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Oakland City Council Approves Nearly \$1 million in Cultural Funding Grants
69 Local Arts Groups and Artists to Receive Support

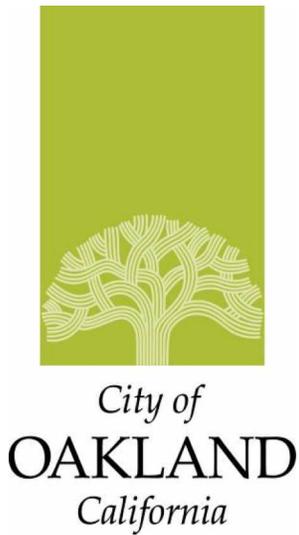
Oakland, CA — The Oakland City Council approved \$950,001 in fiscal year 2012-13 grants to Oakland-based nonprofit organizations and individual artists through the City's Cultural Funding Program. The 79 Cultural Funding Program grants will range from \$3,471 to \$37,500 to 69 different recipients. These grants will provide support to a wide range of Oakland-based artists and nonprofit organizations providing arts and cultural services in Oakland; infuse Oakland's neighborhoods with arts and cultural activities that increase exposure to, understanding of and respect for diverse cultural heritages as well as support arts activities that engage the community; and support arts education activities in Oakland's school and among Oakland youth. Grant funds will support approximately 41,000 events and activities – including over 32,000 free activities – and expose over 271,000 participants to cultural arts. Additionally, 9,763 students in the Oakland Unified School District will be served through 83 artist residencies.

Organizational activities supported range from Bay Area Girls Rock Camp's afterschool program to AXIS Dance Company's innovative performances combining dancers with and without disabilities to Oakland Digital Arts and Literacy Center's graphic arts program. Individual artist grants will support projects like Tommy Orange's multidisciplinary media piece exploring what it's like to be an Urban Indian, Patricia A. Montgomery's African American traditional quilting workshops and exhibition and Jocelyn M. Goode's *Fireworks*, a traveling, interactive performance.

The Cultural Funding Program has four core funding categories. *Individual Artist Project* funding supports work by Oakland artists that culminates in a local public activity or event for the benefit of the community. *Art in the Schools* funds activities that expose young people in Oakland public schools to quality, hands-on arts experiences in a school setting. The *Organization Project* grant supports Oakland-based nonprofit organizations producing arts activities for the Oakland public's benefit. The final funding category, *Organizational Assistance*, is a two-year program that provides strategic development support and general operating support to promote the health and stability of Oakland-based nonprofit arts organizations producing ongoing art and cultural activities.

Following the grant application deadline, review panels comprised of Bay Area professional artists and arts administrators combed through the 99 eligible applications in September 2012. In October 2012, the panels' rankings were forwarded to the Funding Advisory Committee (FAC) which was charged with the allocation of funds. The FAC recommended 79 grants for FY2012-13 to support projects of arts organizations and individual artists, ongoing programs and operating expenses of organizations, and artist residencies in public schools. The recommendations received Oakland City Council approval on December 4, 2012.

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Funding for the Cultural Funding Program's grants comes from voter-approved Measure C which added a Transient Occupancy Tax surcharge (\$219,881) and a \$730,120 General Purpose Fund allocation as outlined in the City's FY 2011-13 Biennial Budget that was amended by Resolution on January 31, 2012.

Below is a listing of grant recipients by funding category.

Individual Artist Project Support

Artist Name	Grant Amount
Lori Anne Fischer	\$4,250
Josh Healey	\$4,250
Tommy Orange	\$4,250
Latanya D. Tigner	\$4,250
Jason Jakaitis	\$3,471
Debra Koppman	\$4,250
Franz Fischer	\$4,250
Eric Kupers	\$4,250
Tony Nguyen	\$4,250
Patricia A. Montgomery	\$4,250
Brett Cook	\$4,250
Adrian Harper	\$3,471
Kristin Palm	\$4,250
Renetta Sitoy	\$4,250
José Navarrete	\$4,250
LaKiesha Golden	\$4,250
Jocelyn M. Goode	\$4,250
Joan Tarika Lewis	\$4,250
Salim Rollins	\$4,250
Taiwo Kujichagulia-Seitu	\$4,250
Dawn K. McMahan	\$4,250
Anthony Fidel	\$4,250
Category Total	\$91,942

Art in the Schools

Artist/Organization Name	Grant Amount
Prescott Circus Theatre	\$10,000
East Bay Performing Arts	\$10,000
Museum of Children's Art	\$9,500
Cantare Con Vivo	\$10,000
Purple Silk Music Education Foundation, Inc.	\$10,000
Dimensions Dance Theater. Inc	\$10,000

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Thingamajigs	\$6,000
Peralta Parent Teacher Group	\$10,000
Unity Schools	\$10,000
Pro Arts	\$10,000
Claudia Goodman-Hough	\$6,000
ALICE: Arts and Literacy in Children's Education	\$10,000
Oakland Youth Chorus	\$10,000
East Bay Agency for Children	\$2,500
Rock Paper Scissors Collective	\$4,750
Caroline Stern	\$9,000
Stagebridge	\$10,000
Destiny Arts Center	\$10,000
Category Total	\$157,750

Organization Project Support

Organization Name	Grant Amount
Oakland Digital Arts and Literacy Center Inc	\$13,800
East Oakland Youth Development Center	\$16,000
K*Star*Productions	\$6,600
Bay Area Girls Rock Camp	\$6,000
Higher Gliffs	\$16,000
Cantare Con Vivo	\$16,000
Junior Center of Art and Science	\$16,000
The Spanish Speaking Unity Council of Alameda County	\$16,000
Skyline PTSA	\$4,000
Fua Dia Congo	\$8,000
Great Wall of Oakland	\$12,000
Oakland Jazz Choir	\$6,400
Center for Research, Art, Technology & Education	\$5,600
Category Total	\$142,400

Organizational Assistance

Organization	Grant Amount
EastSide Arts Alliance	\$23,075
Youth UpRising	\$37,500
Destiny Arts Center	\$37,500
Youth Radio	\$37,500
Pro Arts	\$19,186
Creative Growth, Inc	\$37,500

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Organizational Assistance (continued)

Dimensions Dance Theater, Inc.	\$12,500
Living Jazz	\$20,264
AXIS Dance Company	\$22,000
East Bay Performing Arts	\$37,500
Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir	\$20,000
Oakland Leaf Foundation	\$37,500
Stagebridge	\$24,500
Prescott Circus Theatre	\$15,000
Diamano Coura West African Dance Company	\$9,000
API Cultural Center, Inc.	\$17,500
Purple Silk Music Education Foundation	\$13,031
Friends of Peralta Hacienda Historical Park	\$22,500
Kitka, Inc	\$20,000
Museum of Children's Art	\$29,000
Oakland Ballet Company	\$21,165
Oaktown Jazz Workshops	\$4,500
Oakland Dance Inc./Savage Jazz Dance Company	\$2,500
Oakland Youth Chorus	\$18,329
Prescott-Joseph Center for Community Enhancement, Inc.	\$5,408
Crosspulse, Inc.	\$13,451
Category Total	\$557,909

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