

WAVEMAKER ARTS GRANTS 2022-2023

Act One

Location: Tempe Elementary School District (5th-8th graders)

Date: During the 22-23 school year

Description: *Arts Immersion* is a researched-based, teacher-designed virtual reality (VR) field trip aligned to the Arizona State Standards and uses cross-curricular connections to meet multiple objectives, including STEM, art, music, and SEL learning. This mobile program will serve 5-8th graders in Tempe Elementary School District through VR arts experiences in the classrooms and during the school day, reducing the financial, geographic, and logistical barriers for schools to access the arts. Arts Immersion exposes Arizona youth to art forms from all over the world, with an emphasis on embracing Arizona's multicultural heritage. The VR experience concludes with performances by Las Azaleas, an amazing all female Mariachi group from Tucson celebrating our state's heritage and introduces Joseph "Sentrock" Perez. Sentrock, originally from Phoenix, is a Latinx mural artist. **Website:** www.act1az.org

ARCS Arizona

Location: Majestic Neighborhood Cinema on Baseline Road

Date: November 19 and 20, 2022

Description: American Romanian Cultural Society (ARCS) Arizona aims to weave the Romanian cultural spirit into the fabric of the Greater Phoenix artistic life by engaging communities in collaborative events and programs. This is the second Arizona Romanian Film Festival and is a part of a larger festival that occurs online and in-person in two other locations: Seattle and Detroit. ARCS Arizona will feature new Romanian movies that have been presented this year in major European festivals. There will be 3 showtimes at Majestic Neighborhood Cinema in Tempe on November 19 and 20, 2022. Screenings will include a pre-event introduction and a post-event discussion with the audience, involving a film essay competition with two awards.

Website: www.azarcc.org

Arizona Wind Symphony

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts

Date: Concert Dates; Oct 20, Dec 1, 2022, Jan 26, March 16, April 20, 2023.

Description: The Arizona Wind Symphony strives to improve the cultural enrichment and education of its members, audience, and the greater community with music. Arizona Wind Symphony, a 95-member all-volunteer community-based wind band, rehearses weekly at the TCA (30-40 times during the season). They will present five themed concerts, each with a guest conductor, at Tempe Center for the Arts (Theater). All concerts start at 7:00 PM and last approximately 90 minutes. Guest soloists will be featured at most concerts. Throughout this year, AWS will continue to present audience- and member-requested blockbuster numbers from its past 20 years as well as fresh and exciting productions of new wind band repertoire.

Website: www.arizonawindsymphony.com

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ASU School of Music, Dance & Theatre

Location: Tempe Diablo Stadium

Date: January 28 – February 12, 2023

Description: ASU's School of Music, Dance, and Theatre will produce an immersive theatrical event, the play *Safe At Home*, at Tempe Diablo Stadium in January and February, 2023. The play will move 2500 people (in groups of 35 starting at 10-minute intervals) to nine different locations in the stadium. ASU students, staff, and faculty comprise the cast and crew, except for director Jack Reuler, who helmed a prior production in Minnesota Twins' Triple A team's stadium. *Safe At Home's* narrative plot is about US immigration policy in Latin America, Major League Baseball's relationship to the Dominican players on its teams, and the credibility/perceived legitimacy of the Latino press. A rumor has started that the 25-year-old phenom Latinx pitcher may take the mound and refuse to pitch, using that platform to protest US immigration policy regarding Latin American immigrants and refugees.

Website: www.herbergerinstitute.asu.edu

B3 Theater, Inc.

Location: Church of the Epiphany

Date: December 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17, 2022

Description: B3 Theater, Inc. incorporates the three B's of their name: to be BOLD, BRAZEN, and BRILLIANT by producing new and underproduced plays by local and worldwide artists. Female- and non-binary-led, B3 holds monthly free script-feedback sessions with Play Writes and a free Creativity Class open to all ages. Tempe residents, along with neighboring audience members, will meet to witness a play that was originally written by John Lyly. The play is a rough contemporary version of William Shakespeare, adapted to our times. The play inspects gender fluidity, with a premise of two girls (disguised as boys) falling in love. Ambiguity is celebrated. The play will take place in December at the Church of Epiphany.

