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**Arts Council of York County Announces**

**Small Grant Recipients – 4th Quarter 2020-2021**

ROCK HILL, SC – The Arts Council of York County is pleased to announce the allocation of Small Grant awards for the fourth quarter of the 2020 - 2021 fiscal year. Small Grants are available to individual artists, non-profit organizations, teachers and schools throughout York County. These grants are designed to support 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. The Arts Council awarded eight Small Grants for the 4th Quarter of the 2020 - 2021 fiscal year.

**M.C. Churchill-Nash | $400**

*Frames for Art Exhibit*

York County artist, M.C. Churchill-Nash is preparing an exhibition featuring a series of watercolor interpretations of visual stimulus provided by the Eastern Phoebes that nest over her front door each spring. These works are created with watercolors on Yupo with some wax crayon resist. These works are to be a part of a two-person exhibit in July and August of 2021 in the Courtroom Gallery at The Gettys Center in Rock Hill. This Small Grant will be used to offset the costs of framing the works of art. | <http://www.mccn-fineart.com>

**Clinton College | $910**

*Mural*

Clinton College is a Historically Black College founded in 1894 located in Rock Hill, SC. Serving as the principal in Clinton ConNEXTion, a partnership with the City of Rock Hill and community stakeholders, Clinton College is striving to improve the overall quality of life in South Rock Hill where community members can thrive and have equitable access to resources and opportunities. Clinton CoNEXTion’s next project is the installation of a mural in a residence hall on the campus of Clinton College. This mural will project diversity, inclusion, love, and peace, will serve as a conversation starter and will act as a point of pride for the artist and students.

Funds from the Small Grant will be used to hire a local artist to design and paint the mural. The mural is scheduled to be completed before the students return to campus in August of 2021. | <https://www.clintoncollege.edu>

**Lisa Dwyer-Danzler | $815**

*Youth Mime and Liturgical Dance Workshop*

Lisa Dwyer-Danzler is involved with Upon this Rock 3-Cord Ministries, a new outreach ministry that began in September of 2020. Upon This Rock 3-Cord Ministries is partnering with Lisa Dwyer-Danzler to offer a free workshop to the youth in our community, providing them a means to discover different forms of dance as an outlet for self-expression. Historically, liturgical dance has been an important part of cultures and religions around the world. Mime has grown to become an equally important and unique art form as well. With this workshop, Upon this Rock 3-Cord Ministries hopes to provide youth, ages 5 – 18, an opportunity to discover genres of dance that they may not have experienced before. The workshop is planned for May 21 – 22, 2021, with a performance on May 23. This Small Grant will provide the support needed to offer the workshop at no cost, covering artistic fees, technical and production fees, marketing, and event costs. | <https://www.uponthisrock3-cordministries.org/>

**Old Town Association | $900**

*Old Town Theatre Company production of Robin Hood*

Old Town Theatre Company (OTTC) is an SC based, site-specific theatre troupe that partners with local venues and businesses to build relationships among artists, audiences, and the community. With community-minded and engaging productions, OTTC strives to create accessible theatre for ALL.

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Founded in 2019, OTTC seeks to redefine traditional theatre by taking the context of the play and putting it in an environment that is suitable for the production. OTTC also pays every artist involved in the production. By supporting working actors and designers, the artistic community can only grow.

The Old Town Theatre Company is producing the live action, family friendly, short film - Robin Hood. In this short, Robin Hood, Little John, and their band of Merry Men (and women) take on the crooked Prince John to restore peace and happiness in Nottingham. This fun-filled and interactive film will feature a scavenger hunt throughout Old Town. Viewers will be encouraged to write down the clues that the various characters provide, and those who discover 5 clues will be eligible for special discounts at participating businesses. The film will be released in late April. This Small Grant will be used to pay artistic and production fees and will provide support for marketing expenses. | <https://www.onlyinoldtown.com/ottc>

**Claudia O’Steen | $900**

*Research for Upcoming Art Exhibit and Publication*

Artist Claudia O’Steen is conducting research for a new art exhibit featuring the Florida Keys as a transitional landscape within a complex interconnected ocean system. Ms. O’Steen will develop her own analogue and digital tools and processes to document the shifting coastline and analyze the tide measurements in an attempt to understand the ways in which sea-level rise is reflected in the data. This research is scheduled for June 2021 and will culminate in *Transitional Landscapes*, an exhibition and publication, set to premiere in 2022. The Small Grant will offset travel expenses and the cost of creating the tools used to gather data for the exhibition. | <https://claudiaosteen.com>

**Piedmont Music Therapy | $200**

*Mother’s Day and Father’s Day Celebrations*

Piedmont Music Therapy was founded in 2013 to serve clients, students and programs in York and Mecklenburg Counties of the Carolinas. PMT strives to engage, empower and accompany individuals to reach their goals grounded in the frameworks of music therapy and social work. Additionally, PMT serves to promote the growth of music therapy students and board-certified music therapists by offering educational opportunities plus increasing the community's awareness of the field of music therapy.

PMT is planning two 45-minute online music-based events celebrating Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. These are geared towards children and adults with disabilities. Each event will be facilitated by a music therapist from PMT who will provide an arts-based family engagement event with live music. Participants can anticipate singing, dancing, and songwriting together to strengthen their familial relationship through the Arts. Art kits including an egg shaker, ribbon/scarf wand, writing implements, a colorful song sheet, stickers and a kazoo will be distributed to registrants in advance of each event. This Small Grant will be used to purchase the materials needed to assemble the kits. | <https://www.piedmontmusictherapy.com>

**Rock Hill Theatre | $1,000**

*You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown*

The Rock Hill Theatre presents a virtual livestream of the beloved musical, *You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Sally, Schroeder, and a beagle named Snoopy navigate the joys and pitfalls of childhood: chaotic baseball games, unrequited valentines, World War One flying beagles, and five cent psychiatry. Though considered a "good man" by his friends, Charlie Brown can't seem to win the heart of the Little Red-Haired Girl, nor his friend Lucy, her crush, the piano-playing Schroeder. Meanwhile Snoopy and Linus daydream and the rest of the friends battle with kites, school, baseball and misunderstandings before finally coming to realize what makes them truly happy. The production fees, rights and royalties, and marketing efforts will be supported by this Small Grant. | <https://www.rockhilltheatre.org>

**Visit York County | $900**

*Ag + Art Tour of York County*

The Ag + Art Tour is a free, self-guided tour of farms and markets featuring local artisans at every stop! During the tour, visitors have the opportunity to see first-hand where their food comes from, watch artists in action, and to purchase their works. Visitors can also enjoy the melodies of local musicians, and learn about rural life. The Tour is the largest free farm and art tour in the nation, with more than 45,000 visitors participating since 2012.

The Ag + Art Tour began in York County in June of 2012 as a single weekend-long event. As the largest tour county in South Carolina with more than 20 farms and more than 60 artists and artisans, in 2019, the York County tour grew to encompass two weekends – with the eastern half of the county participating on the first weekend, and the western half of the county participating on the second. In 2021, the York County Tour is set to welcome visitors to its farms on June 5 and 6, and June 12 and 13. This small grant will be used for event fees and marketing expenses related to the York County tour. | <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/agandarttour/participating_counties/york.html>

**Total Allocations This Quarter: $6,025**

To review guidelines, visit www.yorkcountyarts.org/grants. The next deadline is Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 5 PM for programs occurring in July, August, and/or September 2021. Prospective applicants MUST discuss the proposed project with Reba Bowens, Interim Associate Director of Operations and Membership, 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.

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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, or visit our webpage at <http://www.yorkcountyarts.org>.

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