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**Arts Council of York County's**

**Small Grant Recipients – 1st Quarter 2016-2017**

ROCK HILL, SC - The Arts Council of York County is pleased to announce the allocation of Small Grants awards for the first quarter of the 2016-2017 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 an arts discipline and make such excellence 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:

**Camp Kic-A-Wah | $1,000**

Camp Kic-A-Wah serves approximately 40 at-risk Catawba children between the ages of 5 – 18 and is offered through the Catawba Cultural Preservation Project at the Catawba Cultural Center on the Catawba Indian Nation Reservation. This program is designed to encourage campers to participate in Catawba culture through inter-generational mentoring. Developed with a focus on preserving the traditional arts of the Catawba Indian Nation, including basketry, pottery, and beadwork, as well as passing the knowledge of the arts on to future generations of Catawba children, those participating in the program will be immersed in Catawba Art by the artisans in live demonstrations and hands on apprenticeship during the summer of 2016 and after school in August and September. The project will conclude with two exhibits, showcasing the arts produced during the apprenticeship program.

This grant will help pay Tribal elders to teach the tribe’s endangered traditional arts during Camp Kic-A-Wah’s summer cultural immersion camp. | http://catawbaindian.net

**Fort Mill Community Playhouse | $800**

The Fort Mill Community Playhouse presents *Marmalade Gumdrops* in September 2016. *Marmalade Gumdrops* explores the imaginative world of 10-year-old Walter K. Hampton. The play is simply set with actors as furniture in Wally's bedroom, yet moves swiftly through delightful experiences with wind up dolls, an old fashioned melodrama, a circus, storytelling, and even a time machine.

*Marmalade Gumdrops* is a youth production, produced by the Fort Mill Community Playhouse, and directed by Jimmy Chrismon. Chrismon is the Theatre Director at South Point High School in Rock Hill, SC. As an actor, he has worked with the UWharrie Players, Rock Hill Community Theatre, the Piedmont Players, Old Courthouse, the Fort Mill Community Playhouse, The Edge Theatre Company, and Off-Tryon Theatre Company. Chrismon has directed more than 100 productions throughout his career. This small grant will help offset the costs incurred during production of *Marmalade Gumdrops*. | http://fortmillcommunityplayhouse.org

**Leonard Mark Lewis | $500**

In January 2015, four new musical compositions were commissioned by the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art in Charlotte to mark the 5th anniversary of the installation of Niki de Saint Phalle’s *Firebird* sculpture at the museum entrance. The pieces by Craig Bove, John Allemeier, Ron Parks, and York County musician, Leonard Mark Lewis premiered at the museum, performed by the Bechtler Ensemble and the Out of Bounds Ensemble with Alan Yamamoto conducting. The Bechtler Museum funded a studio recording session of the pieces, which took place at Charlotte’s Concentrix Studio. With recording and post-production complete, the works are ready to be released on compact disc. This grant will defray the production costs of the CDs. | http://www.leonardmarklewis.com/html/

**LOOM Coworking | $400**

LOOM Coworking is a dynamic and collaborative work environment located in downtown Fort Mill, filled with entrepreneurs and independent creatives from across York County and south Charlotte. A cross between a coffee shop and a traditional office, LOOM Coworking opened in June 2016. Complementing the office environment, the LOOM Coworking space also includes exhibit space dedicated to showcasing the works of local artists, GALLERY@LOOM. The August and September exhibition will feature works by York County’s K-12 art teachers. This grant will be used for gallery marketing, hardware and installation, and opening reception expenses. The opening reception will be held on Friday, July 1. | http://loomcoworking.com

**Ronald Keith Parks | $500**

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**Showtime Theatre Company | $900**

Showtime Theatre Company presents *Into the Woods, Junior* at the Magnolia Room in Rock Hill, October 6 – 8, 2016. Be careful what you wish for as Stephen Sondheim’s and James Lapine’s cockeyed fairytale comes to life. Into the Woods JR. features all of your favorite characters – Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (and his beanstalk) and the Witch in this lyrically rich retelling of classic Brothers Grimm fables.

A baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, wishes to attend the King's festival; and Jack, wishes his cow would give milk. When the baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse and wind up changed forever.

This grant well help offset the costs of the production. | http://www.showtimetheatrecompany.com

**St. Anne School | $500**

In January 2016, St. Anne School launched the John Paul the Great Program for the Arts, which aims to educate, train, create, and inspire in the fine and performing arts, grades K3-12. The incoming high school students have the option of earning a certificate in their chosen art form. Part of St. Anne School’s mission statement is to train students in the arts and to create a nourishing community that reaches out to the larger community of the parish and surrounding York County Community. One of the programs developed to achieve these goals is the Artist residency program, which invites working artists and professionals into the school to work directly with the students.

The Small Grant will help fund JPG Program for the Arts Artist Residency Program. During the July through September period, students will be working with a ballroom dance instructor, Dr. Andrew Vorder-Breugge of Winthrop University, and Dr. Jeanmarie Higgins of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Dr. Vorder-Greugge will teach unarmed stage combat, fencing, and he will choreograph a fight sequence. Dr. Higgins will conduct a four-part dramaturgy series with the high school students to help with the research, creation, and audience reception of their production of *Twelfth Night*. | http://www.stanneschool.com/wp/

**Visions of Art | $240**

The Visions of Art exhibit showcases art created by artists from York County and its surrounding areas. This is the sixth show in twelve years. The theme for the 2016 Visions of Art exhibit is *Red Rose*, inspired by Kaye Cloninger’s work, *Against the Stormy Gusts of Winter’s Day*, a largely monochromatic piece that features a woman holding a single red rose – the only color in the painting. The Visions of Art exhibition will include artwork by both students and adults, submitted for consideration between March and July 2016. Select works will be on display Friday,

September 23 and Saturday, September 24 at the River Hills Country Club in Lake Wylie, SC. Exhibited works will include oil, acrylic, and watercolor paintings, pastel, and pencil-drawn images, photography, mixed media, basketry, jewelry, pottery, and stained glass. There will be a cocktail party and art stroll on Friday evening with live music and light hors d’oeuvres. Tickets are $28 per person.

This grant will provide eight scholarships for York County student submissions to the exhibition.

**Total Allocations this Quarter: $4,840**

To review guidelines, visit www.yorkcountyarts.org, on the Grants page under the The Arts heading. The next deadline is THURSDAY, September 1st, 2016 at 5 PM for programs occurring in October, November, or December of 2016. The Arts Council’s offices are closed the first, third (and fifth) weekends each month. Should the deadline fall on a weekend, grant applications must be submitted by 5 PM the Friday before. Prospective applicants MUST discuss the proposed project with the Executive Director at least 10 days in advance of the application deadline date.

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