Website: www.b3theater.com

Ballet Arizona

Location: Scales Technology Academy

Date: August 30 – December 15, 2022

Description: Ballet Arizona will deliver DanceAZ at SCALES Technology Academy, engaging 20 low-income Tempe students (grades 3-5) to participate in nine weeks of intentional, age-appropriate, afterschool dance curriculum provided by highly trained and qualified staff in the context of a safe environment. Through the practice of basic ballet technique, choreography, and performance, participants will acquire sequential and spatial learning skills, strengthen teamwork and collaboration abilities, decrease stress and anxiety, and achieve many other positive outcomes. This free after-school program, culminates in a showcase for friends and family at the school, which includes a demonstration by the students and a performance by members of Ballet Arizona's professional dancers and studio company members followed by a Q&A. **Website:** www.balletaz.org

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Broadmor PTA

Location: Broadmor PTA

Date: During the 22-23 school year

Description: The Art Masterpiece Program provides art education to all students at Broadmor Elementary School. There is no visual arts education or programming at Broadmor, and the Art Masterpiece program is the only exposure that students have to arts enrichment. This program provides students with quarterly 60-minute art lessons featuring diverse artists throughout history and their respective media. Approximately 600 K-5 students and 2 SEALS classrooms get to create their own artworks in the styles of these artists while practicing principles of color, design, and STEAM. The purpose is not just to teach specific art techniques, but to also increase the child's artistic awareness and visual literacy.

Website: www.broadmorpta.weebly.com/art-masterpiece

CAFÉ Flutes

Location: Desert Marigold Senior Living

Date: August 2022 – June 2023

Description: Central Arizona Flutes Ensemble (CAFÉ Flutes) enlightens and inspires the community with interactive concerts and programs that showcase the diverse instruments in the flute family. During the Residency, the organization will host one concert per month from August 2022 – June 2023 at the Desert Marigold Senior Living center. The concerts, demonstrations, and singalongs will be designed for independent and assisted living residents. Duet presentations will travel to those with memory issues and to those receiving rehabilitation services after a hospitalization. Seniors will be actively involved as they listen to and make music, learn about the global culture of flutes, and enjoy customized concerts that feature music that reflects their preferred genres. **Website:** www.cafeflutes.com

Childsplay

Location: Sybil B. Harrington Campus for Imagination and Wonder

Date: August 2022 – June 2023

Description: Childsplay's Theatre Academy operates out of the company's Sybil B. Harrington Campus for Imagination and Wonder in Tempe with final performances held at the Tempe Center for the Arts. The program has grown significantly over four decades and provides a diverse range of theatre learning experiences for children ages 4-17, in classes taught by professional Teaching Artists. The Academy teaches valuable theatre skills, engages children in an active, whole-body learning experience, providing them with tools for collaboration, self-confidence and creativity. Nearly 1,000 children benefit from Childsplay Academy programs each year. The program also serves disadvantaged youth who have limited access to organized activities through an active scholarship program. **Website:** www.childsplayaz.org

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CONDER/dance

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts

Date: January 2023

Description: Breaking Ground 2023: Contemporary Dance Festival is a multi-faceted arts event. New this year, Breaking Ground will connect choreographers with the art forms of live music, media (film and video) and visual art. The festival strives to integrate diverse and original creative work into the Tempe community through several entry points: two ticketed events at Tempe Center for the Arts, workshops for the Arizona arts community, interactive events free for the public. By actively developing and presenting inclusive performance work inside and outside the theater setting, CONDER/dance seeks to expand the artistic environment vital to the cultural fabric of Arizona.

Website: www.conderdance.com

Cultural Coalition

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts

Date: April 2, 2023

Description: Cultural Coalition will host the 11th Annual El Puente Festival on Sunday, April 2, 2023 from 2-6 pm at Tempe Center for the Arts, inviting diverse audiences to experience various cultural art forms showcasing young performers and local arts groups, including Desert Sounds Music, Quetzalli Ballet, Axé Capoeira, students from Kyrene Middle School 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.

