community, sustain three performing arts programs and engage children in the arts.

“During a time when state and local funding is evaporating, we are fortunate that three funds established by generous and passionate local philanthropists will be able to support many special arts-related programs and projects,” says Jennifer Leonard, president and executive director of the Community Foundation. These arts-specific funds include:

- **Castle Fund for Music Education:** For music education in the Monroe County area.
- **Anne McQuay Arts and Cultural Fund II:** For music and dance, especially programs of established organizations.
- **Fund for the Fine and Performing Arts:** To promote the growth and expansion of existing performing and fine arts programs and to give new organizations an opportunity to develop.

Here are details on the grant recipients and their programs:

ARC of Monroe County: For an arts-based day program that provides visual, performing and literary arts training to school-age children with developmental disabilities. (\$2,500)

Borinquen Dance Theatre: To provide youth with cultural education utilizing dance, music, oral history, and skill training. (\$3,000)

Canandaigua Lake Chamber Music Festival: For community outreach concerts featuring music from around the world. (\$3,000)

Gateways Music Festival: For the 8th annual festival of classical music performed by musicians of African descent. (\$3,550)

Hochstein School of Music and Dance: To support the Honors Ensemble Program where students in grade 9 - 12 are trained by professional musicians and perform live at local events. (\$5,000)

Mercury Opera: For general support for this organization, which produces a varied repertoire of professional opera. (\$2,500)

Rochester City Ballet: To support the performance and production of three ballets. (\$3,000)

Rochester Contemporary Arts Center: For program support and to bring cutting-edge artists to Rochester. (\$3,000)

Young Audiences of Rochester: To provide more than 3,500 students with workshops and performances, exposing them to a wide range of arts and diverse cultural experiences, including dance, music, and storytelling. (\$2,500)

As greater Rochester's largest grantmaking foundation, the Community Foundation engages passionate philanthropists in improving our community through grants and initiatives that address aging, arts and culture, civic engagement, early childhood development, education, environment and animal welfare, health and nutrition, historical education and preservation, the needs of women and girls, youth and families, and more. For additional information, please visit www.racf.org.