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Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester Awards \$94,389 to Area Artists and Arts Organizations

Rochester, NY The Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester, in partnership with the New York State Council on the Arts, the New York State Legislature, and Rochester Area Communication Foundation, today announced the 2005 Community Arts Grants. Thirty-four area artists, school partnerships, and arts organizations will receive a total of \$94,389 through three different grant programs.

"We are very grateful that New York State and Rochester Area Community Foundation see the value of this investment," said Arts Council President and CEO, Sarah E. Lentini. "This support means a great deal to the recipient organizations, who in turn serve as a key element in the area's economic revitalization strategy."

A ceremony honoring the grantees is scheduled for Friday, February 11 from 10:00 to Noon at the Rochester Museum & Science Center, Bausch Auditorium - 657 East Ave., Rochester.

The grant programs and recipients are as follows:

**New York State Council on the Arts Local Capacity Building Initiative
Education through the Arts Grants**

The **Education through the Arts** program provides matching grants up to \$2,000. They are awarded to partnerships involving a school and an artist and/or cultural organization for projects that integrate arts and non-arts subjects. A total of \$7,725 was awarded to five partnerships.

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Our Lady of Mercy High School and Leah Ruekberg, teaching artist and storyteller \$2,000 for "Celebrating the Lives of Women"

RCSD #16 - John Walton Spencer School and Calvin Hubbard, artist and M.J. Iuppa, artist
\$2,000 for "More than a Village"

RCSD #4 - The Children's School of Rochester and Colleen Hendrick/Bush Mango Drum and Dance
\$900 for "West African Dance"

RCSD #23 - Francis Parker, Elizabeth Clark, artist and dancer, and Leah Ruekberg, artist and storyteller
\$825 for "The Tree of Peace"

Schlegel Road School, Webster and PUSH Physical Theatre
\$2,000 for "Diversity through Movement"

New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Fund (DEC) Grants

DEC Grants are made possible with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts and the New York State Legislature. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for nonprofit organizations in Monroe County for public cultural programming that serves Monroe County residents. This year's grants total \$61,664 to 21 organizations.

- ❑ **Greater Rochester Repertory Co.**, \$3,500 for production of *Portraits*, an original musical review by local composer/lyricist Mark DeWaters.
- ❑ **The Commission Project**, \$3,600 to bring professional composers into six urban and suburban public schools to work directly with students.
- ❑ **Krakow-Rochester Sister Cities**, \$1,500 for Sunday afternoon "Polka Party" at the Eisenhart Auditorium of the Rochester Museum & Science Center and featuring the dance and music of Poland.
- ❑ **Park Avenue Dance Co.**, \$1,200 for contemporary and classical jazz master classes by artists from Toronto and Rochester.
- ❑ **Dance Rochester! Ltd.**, \$3,000 for a choreographic and live performance using original compositions by local choreographers and composers.

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- ❑ **Hallmark Danceworks**, \$3,500 to allow five dance companies to produce a spring dance series, provide fieldwork for new choreographers, and offer master classes.
- ❑ **Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley**, \$4,000 for post-production of *Reflections on a Rainbow*, a video documentary on the history of the gay community in Rochester.
- ❑ **The Corner Place**, \$4,000 to offer a free summer arts program to children ages pre-school through teen in the Upper Monroe/Swillburg neighborhoods.
- ❑ **Rochester West Indian Festival Organization**, \$3,200 to host two workshops to showcase Caribbean culture and to fund a performance of the Caribbean band, *Cloud IX*.
- ❑ **Brighton Symphony Orchestra**, \$3,350 to perform a series of eleven orchestral concerts at accessible sites around Rochester.
- ❑ **Moonbeam2earth Project, Inc.**, \$1,500 for a performance by students from Holy Rosary Elementary for children at Volunteers of America.
- ❑ **Genesee Center for Arts & Education**, \$3,800 for a summer youth arts program.
- ❑ **ArtsReach**, \$3,800 for development of a youth-run music production company.
- ❑ **Madrigalia**, \$1,130 for performance of a professional string ensemble for collaboration.
- ❑ **Genesee Valley Audubon Society**, \$3,500 to combine arts and environmental events that encourage environmental awareness and volunteerism.
- ❑ **Asian-Pacific Islander American History Project**, \$2,500 for events celebrating Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month.
- ❑ **Montgomery Neighborhood Association**, \$4,500 to support the Kuumba Artist Cooperative, an artist residency initiative housed in the neighborhood center and featuring free public classes.
- ❑ **Samaritan Women, Inc.**, \$1,232 to introduce inner-city students to Rochester cultural institutions.
- ❑ **Sojourner House**, \$4,852 for *Saturdays at Sojourner*, which provides at-risk children with weekly lessons in the arts.

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- ❑ **Penfield Symphony Orchestra**, \$2,000 for an outreach concert with AKOMA gospel choir scheduled for December, 2005.
- ❑ **Rochester Chamber Orchestra**, \$2,000 for the *Lilac Festival Concert With Many Voices* featuring the Rochester Chamber Orchestra, Bach Children's Chorus of Nazareth College, Rochester's Taiwanese Choral Society and local musicians.

Capacity Building Grants in collaboration with Rochester Area Community Foundation

The Capacity Building Grants program, intended to support projects that enhance the long-term growth and vitality of an organization, is administered by the Arts & Cultural Council and made possible by Rochester Area Community Foundation. These grants are for nonprofit cultural organizations with budgets under \$400,000 in Monroe, Wayne, Ontario, Livingston, Genesee or Orleans County.

- ❑ **High Falls Film Festival**, \$4,000 to develop a web site to include online ticketing printed directly by patrons to better serve audiences and increase sales.
- ❑ **The Commission Project**, \$4,000 to create and print new communication and publicity materials to expand visibility and increase music education programs
- ❑ **Friends of Ganondagan, Inc.**, \$4,015 to hire a business consultant to develop a comprehensive business plan that includes staff and volunteer training.
- ❑ **Weaver's Guild of Rochester**, \$988 to purchase a laptop computer and LCD for teaching weaving.
- ❑ **Off-Monroe Players**, \$570 to purchase musical scores and parts.
- ❑ **Borinquen Dance Theater**, \$3,000 to develop a strategic marketing plan.
- ❑ **Penfield Symphony Orchestra**, \$4,472 to purchase a printer/scanner/copier.
- ❑ **Mercury Opera Rochester**, \$3,955 to hire a marketing consultant to improve audience awareness and development, and fundraising.

Through its grant programs, membership services, and special initiatives, the **Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester** serves both the arts community and the community at large by acting as a funder and advocate for artistic vitality and cultural diversity throughout the region. To learn more about the Arts Council, visit www.artsrochester.org or call (585) 473-4000.

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