Website: www.culturalcoalition.com

Desert Overture Live Cultural Entertainment

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts

Date: December 18, 2022; March 26 and June 10, 2023

Description: Desert Overture Live Cultural Entertainment (DOLCE) is an LGBTQIA organization whose mission is to entertain, enrich, educate, and support the community and our members through our passion for music. Desert Overture Wind Symphony is a 50-piece instrumental ensemble consisting of woodwinds, brass and percussion, and is comprised of two musical ensembles: Desert Overture Wind Symphony and Desert City Jazz. They will jointly perform a holiday themed concert in December, *Cheers*, treating the audience to two very different genres of music (symphonic and big band jazz). In March and June, Desert Overture Wind Symphony will present *What's Your Sign?* and *Composed With Pride*, respectively.

Website: www.desertoverture.org

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Downtown Tempe Foundation

Location: Centerpoint Plaza

Date: June 19, 2023

Description: Downtown Tempe Foundation's mission is to curate diverse and impactful experiences that cultivate community engagement. This grant will support the inclusion of both the visual and the performing arts in their second annual Juneteenth event, and will include a diverse variety of live music, performed by local musicians, free of charge to the public. Functioning as a celebration of joy, this event will demonstrate the respect and appreciation for black culture and will pay homage to the end of slavery. Activities will include a stage, live painting, local black-owned vendors and an exhibition dedicated to black history.

Website: www.downtowntempe.com

Focus Comics

Location: Virtual programming and showcase at Justice Comics

Date: August 2022 – June 2023

Description: This art program is designed to help special needs children gain positive self-image through the depiction of an autistic superhero called Focus. The virtual program develops artistic skills, self-confidence, and self-esteem so that the teachings will have a lasting impact on the participants' quality of life as they develop into adulthood. In this free virtual comic art class every Sunday, students will learn about drawing human figures, Focus (the autistic superhero, exploring issues relating to human expressions to self and identity), landscapes (Tempe landmarks, relating to a sense of community identity), and visual story telling through comics. There will be a graduation film showcasing at the end of the season.

Website: www.focuscomic.com

Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival

Location: Harkins Theatres at Tempe Marketplace

Date: February 12 – 26, 2023

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 community and to 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 films and discussions will illuminate the Jewish experience and demonstrate the links to universal themes and values.

Website: www.gpjff.org

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Grey Box Collective

Location: Singh Meadows

Date: January 2023

Description: Grey Box Collective is a performance group that makes original shows about social and emotional wellbeing rooted in social issues. Grey Box Collective (GBC) will present a performance on the mental health of othering and belonging. This project is an original, experimental performance that will explore the impact of societal inclusion and exclusion on a psychophysical level through a mix of movement, text, and technology. The primary focus is understanding through a compassionate lens what brings people together and what divides people. Our underlying curiosity is asking how this impacts minds and bodies. This will premiere at Singh Meadows in January 2023.

Website: www.greyboxcollective.com

HeARTsy

Location: Pathways to Work in Tempe and Virtual

Date: October 2022 – June 2023

Description: HeARTsy is dedicated to bringing fine art programming to underserved populations. Through this live and virtual arts program, students become empowered, engaged and enlightened on multiple mediums of art. Tempe's Pathways to Work (PTW) program and HeARTsy will collaborate to bring 7 months of arts programming in both visual art and art business development to young adults with disabilities in Tempe. Classes will be held at PTW and will cover the students' choice of 5 arts projects, plus classes in photography, DIY projects, social media marketing, merchandising, and web design. These classes will prepare students to create art that they will sell either online or through PTW's new cafe/makerspace center.

Website: www.beheartsy.com

International Jazz Day AZ Foundation

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts

Date: April 8, 2023

Description: International Jazz Day Foundation's mission is to make live music available to the next generation. Jazz Day Concert at the Tempe Arts Center will kick off Jazz Appreciation Month in April, leading up to International Jazz Day, which takes place annually around the world in 196 countries. Christopher Owens will be the MC for the night, who will welcome the audience with a poem by MLK about Jazz followed by a performance by Julian G Davis. He is a chromatic harmonicist whose sultry sound on the chromatic harmonica conveys the human condition of joy and hope, love and happiness, and resilience. The program will showcase The Nayo Jones Experience brings the flavor of New Orleans and special guest Neamen Lyles, with his expert, unique saxophone style.

