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Clackamas County Cultural Coalition Distributes \$23,743 to 9 Local Grant Recipients

New Funding Will Be Used to Support Local Cultural Priorities

The Clackamas County Cultural Coalition has awarded a total of \$23,743 to eight arts and culture organizations and one artist team through the fourth annual Community Cultural Participation Grant program. The program's purpose is to distribute funds raised by the Oregon Cultural Trust in support of local goals and funding priorities outlined in the Clackamas County Plan for Arts, Heritage and Humanities. This year, the Trust's grant funding was enhanced by additional grant money provided by Clackamas County Tourism Development Council in support of Youth and Heritage Tourism.

An independent Grant Review Panel was convened to review the 14 applications received. Grant recipients recommended for funding are:

CLACKAMAS HERITAGE PARTNERS, Oregon City (*Youth & Heritage Tourism Award*)

\$2,344. *Oxen Interpretive Project*

CLACKAMAS REPERTORY THEATRE, Oregon City

\$5,000. *"Waiting For Godot" Production*

JEFF & CHRIS DAVIS, Milwaukie

\$1,550. *Davis Graveyard Halloween Display*

DONATE2EDUCATE, Colton

\$3,232. *Art Training and Supplies*

ESTACADA TOGETHER, Estacada

\$4,500. *Oregon Symphony Holiday Concert*

MARYLHURST UNIVERSITY, THE ART GYM, Marylhurst

\$3,200. *Beyond The Theater - Video Installations*

MASQUE ALFRESCO, Portland

\$1,332. *2008 Summer Park Tour*

SANDY ACTORS THEATRE, Sandy

\$1,370. *SAT Mural and Character Art*

STAGED! MUSICAL THEATER SERIES, Oregon City

\$1,215. *Musical Theatre Intensive for Teens*

The Grant Review Panel was comprised of arts, heritage and community development professionals from the north Willamette Valley. They included Cristina Caravaca, of Hillsboro Arts & Culture Council; Jim Cox, Portland Opera; Laurel MacMillan with Rural Development Initiatives; Keni Sturgeon from Salem's Mission Mill Museum 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 1,100 cultural nonprofits in order to claim the tax credit. Twelve thousand donors have contributed over \$8 million to the Cultural Trust since Oregon's cultural tax credit took effect in December 2002. More information at www.culturaltrust.org.

Additional information about the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition and its work will be found at www.clackamasculturalcoalition.org

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