

Arts & People

Cultural coalition doles out cash to local groups

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The Clackamas County Cultural Coalition has awarded \$23,743 to nine recipients in the county, among them three organizations in Oregon City and one in Milwaukie.

In a press release announcing the winners, Elizabeth Klein, program outreach manager, noted that "the coalition'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."

The Youth and Heritage Tourism Award and \$2,344 were awarded to The Clackamas Heritage Partners for bringing the "Oxen Interpretive Project" to the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center over Labor Day weekend.

Zeus and Hercules are the last working oxen pair in the Northwest, and after their appearance at the museum, will go to their winter quarters.

Kristin H. Krahmer, development assistant for Clackamas Heritage Partners, said that the oxen display will become a regular feature of the center every summer, starting in 2009.

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Clackamas Repertory Theatre won the second grant for



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Chris and Jeff Davis, owners of the Davis Graveyard on SE 43rd Avenue in Milwaukie.

\$5,000 for the upcoming production of "Waiting for Godot," that runs from Sept. 25 to Oct. 12 in the Osterman Theatre, on the Clackamas Community College campus.

The play, by Nobel Prize-winner Samuel Beckett, explores life and love from the perspective of two vaudeville clowns; it will be directed by David Smith-English, one of the founders of CRT and the artistic director.

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Another theater group, **Staged! Musical Theater Series** won \$1,215 for their program, which provides an intensive musical theater experience for teens.

The organization recently held the Triple Threat Bootcamp for talented teens who

could sing, act and dance. The bootcamp gave the 17 select participants the opportunity to work with theater professionals.

Chanda Hall is the founder and artistic director of Staged!

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Finally, Chris and Jeff Davis won \$1,550 to help defray their costs for staging the annual "Davis Graveyard" Halloween display outside their Milwaukie home at 43rd and Johnson Creek Boulevard.

"We will also be doing our annual open house this year featuring the Milwaukie High School dance team doing their 'Thriller' number again. This year we have invested in custom costumes for the dancers along with professional airbrush makeup," Jeff Davis said.

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