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**Clackamas County Cultural Coalition Distributes \$33,469
to 15 Local Grant Recipients**

New Funding Will Be Used to Support Local Arts, Heritage & Humanities Projects

The Clackamas County Cultural Coalition in its eleventh cycle of giving awarded a total of \$33,469 in grants to twelve arts and culture organizations and three individuals through the Community Cultural Participation Grant program. A total of \$53,569 was requested by Clackamas County grant applicants.

The grant program's purpose is to locally distribute private funds contributed to the Oregon Cultural Trust in support of goals and funding priorities outlined in the Clackamas County Plan for Arts, Heritage and Humanities. This year's priorities included: Creative People and Organizations, Heritage and History, Participation in the Arts, Public Art, K - 12 Education / Lifelong Learning, and Cultural Tourism.

An independent Grant Review Panel was convened to review the 27 applications received.

The 15 applicants and projects recommended for funding (including three first time recipients) are:

Kathryn Hurd

Original Manuscript on Estacada History \$ 2,380.00

Paul Sively

The Art of Influence and Collaboration: LGBT groups tactics and abilities to affect change and their value to other advocacy groups \$ 2,469.00

Linda Woody

Going Boldly in Lake Oswego 2015 \$ 1,210.00

Ackerman Center

Building Literacy Through the Arts \$ 2,500.00

Clackamas Repertory Theatre

One Man, Two Guv'nors \$ 2,500.00

Estacada Area Arts Commission

Estacada Summer Celebration 2015 \$ 2,000.00

Estacada Together

Ellen White: Uncovering Africa through Stories, Music and Art \$ 1,250.00

Arts Council of Lake Oswego

Gallery Without Walls – Outreach & Marketing \$ 2,500.00

Marylhurst University, The Art Gym

Kartz Ucci exhibition and catalogue \$ 2,500.00

Masque Alfresco

2015 Summer Park Tour: Goldoni’s Venetian Twins \$ 1,800.00

New Century Players

Masonic Lodge Partnership \$ 2,400.00

Sandy Actors Theatre

Transition to Industry-Standard Lighting Technology \$ 2,460.00

The Artback Artists Cooperative

Early Trains of Estacada Mural Redux \$ 2,500.00

Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation

The Grindstones Project \$ 2,500.00

Youth Music Project

Kids Rock: Providing Music Education to Young Underserved Musicians \$ 2,500.00

The Grant Review Panel was comprised of arts, heritage, humanities and community development professionals including: **Valerie Egan** – Development Coordinator, Donate Life NW, Portland; **Vicki Poppen**– Chair, Sherwood Arts Commission, Sherwood; **Lloyd Purdy** - Economic Development Manager, City of Tigard; **Elaine Worden** – Support Specialist, Beaverton Arts Commission, Beaverton.

“The funding from Clackamas County Cultural Coalition allowed us to reach 7 out of the 10 libraries in Clackamas County with an average attendance of 55 people.” Said Sacha Reich of Page2Stage Express/Jewish Theatre Collaborative and past grant recipient. Cheryl Snow, Executive Director for Clackamas County Arts Alliance and staff to the Cultural Coalition, said: “The Coalition is pleased to support these projects, especially those by three first-time recipients. All will add significantly to the arts and culture experiences enjoyed by Clackamas residents and visitors.”

Since its inception in 2005, the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition has provided funding of over \$295,000 to 162 local arts, heritage and humanities projects and needs. Funding is made possible through the Oregon Cultural Trust, an innovative, statewide private-public program that raises money to support

and protect Oregon's cultural activities and interests. More information is available at www.clackamasculturalcoalition.org or www.culturaltrust.org.

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