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**Arts Council of York County Announces**

**Small Grant Recipients – 2nd Quarter 2021-2022**

ROCK HILL, SC – The Arts Council of York County is pleased to announce the allocation of Small Grant awards for the second quarter of the 2021 - 2022 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 four Small Grants for the 2nd Quarter of the 2021 - 2022 fiscal year.

**ChristmasVille | $1,000**

*Themed Event Decor*

ChristmasVille Rock Hill is an annual festival that combines holiday celebrations, recognition of local artist Vernon Grant’s iconic art, and promotion of Old Town Rock Hill’s merchants, restaurants, and historic architecture. To celebrate a return from the extremes of the COVID-19 pandemic, ChristmasVille is planning an in-person festival for 2021.

The 2021 theme, Flowers for Santa, has inspired the ChristmasVille planning teams to deck the alleys, streets, and structures found in Old Town with flowers made from yarn, arrangements by 12 local florists and 16 artists, and displays made from recycled plastic bottles crafted by 152 elementary school students! By flower bombing Old Town, ChristmasVille hopes to create highly photographic spots where visitors can snap a selfie or even shoot their holiday card photos. The flower bombing will range from very small surprises in unexpected places to full-blown yarn attacks that command everyone’s attention.

This Small Grant will be used to support the cost of decorations and consultants. | <https://www.christmasvillerockhill.com>

**Lisa Dwyer-Danzler | $600**

*Youth Mime and Liturgical Dance Workshop*

Upon This Rock 3-Cord Ministries is partnering with Rock Hill middle school teacher 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. 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/>

**Friday Arts Project | $1,000**

*Art Party*

The visual and performing arts community of Rock Hill is holding its 6th annual Art Party in South Carolina’s first Cultural Development District. From November 17 – 20, local and nationally recognized artists will showcase their work at locations in Old Town Rock Hill, SC. The Art Party will begin on Wednesday, November 17 with a night of short films. On Thursday, Winthrop University’s Union of Student Artists’ Market will be held at the Tom S. Gettys Center Courtroom, a performance on Friday night, ending on Saturday with the Shindig in the Tom S. Gettys Center Courtroom. A juried art exhibit can be seen in local businesses in Old Town throughout Art Party. This Small Grant will be used for Shindig expenses, programs, marketing pieces, and prize money for the Juried Competition. | <https://www.artparty.fridayartsproject.org>

**Old Town Association | $1,000**

*Old Town Theatre Company production of “The Turn of the Screw”*

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’s fall production, *The Turn of the Screw*, will premiere this Halloween season at an historic location in downtown Rock Hill. Small Grant will be used to pay artistic and production fees and will provide support for marketing expenses. | <https://www.onlyinoldtown.com/ottc>

**Micah Troublefield and Chris Gervais | $1,000**

*Dead Meat Pete Podcast*

Dead Meat Pete is a podcast adventure series that follows a team of background characters as they leap from one horror movie to the next. It will be released in 20-minute chapters starting in October of 2021. Using a full cast of performers, original music, and sound effects, Dead Meat Pete creates what is effectively an audio movie.

Created by the Strawhouse Pictures team – Chris Gervais, Micah Troublefield, and Anil Dhokai. Strawhouse has been writing and producing movies for over 10 years, playing in nearly every year of the Underexposed Film Festival yc where they garnered several awards. The Small Grant will be used for marketing. | <https://www.deadmeatpete.com>

**Total Allocations This Quarter: $4,600**

To review guidelines, visit www.yorkcountyarts.org/grants. The next deadline is Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 5 PM for programs occurring in January, February, and/or March 2022. Informational sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, November 2 from 12 – 1 PM, and on Thursday, November 4 from 6 – 7 PM. 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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