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**Arts Council of York County Announces**

**Small Grant Recipients – 3rd Quarter 2018-2019**

ROCK HILL, SC – The Arts Council of York County is pleased to announce the allocation of Small Grant awards for the third quarter of the 2018-2019 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:

**Carolina Crown | $500**

*York County Middle School Honor Band*

Carolina Crown, Inc. is a non-profit performing arts organization dedicated to developing lifelong excellence in young people. The Carolina Crown HonorBAND is an affiliate program of the 2013 Drum Corps International (DCI) Champion Carolina Crown drum corps. The HonorBAND program brings together York County’s finest middle school musicians for two days of learning and sharing with peer students from other schools within the county. Carolina Crown selects event clinicians/conductors from some of the most acclaimed middle school, high school, and college educators from across the southeast. Students audition for placement in the HonorBAND. Those accepted earn a spot in the HonorBAND, and participate in a two-day clinic that culminates with a performance that is free and open to the public at Northwestern High School on January 30, 2019.

Chris Branam, Lecturer and Assistant Director of Bands at North Carolina State University serves as the guest clinician during the two-day clinic. Mr. Branham will work as a clinician with the 2019 York County Honor Band and will be the guest conductor at the performance in January. This grant will offset the costs associated with the two-day clinic and performance. | http://www.carolinacrown.org/

**Karen Collins | $1,000**

*Improv Acting and Directing Workshop*

Serving as Festival Director and Programmer for the Underexposed Film Festival yc, Karen Collins has worked to take the event to the next level each year. Now in its eighth season, this international short film festival grows again with an acting and directing workshop/master class taught by renowned Hollywood acting coach and film director, Rob Adler. Mr. Adler will travel from Los Angeles and Chicago to teach a 2-hour class during the 2019 UFFyc. This intensive will be open to filmmakers and festivalgoers as well as to students and the general public. This grant will help provide housing for Mr. Adler and other filmmakers traveling to the event. | http://www.underexposedfilmfestivalyc.org

**St. Anne’s Catholic School | $490**

*New Chapter of the National Thespian Society and Spring Showcase*

Saint Anne’s Catholic School’s John Paul the Great Program for the Arts was established in 2016 as a means to build strong Christian artists in the York County community. As seniors, each student in the program is required to create a capstone project in their chosen concentration. One senior in the class of 2019 is leaving behind a legacy by starting a chapter of the National Thespian Society. All eligible current and future students interested in the performing arts are invited to join.

This Small Grant will be used to pay for troupe fees to the Palmetto Dramatic Association Festival (PDA) and to the International Thespian Society. The funds will also be used to produce a one-act and individual events to be performed at PDA, produce a spring showcase, and pay for the materials that accompany these events. | <http://www.stanneschool.com/wp/>

**Showtime Theatre Company | $275**

*Junior Theatre Festival*

Showtime Theatre Company will travel with 30 young actors and 20 chaperones to Atlanta, Georgia on January 18-20, 2019 to attend the Junior Theatre Festival (JTF). JTF is a celebration of young people who love to perform musical theatre. It brings together troupes from all over the world to perform Junior Broadway productions in a fifteen-minute compilation. Each production is performed for adjudication by a panel of musical theatre experts. Showtime will be performing a selection from their 2019 production, Seussical Jr. In addition to their participation in the production competition, festivalgoers are able to attend exclusive performances, concerts performed by Broadway entertainers, and attend classes taught by accredited choreographers. This Small Grant helps pay for production costs and allows the troupe to participate in a master class taught by professionals from Atlanta age during the festival. | http://www.showtimetheatrecompany.com

**Oscar Soto | $300**

*3D Ceramic Printer*

Multicultural artist, Oscar Soto will use this Small Grant to purchase the required materials to build a 3D ceramic printer based upon a model he worked with at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts under the guidance of Matt Mitros, head of ceramics at the University of Alabama. This printer does not strive for perfection in its replication process. Rather, it creates a body of work of similar pieces that have endless variances and deviations.

Once the printer is complete, Soto will program it to create smaller pieces that will be incorporated into larger sculptural forms of the same shape. Upon first glance, the viewer will see a patterned or textural form, but upon further inspection, they will begin to see that the whole has been created using the miniature replications. As the viewer spends more time with each work of art, they will begin to focus on the variances amongst the seemingly identical components. This body of work speaks to the makeup of society and the inaccuracy of generalized perceptions. As much as we may echo the world we live in, we all remain individuals.

**Women’s Art Initiative | $600**

*Public Art | Poetry Project*

Women’s Art Initiative is a local group of women aspiring to enhance the quality of life through public art. The group’s vision is to grow into a public art institution with annual funding; providing acquisition, preservation, education and community dialogue. The WAI’s current public art project features poetry. This Small Grant will allow the group to stencil haiku poetry on sidewalks in 25 different places across Rock Hill. The funds will pay for the costs of producing the stencils and purchasing the paint, brushes, rollers, and tap needed to place poetry on the sidewalks. Funds will also be used to develop and print a brochure entitled, “Drive the Arts,” which is a tour of the public art on display in the Rock Hill area. | https://www.facebook.com/WomensArtInitiative/

**York County Library | $500**

*Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival*

The York County Library is pleased to present the 18th Annual Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival where festivalgoers are able to experience the magic of storytelling through one-of-a-kind live performances from nationally known storytellers and musicians.

York County Library’s Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival began in 1996 with a small grant from the South Carolina State Library with a goal to support reading and literacy through traditional storytelling and a variety of cultural arts. After a temporary suspension, Patchwork returned to Rock Hill in March 2018. Plans are now being made for Patchwork 2019 with even more storytellers participating at additional venues. This Small Grant will allow the York County Library to feature music, storytelling, and a puppet show during the festival. | http://www.patchworktales.org

**Total Allocations This Quarter: $3,665**

To review guidelines, visit www.yorkcountyarts.org on the Grants page under The Arts heading. The next deadline is Friday, March 1, 2018 at 5 PM for programs occurring April, May, and/or June of 2019. Prospective applicants MUST discuss the proposed project with the Executive Director at least 10 days in advance of the application deadline date. Should the deadline fall on a holiday or weekend, grant applications are due the last business day prior to the deadline.

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](mailto:arts@yorkcountyarts.org), or visit our webpage at <http://www.yorkcountyarts.org>.

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