

VIBRANT CITY ARTS GRANTS: CYCLE 1 (2024-2025)

ARCS Arizona

Location: Majestic Neighborhood Cinema in Tempe

Date: November 1, 2 & 3, 2024

Description: The American Romanian Cultural Society (ARCS) Arizona is dedicated to integrating Romanian cultural richness into the Greater Phoenix area by fostering collaborative engagements across local communities and institutions. As part of its ongoing mission, ARCS Arizona presents the fourth edition of the Arizona Romanian Film Festival, expanding this year to three days at the Majestic Neighborhood Cinema in Tempe from November 1-3, 2024. Each screening will feature pre-event introductions and post-event discussions, fostering deeper cultural exploration. Supported by grant funding and partnerships with other local organizations, the festival aims to attract diverse audiences to promote cross-cultural dialogue. ARCS Arizona strives to amplify the visibility and appreciation of Romanian cinema while enhancing cultural exchange within Tempe.

Website: www.azarcc.org

MAC & Company

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts

Date: January 18, 2025

Description: MAC & Company, founded by Micaela Church and Li Pei Khoo in 2014, is dedicated to advancing dance education and performance in Tempe and the Greater Phoenix area. With support from this grant, MAC & Co. presents its thirteenth full-length performance, "PHASE 9," at Tempe Center for the Arts on January 18, 2025. Featuring over 30 dancers and guest tap ensemble Friends in Dance, this project not only provides a platform for local dancers to choreograph and perform but also enriches the cultural landscape of Tempe by engaging a wide audience through innovative and accessible dance performances. The first half will feature work by MAC & Co.'s members, and the second half will feature themed dances exploring the range of future dance creation with diverse dance styles such as modern, ballet, tap, hip hop, and more.

Website: www.macdance.org

Wasted Ink Zine Distro

Location: Brick Road Coffee

Date: November 10, 2024 and March 16, 2025

Description: Wasted Ink Zine Distro, a collective dedicated to uplifting historically marginalized creators, will offer a project aimed at fostering creativity and community engagement through Community Arts grant funding. They will host two all-day drop-in zine workshops at Brick Road Coffee in Tempe on November 10, 2024 and March 16, 2025 with a goal of inspiring 300 community members to create zines. The workshops will provide both structured sessions and take-home kits through a partnership with local print shop Paper Jam + Print, encouraging artistic expression in zines with Tempe-themed prompts. Wasted Ink aims to make zines accessible to newcomers and seasoned enthusiasts alike who join the workshops. With a plan to create 25 zines for Brick Road's free library, they aspire to leave a lasting impact on Tempe's cultural landscape, celebrating and empowering diversity.

Website: www.wizd-az.com

www.tempe.gov/ArtsGrants