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Ballet Arizona

Location: Scales Technology Academy

Date: 2021- 2022 School Year

Description: Founded in 1986, Ballet Arizona’s mission is to create and develop a professional dance institution in the state of Arizona that produces world-class performances, nurtures its artists, and serves its communities through superior educational programs. This grant supports the delivery of DanceAZ school residency program at the SCALES Technology Academy in Tempe. Funding will enable 20 low-income students (grades 3-5) to participate in nine weeks of DanceAZ’s intentional, age-appropriate, afterschool dance curriculum provided by highly trained and qualified staff in the context of a safe, familiar environment.

Chandler Children’s Choir

Location: Rehearsals at Desert Cross Lutheran Church and concert at Corona del Sol

Date: February 26, 2022

Description: Chandler Children’s Choir has been a pillar of the Chandler and South Tempe arts community for the last twelve years. The objective of CCC is to provide an inclusive space where families can bring their children to learn the joy of choral singing. After a series of rehearsals, students will perform with Mariachi Pasion at a free Community Festival at Corona del Sol High School. After our free collaborative concerts in the theater, Mariachi Pasion will bring their music outside and join Tempe area Mexican food trucks so community members can enjoy incredible music, delicious food, and time with their loved ones.

Childsplay

Location: Sybil B. Harrington Campus for Imagination and Wonder

Description: Childsplay is a nationally respected professional theatre company whose primary audience is children, families, and schools. Founded in Tempe in 1977, the company continues to serve Tempe through a wide range of theatre and arts education programs. With this grant, Childsplay requests support for the Childsplay Theatre Academy – a Tempe based arts education program serving more than 1,500 children each year. These classes provide valuable tools that promote teamwork, self-esteem, and creativity. The program also serves disadvantaged youth who have limited access to organized activities through an active scholarship program.



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CONDER/dance

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts

Date: January 28-29, 2022

Description: Breaking Ground 2022: Contemporary Dance Festival is a multi-faceted arts event that strives to integrate diverse and quality dance work into the Tempe community through several entry points: two ticketed events at Tempe Center for the Arts, workshops for the Arizona dance community, interactive events free for the public and online live streaming events. By actively developing and presenting inclusive dance work inside and outside the theater setting, CONDER/dance seeks to expand the artistic environment vital to the cultural fabric of Arizona.

Cultural Coalition

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts

Date: April 10, 2022

Description: Cultural Coalition will host the 10th Annual El Puente Festival, inviting diverse audiences to experience various cultural art forms showcasing young performers and local arts groups: Teatro Bravo, Desert Sounds Music, Quetzalli Ballet, Axé Capoeira, students from Kyrene Middle School, Marcos de Niza and Corona del Sol High Schools. At sunset, drummers and puppeteers will lead the participants in a masked parade over the beautiful Tempe Town Lake pedestrian bridge. The importance of this project is to highlight different cultural artistic practices and share in Arizona's unique ethnic heritages.

GK Folks Foundation

Date: March 26, 2022

Description: GK Folks Foundation is a nonprofit organization providing education, empowerment, entrepreneurial, and mental health resources/opportunities for young African immigrants and refugees to become catalysts for change. For this project, we will host a range of activities that includes highlighting various countries in Africa, wherein a representative from each country will showcase and inform others about their country through clothing, fashion, talents, and their country's flag colors. Other activities range from a variety of musical and dance performances, poetry, spoken words, and other forms of the display of arts. African businesses from Tempe and around the state will be invited to participate as vendors at this event.



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Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival

Location: Harkins Theatres at Tempe Marketplace

Date: February 12- March 2, 2022

Description: Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival's mission is to present high-quality international films with Jewish cultural themes to broaden the scope and depth of the diversity of the greater community. GPJFF is in the unique position of being able to educate, enlighten and entertain the general community as well as serve as a source of pride to the Jewish community. Participants will engage in entertaining and educational experiences by viewing the films and having the opportunity to discuss their observations in the post-film discussions. Through a social perspective, the film and discussion will illuminate the Jewish experience and demonstrate the links to universal themes and values.

