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### **FY2018 Arts Learning Grants fund 20 statewide K-12 arts education projects**

A total of 20 Oregon arts organizations have received \$193,001 in FY 2018 Oregon Arts Commission Arts Learning grants to support arts education projects now under way across the state. The grants range from \$4,451 to \$12,046.

“We are delighted by the creativity and collaboration behind this year’s applications, and are confident that the education of thousands of students around the state will be enriched as a result,” said Arts Commission Vice Chair Anne Taylor, who chaired the review panel. “The variety of grant projects demonstrates the capacity in which art can help students learn.”

Arts Learning grants are designed to support projects that expand opportunities for K-12 students to learn in and through the arts by filling a critical gap or expanding opportunities for learners; encourage teachers and administrators to build knowledge about the arts through relationships with teaching artists and arts organizations; and include a plan for measuring new achievements, skills or attitudes of participants.

Grant applications are evaluated based on project quality and scope, project preparation and evaluation of student learning.

Note: Although grant recipients are listed with their organizations’ base location, the population they reach may be outside of their immediate community -- often in rural and underserved parts of the state.

Organizations receiving 2018 Arts Learning grants, and their project descriptions, are:

#### **Architecture Foundation of Oregon, Portland: \$7,877**

To support Architects in Schools - a curriculum-based, six-week architecture design residency program for 3rd-5th grade Oregon classrooms.

#### **Caldera, Portland: \$11,535**

To support Geography of We: Our Brimming Atmosphere, providing approx. 300-400 youth with year-round arts and life skills mentoring/instruction.

**Eugene-Springfield Youth Orchestras, Eugene: \$8,942**

To support affordable, accessible strings classes in nine elementary schools, giving children of all backgrounds the benefits of learning an instrument.

**Fishtrap, Enterprise: \$11,306**

To support and enhance Fishtrap's youth programs, which offer a continuum of writing instruction for students across Eastern Oregon.

**High Desert Museum, Bend: \$7,367**

To support Kids Curate, a year-long integrated STEAM program that provides meaningful arts learning experiences to under-represented students.

**Lane Arts Council, Eugene: \$10,576**

To support 120 weeks (2,500 hours) of artist residencies serving 12,000 students at more than 45 elementary and middle schools in Lane County.

**Literary Arts, Portland: \$11,261**

To support up to 45 creative writing residencies at up to 12 public high schools.

**Miracle Theatre Group, Portland: \$4,451**

To support a three-day, arts-integrated bilingual and environmental theatre residency for the Academy of International Studies (AIS) at Woodburn High School.

**Northwest Film Center, Portland: \$9,494**

To support 250 low income and/or minority 7th grade students from Portland middle schools with 144 hours of artist-led instruction in filmmaking.

**Open Signal, Portland Community Media Center, Portland: \$5,722**

To support Echo AiR, an immersive filmmaking program linking 14-18 year olds from marginalized communities to the professional media field.

**Oregon Ballet Theatre, Portland: \$11,127**

To support "OBT L.A.B. (Learn About Ballet)" dance residencies for K-2 students at three outlying, Title 1 schools during the 2017/18 academic year.

**Oregon BRAVO Youth Orchestras, Portland: \$11,740**

To support intensive daily orchestral music education in rigorous after-school programs for about 175 underserved students in North Portland.

**Oregon Children's Theatre, Portland: \$7,588**

To support K-8th grade in-school residencies that use the power of theater to advance arts education and support classroom learning.

**Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Ashland: \$11,944**

To support the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's SCHOOL VISIT PARTNERSHIPS for Oregon schools, an expansion and enhancement of its School Visit Program.

**Portland Playhouse, Portland: \$11,255**

To support ten weeks (60-75 hours) of after-school Shakespeare programming for more than 200 students at Portland-area schools.

**Regional Arts & Culture Council, Portland: \$12,046**

To support arts integrated educational experiences for nearly 30,000 K-8 students and 1,125 educators in the Portland-metro tri-county area.

**Rogue Valley Symphony Association, Ashland: \$11,025**

To support Link Up, a weekly in-school music education program for all 3rd-5th graders in the Phoenix/Talent School District, plus the final concert.

**Ross Ragland Theater, Klamath Falls: \$7,278**

To support approximately 1,800 hours of in classroom artist residencies by local artists in eight Klamath County School District schools.

**Salem Art Association, Salem: \$9,391**

To support arts integration at three rural Title I schools, and to provide a relevant pathway for K-5 teachers to integrate arts in their classroom.

**Wisdom of the Elders, Inc., Portland: \$11,076**

To support Discovering Yidong Xinag with culturally-tailored multimedia STEAM education in the classroom, Science and Culture Camps and public events.

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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 Business Oregon (formerly Oregon Economic and Community 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.

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