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## Clackamas County Cultural Coalition Distributes \$13,500 to 10 Local Grant Recipients

*New Funding Will Be Used to Support Local Cultural Priorities*

The Clackamas County Cultural Coalition awarded a total of \$13,500 to nine arts and culture organizations and one arts educator through the fifth Community Cultural Participation Grant program. A total of \$51,000 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, Heritage and Humanities, Public Art, Facilities and Sites, K - 12 Education and Lifelong Learning, Natural Sites, and Oregon 150 Celebration.

An independent Grant Review Panel was convened to review the 18 applications received. Applicants and projects recommended for funding are:

CLACKAMAS REPERTORY THEATRE, Oregon City

\$2,000      *"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" Performance*

CAROLYN DRAKE, Molalla

\$150      *Molalla High School Ceramics Class Tools*

FRIENDS OF TIMBERLINE, Welches

\$2,200      *Production of "The Art of Timberline, a self-guided tour" Brochure*

KRAYON KIDS MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY, Oregon City

\$1,000      *"GOSH, I hope I Get It!" Performance*

MARYLHURST UNIVERSITY - THE ART GYM, Marylhurst

\$2,000      *Io Palmer: Art Stars Exhibit and Presentation*

MASQUE ALFRESCO, Portland

\$1,000        *"2009 Summer Park Tour - Goldoni's The Liar" George Rogers Park Performance*

MOLALLA AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Molalla

\$1,000        *Fox Log Building Archaeological and Historical Survey*

MT HOOD CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM, Government camp

\$2,000        *"Steiner Cabin" Inventory, History Compilation & Webpage*

THE ARTBACK ARTISTS COOPERATIVE, Estacada

\$1,250        *An Evening on the Barlow Road Mural*

WILLAMETTE FALLS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Oregon City

\$900         *Pops Scores for Community Orchestras*

The Grant Review Panel was comprised of arts, heritage and community development professionals from the Willamette Valley and Portland. They included Sharon Morgan, Retired former Executive Director, Oregon Alliance for Arts Education and Oregon Coast Council for the Arts; David Cohen, Executive Director, Friends of Tryon Creek; Susan Barnes Whyte - Librarian Linfield College, member Yamhill Cultural Coalition; Richard H. Engeman, Public Historian, Oregon Rediviva LLC; and, in a non-voting capacity, Rod Boutin, Clackamas Cultural Coalition Chair and Lake Oswego Attorney. Says Boutin: *"The Panel was greatly impressed by the quality of the applications and by the range and scope of arts and heritage programs in Clackamas County."* Cheryl Snow, Executive Director for Clackamas County Arts Alliance and staff to the Cultural Coalition, said: *"The Coalition is delighted to provide support to these well-conceived and thoughtful projects. All will add significantly to the arts and culture experiences enjoyed by Clackamas citizens and visitors."*

The Oregon Cultural Trust is an innovative, statewide private-public program that raises money to support and protect Oregon's arts, humanities and heritage. In addition to creating a long-term, protected endowment, the Trust distributes funds annually through three multi-faceted, wide-ranging grant programs. Donors to the Trust are eligible for a 100-percent Oregon income tax credit for contributions of up to \$500 for individuals, \$1,000 for couples filing jointly and \$2,500 for corporations. To motivate Oregonians to increase direct giving to cultural groups, Trust donors must also make matching gifts to one or more of 1,200 cultural nonprofits in order to claim the tax credit. Fourteen thousand donors have contributed over \$17.1 million to the Cultural Trust since Oregon's cultural tax credit took effect in December 2002. More information at [www.culturaltrust.org](http://www.culturaltrust.org).

Additional information about the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition and its work will be found at [www.clackamasculturalcoalition.org](http://www.clackamasculturalcoalition.org).

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