Grey Box Collective

Location: Singh Meadows

Date: January 2022

Description: Grey Box Collective is a performance group that makes original shows about social and emotional wellbeing rooted in social issues. This project includes approximately eight millennial and gen-z creatives of Grey Box Collective who will produce three performances at Singh Meadows in Tempe. The focus of these devised, original, interdisciplinary performances will be grief and loss. This performance is a response to the past year and a half of collective trauma we've experienced as a society as well as a tribute to a creative we lost this past year.

Higher Octave Healing

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts

Date: April 16, 2022

Description: Higher Octave Healing intends to serve teens and adults with Developmental Disabilities and the community of Tempe through music therapy and related fields. "Music From the Heart" is a one-day, three-show music festival event that will take place in the Spring of 2022, featuring local artists engaged with rock bands composed of teens and adults with developmental disabilities. We will hold these performances at Tempe Center for the Arts in Tempe. Band members with developmental differences, including autism, Down syndrome, and other disabilities, will rehearse and perform music of their choosing on various instruments.



Methods of Madness Dance Theater

Location: The Graduate Hotel

Date: January 2022

Description: Tempe Drive-in Dance Film Festival is a free, site-specific, pop-up performance for the Tempe community. Dance enthusiasts, film lovers and drive-in movie day dreamers come together for an evening of choreography and community gathering through the comfort of your own car. This event will feature local artists from diverse backgrounds and in varying stages of their artistic journey. The festival will increase exposure for the artists by presenting their work to the Tempe community and provide a free and safe evening of performance appropriate for all ages. Reimagining creative spaces is essential to the survival of movement arts, drive-in film screenings such as the Tempe Drive-in Dance Film Festival can bring us together as these films become a relic and reflection of today.

MusicaNova

Location: Tempe High School

Date: 2021-2022 School Year

Description: The MusicaNova Orchestra and Tempe High Orchestra have developed a unique partnership that builds teens' interest and skills in classical music. MusicaNova is the only orchestra in the Valley that joins teen musicians on their home turf to play concerts. MusicaNova musicians also visit the school for schoolwide assembles and master classes with orchestra students. This has helped the THS orchestra program achieve huge growth by introducing students and their parents to classical music in all its forms, teach students in ways that supplement the classroom, and inspiring them to excel in their musical studies.

Phoenix Boys Choir

Location: Tempe Elementary School District

Date: Fall 2021

Description: The Phoenix Boys Choir plans to collaborate with the Tempe Elementary School District to create and virtually perform a new choral piece that will represent artistically the mission and vision of the Tempe Unified School District and City of Tempe history. Specifically, Erik Whitehill, the TESD Chair of Elementary General Music and Choir, will compose a choral anthem, which will be performed by 4th and 5th grade choirs in the district. A video will be created as a final product that will be used at district events. Curriculum will be written to support the project.



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Phoenix Gay Men's Chorus

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts

Date: June 17-19, 2022

Description: The Phoenix Gay Men's Chorus is a premiere performing arts organization that strives to unite, inspire, educate, and entertain its diverse audiences, members, allies, and supporting partners. The project features the 70+ member volunteer Phoenix Gay Men's Chorus, Omaggio Youth Chorus and hired local guest musicians, dancers, tech and visual artists in the production of "Homecoming". This is a multidisciplinary performing art show with music, choreography, lighting, audio/video production. The concerts focus on the diversity of the LGBTQ+ community, recognizing that the LGBTQ+ community in Tempe spans all color, socio-economic, and age demographics. "Homecoming" looks at coming back from the Pandemic as PGMC celebrates its 30 year anniversary.

Phoenix Screenwriter's Association

Location: Sun Studios and ASU's Marston Theater

Date: April 1 and 8, 2022

Description: Phoenix Screenwriters Association Inc., is a not-for-profit organization providing assistance and guidance to local screenwriters and filmmakers through educational and networking opportunities with the goal of supporting their careers into the film business through their development of industry-standard screenplays and films. The organization will offer a range of services, including classroom instruction, seminars, workshops, performances, as well as networking opportunities.

