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## Oregon Arts Commission Announces Grant Deadlines for Individual Artists

*Artist Career Opportunity, Artist Fellowships and  
Media Arts Fellowship Applications Now Available Online*

The Oregon Arts Commission announces fall deadlines for several grant programs for individual Oregon artists. Guidelines and application forms are available online at [www.oregonartscommission.org](http://www.oregonartscommission.org).

### **Career Opportunity Grants**

**First FY09 quarterly deadline: August 13, 2008**

Initiated in 2007, Career Opportunity Grants for Artists provide financial support to enable Oregon artists to take advantage of opportunities that will enhance their arts careers through the development of arts, business or professional skills; to expand marketing capacity; and/or to advance the nature or quality of their artwork. Applications may be submitted quarterly by August 13, 2008, November 14, 2008, February 13, 2009 and May 14, 2009. Applicants should check the Commission's website, [www.oregonartscommission.org](http://www.oregonartscommission.org), to confirm the availability of funds after the first deadline as this program is highly competitive. The grants, funded through the Commission's Creative Oregon Initiative, expand the capacity of Oregon's artists, who often work as independent small businesses, to contribute to Oregon's economy in both urban and rural areas.

### **Media Arts Fellowships**

**October 1, 2008 Deadline**

Oregon Media Arts Fellowships provide financial and other support for production expenses to enable Oregon film or video artists to create or complete new work or works in progress. Media Arts Fellowships recognize and assist media artists whose work shows exceptional promise and who have demonstrated a commitment to film or video art. The Oregon Arts Commission, the Gordon D. Sondland and Katherine J. Durant Foundation and Oregon Public Broadcasting fund the program. While the Media Arts Fellowship program is

administered by the Northwest Film Center/Portland Art Museum, applications may be downloaded from [www.oregonartscommission.org](http://www.oregonartscommission.org) Additional support is provided by the Oregon Film and Video Office, and Chambers Communications.

**Artist Fellowships**

**October 15, 2008 postmark deadline**

Artist Fellowships recognize outstanding work created by artists throughout Oregon and consider artists' past achievements and future promise in the arts. This year, the program will consider applications from artists demonstrating excellence in the area of the literary (creative non-fiction, fiction, playwriting and poetry) or performing arts (choreography, dance, music composition, music performance, theater and performance art). The Commission may make up to thirteen \$3,000 fellowship awards.

All grant programs for individual artists are competitive funding programs. Potential applicants are encouraged to review program guidelines for each of these categories and to contact Arts Commission staff to discuss eligibility.

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The Oregon Arts Commission provides leadership, funding and arts programs through its grants, special initiatives and services. Nine commissioners, appointed by the Governor, determine arts needs and establish policies for public support of the arts. The Arts Commission became part of the Oregon and Community Economic Development Department in 1993, in recognition of the expanding role the arts play in the broader social, economic and educational arenas of Oregon communities. In 2003, the Oregon legislature moved the operations of the Oregon Cultural Trust to the Arts Commission, streamlining operations and making use of the Commission's expertise in grantmaking, arts and cultural information and community cultural development.

The Arts Commission is supported with general funds appropriated by the Oregon legislature and with federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts as well as funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust.

More information about the Oregon Arts Commission is available online at:  
[www.oregonartscommission.org](http://www.oregonartscommission.org)

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