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**Arts Council of York County Announces**

**Small Grant Recipients – 2nd Quarter 2017-2018**

ROCK HILL, SC – The Arts Council of York County is pleased to announce the allocation of Small Grant awards for the second quarter of the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Small Grants are available to individual artists, non-profit organizations, teachers and schools throughout York County. These grants are designed to support specific arts activities that promote the individual artist’s professional development or career advancement and/or to support a wide variety of quality arts projects and programs that promote excellence in arts disciplines and make such disciplines accessible for general community-wide audiences.

Organizations and individual artists residing in York County, SC may request up to $1,000 per grant and may receive up to two grants each calendar year.

Recipients include:

**Kim Cash | $800**

*Rock Hill High School Photography Club*

Rock Hill High School is the oldest high school in Rock Hill, SC. During the 2016--2017 school year, Art Teacher Kim Cash established a Photography Club. Students participating in this club used the cameras on their phones to take photos during the inaugural year. This year, the students would like to expand their knowledge of camera and photography techniques by incorporating DSLR cameras into their repertoire. As most students do not own their own cameras, and the club does not have access to cameras currently, Rock Hill High School will purchase four Nikon digital cameras for use by the club’s members. The club will also print and mat 30 photos for exhibition. The Photo Club hopes to raise funds for more cameras in the future. This grant helps pay for 4 Nikon digital cameras that will be shared amongst the 20-25 students who are members of the Photography Club. | https://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/Domain/32

**Friday Arts Project | $1,000**

*Art Party!*

The Friday Arts Project has partnered with visual and performing artists working in York County to hold the 2nd Annual Art Party! In Old Town Rock Hill. From November 16 – 18, local and nationally recognized artists will showcase their work at locations in Old Town. Art Party! begins on Thursday, November 16 with Winthrop University’s Union of Student Artists’ Auction, and will end on Saturday, November 18 with the *After Art Party* in the Courtroom at the Gettys Art Center. Friday and Saturday will feature open studios and art shows, with a performance on Friday night called, “All the Dogs and Horses” hosted by Concerts in the Courtroom. There will also be seminars on Saturday morning featuring topics related to the arts. This small grant offsets marketing and event expenses related to Art Party!. | http://www.fridayartsproject.org

**Rock Hill Community Theatre | $1,000**

*Clue: The Musical*

Are your sleuthing skills up to snuff? Well, they will be put to the test when you become a part of the action in Rock Hill Community Theatre’s production of *Clue: The Musical*, book by Peter DePietro, lyrics by Tom Chiodo, music by Galen Blum, Wayne Barker, and Vinnie Martucci. As with the popular Parker Brothers’ board game, the viewers will try to determine the murderer, the weapon, and the room where the murder was committed. The Rock Hill Community Theatre will provide the clues and tracking sheets that will help you deduce whodunnit. This grant helps offset production and marketing expenses related to the show. | https://rockhilltheatre.org

**Winthrop University Department of English | $1,000**

*Reading Series*

The Winthrop Writers Reading Series will bring the culture of contemporary literature to the lives of Winthrop University students and to York County community members. Jaimy Gordon, a National Book Award Winner, will read from her novel, Lord of Misrule, set in West Virginia. Her reading will be complemented and contextualized with a public discussion between a community or faculty scholar who will discuss the craft and content of literature with the author. This reading will be open to the public, and it will be followed by a question and answer session as well as an informal mixer to allow both students and community members to get to know this internationally recognized literary figure. This Small Grant will be used to help pay the author’s public engagement fees. | https://www.winthrop.edu/english/

**Winthrop University Department of Theatre and Dance | $1,000**

*The Rite of Spring*

Winthrop University’s Department of Theatre and Dance and Department of Music are staging four performances of *The Rite of Spring* with choreography by Emily Morgan, based on the version she choreographed for the University of Texas, El Paso in 2011, with live music by Dr. Tomoko Deguchi (Winthrop University), Dr William Fried (Davidson College), and Dr. Adam Snow (Winthrop University, Davidson College). Their interdisciplinary, collaborative venture brings together musicians, dancers, and theatre technicians from two departments and two universities (Winthrop University, Davidson College) to perform a new version of the historic *The Rite of Spring*.

The dance will be performed by as many as twenty Winthrop dancers. The University of Texas, El Paso has graciously agreed to loan Winthrop the original costumes. Performances will take place Friday, December 1 through Sunday, December 3, and will include a lecture/demonstration with a question and answer session for the community on Friday morning. This Small Grant helps offset the costs of piano rentals. | https://www.winthrop.edu/cvpa/theatredance/

**Total Allocations This Quarter: $4,800**

To review guidelines, visit [www.yorkcountyarts.org](http://www.yorkcountyarts.org) on the Grants page under The Arts heading. The next deadline is Friday, December 1, 2017 at 5 PM for programs occurring in January, February, and/or March of 2018. Prospective applicants MUST discuss the proposed project with the Executive Director at least 10 days in advance of the application deadline date.

This Small Grants program is funded in part by the South Carolina Arts Commission (which receives funding from the National Endowment for the Arts), and the John and Susan Bennett Memorial Arts Fund of the Coastal Carolina Community Foundation, and Comporium Communications.

The Arts Council is headquartered in downtown Rock Hill, a state-recognized cultural district. For more information on Arts Council events, contact the Arts Council of York County at 803-328-2787, by email at arts@yorkcountyarts.org, or visit our webpage at http://www.yorkcountyarts.org.

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