Rising Youth Theatre

Location: Tempe Transit Center Platform

Date: March 2022

Description: Rising Youth Theatre, in partnership with Valley Metro and the Tempe Transportation Center, will bring The Light Rail Plays to Tempe once again in 2022. After a year reimagined, primarily virtual Light Rail Plays in 2021, we are eager to return to safe, outdoor performances in 2022. Youth and adults will work together as collaborators to create a dynamic and reimagined Light Rail Plays experience that centers youth voices, the Tempe community, and the arts.



Scottsdale Arts/Arizona Wolf Trap

Location: Rover Elementary School

Date: 2021-2022 School Year

Description: As the Arizona affiliate site for the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts, Scottsdale Arts places teaching artists in early childhood classrooms to help young learners master a variety of skills, including language development, motor coordination, and positive self-images through a combination of virtual/in-classroom lessons, teacher residencies, and resources. Wolf Trap is a collaboration between artists, administrators, and teachers from Rover Elementary School, the performing arts school for Tempe Elementary District. Fall residencies and workshops will take place October-December 2021. Spring classroom residencies and workshops will take place January-April 2022, with final performances in May 2022.

Tetra String Quartet

Location: Tempe Union School District and Friendship Village

Date: 2021-2022 School Year

Description: In collaboration with the Tetra String Quartet, a local professional music ensemble, orchestra students of Marcos de Niza, McClintock, and Tempe High will develop musical/interpersonal skills and apply them in and out of the classroom. Students will form small ensembles and independently prepare pieces, receive coaching from Tetra, and perform multiple community concerts at Friendship Village and the Tempe History Museum (including concerts for children with autism). Tetra will also work with Tempe Elementary School District's middle school orchestra students and perform at three elementary schools.

The Be Kind People Project

Location: Tempe Elementary School District (7 schools)

Date: 2021-2022 School Year

Description: Special Education students in Tempe Elementary School District will have an opportunity to participate in this fun, meaningful and high-impact program during their special education classes. The program will include a high-energy, exciting kick-off program and special visits from THE BE KIND CREW to each special education classroom throughout the school year where students will experience and learn the curriculum through music, dance and kinesthetic learning. Each student will receive and be recognized with his or her own CREW materials and supplies.



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The Bridge Initiative

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts

Date: January 10-23, 2022

Description: The Bridge Initiative: Women+ in Theatre incubates and celebrates professional female theatre artists, promoting gender parity across all theatrical disciplines. The organization will present six fully produced performances; "A Feminine Ending" by Sarah Treem (regional premiere), and three workshop performances of a new project entitled "Just Be" by local theatremaker Maybe Stewart (world premiere). Both will employ Arizona theatre artists, paying competitive stipends for all roles onstage and off. Tempe residents will be offered audience discounts for the programming.

United Sound

Location: Tempe High School, Marcos de Niza High School and ASU

Date: 2021-2022 School Year

Description: United Sound provides authentic learning, music making, and performance opportunities. United Sound's peer mentoring program is student-led and pairs students with disabilities (New Musicians) with music students (Peer Mentors). Mentors are trained and meet weekly to teach New Musicians to play an instrument at a personally modified level. All musicians perform publicly twice each year. Our mentoring program will take place at Marcos de Niza (band), Tempe High (orchestra), Tempe High (guitar) and ASU (band). The Play with US program brings a teaching artist-educator into the special education classroom to provide weekly interactive videoconference music classes. The program will be offered to six classrooms in Tempe.

Yes And Productions (The Ladies)

Location: The Graduate Hotel

Date: January 29- February 2, 2022

Description: The Ladies invite you to laugh at life's most routine moments through original experiences that use live performance in unexpected places. Ladies Gone Mild is an immersive, participatory comedy event that invites audience members on a self-guided tour of the ultimate resort destination for two moms on the run, The Ladies. Equipped with a map, ticket holders explore Mildwood Manor (a fictional resort) and its bizarre amenities like a sunscreen sommelier, relaxation guru, and retro dance specialist. Everyone finds their way to the rooftop finale with The Ladies. Ladies Gone Mild is created and performed by Marlene Strang and Leanne Schmidt along with six performers.



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