Website: www.jazzdayaz.com

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Kids in Focus

Location: Gililand Middle School

Date: October 2022 – February 2023

Description: Kids in Focus (KIF) is dedicated to empowering and equipping at-risk kids to shift from surviving to thriving. Through the healing power of photography and the guidance of dedicated mentors, KIF empowers kids through evidence-based programs designed to nurture self-expression, engagement, accountability, confidence, trust, hope, and resilience. Through this after-school photography program, KIF will pair 16 Tempe youth (ages 10-14) from Gililand Middle School with local photographers who will mentor them on a 10-week journey of discovery. Using the camera as a tool, the kids will participate in classroom lessons, photoshoot field trips, and up to 480 hours of one-on-one time with mentors.

Website: www.kidsinfofocus.org

Lights Camera Discover

Location: Lights Camera Discover

Date: January – June 2023

Description: Using digital media and technology, LCD's vision is to provide youth (ages 17-21) the tools to become successful entrepreneurs and successfully employed. Youth are introduced to a variety of creative careers utilizing digital skills (graphic design, web design, filmmaking, photography, and social media). Held at LCD's Tempe location, this program serves youth residing within the City of Tempe. Priority enrollment is granted to youth residing in low-income areas where household income is below 80% of AMI. Lights Camera Discover is driven to break the cycle of multi-generational poverty by equipping the next generation with an educational foundation and passion to pursue a career in STEAM fields.

Website: www.lightscameradiscover.org

Methods of Madness Dance Theater

Location: The Graduate Hotel

Date: January 2023

Description: The Arizona Drive-in Dance Film Festival is a free, site-specific pop-up performance at the Graduate Hotel that occurs annually for the Tempe community. Dance enthusiasts, film lovers and drive-in movie day dreamers come together for an evening of film choreography and community gathering from the comfort of their own car. This event will feature local choreographers from diverse backgrounds in varying stages of their artistic journey. The festival will increase artists' exposure by presenting their work to the Tempe community and provide a free and safe evening of performance, appropriate for all ages. The Arizona Drive-in Dance Film Festival brings people together as the films function as relics and reflections of today.

Website: www.halleywillcox.net

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Musician Enrichment Foundation

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts

Date: June 12-16, 2023

Description: Musician Enrichment Foundation's 7th annual Band Camp provides growth in music and life skills to band students, grades 7-12. Tempe Elementary and High School Districts partner with MEF to select Tempe students for discounted enrollment. The camp provides exceptional musical instruction for 120 youth, presents a free concert to 100+ Tempe Elementary District Summer School students, and offers work and volunteer opportunities for 40+ adults. Musician Enrichment Foundation is dedicated to enhancing community life and enriching individual musicians through music education, chamber music, festivals, and financial assistance.

Website: www.musicianenrichmentfoundation.org

Phoenix Boys Choir

Location: Tempe Elementary School District

Date: During the 22-23 school year

Description: Phoenix Boys Choir will support Tempe Elementary School District music educators with choral music instruction and guidance in their classrooms and through district professional development sessions. They will work with two elementary general music educators in their classroom during the school. During our current season, the Phoenix Boys Choir has collaborated with Native American, Latino and African American local artists. They foresee drawing upon these relationships to create culturally relevant performing arts experiences to bring to the classrooms at Curry and Holdeman Elementary Schools. This program provides opportunities to celebrate different cultural heritages by giving students agency in choosing repertoire and activities.

Website: www.boyschoir.org

Phoenix Gay Men's Chorus

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts

Date: June 3-4, 2023

Description: Phoenix Gay Men's Chorus changes the conversation about LGBTQ+ identity and challenges discriminatory positions through song and dance. This year's production, *Mosaic of Voices*, features the 70+ member volunteer Phoenix Gay Men's Chorus, Omaggio Youth Chorus, and local guest musicians, dancers, and visual artists. This is a multidisciplinary performing arts show that involves music, choreography, lighting, and audio/video production. The concerts focus on the diversity of the LGBTQ+ community, recognizing that this community in Tempe spans all color, socio-economic, and age demographics.

Website: www.phxgmc.org

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Phoenix Screenwriter's Association

Location: ASU's Marston Theater, Church of the Epiphany, Westside Center

Date: August 2022 – July 2023

Description: Phoenix Screenwriters Association Inc. is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to help screenwriters and filmmakers hone their skills by providing interactive and inspirational training events and supportive networking opportunities with others in the industry. This year's programming will offer a range of services, including workshops, seminars, courses, conferences, performances, as well as networking opportunities. The Workshop, Film Analysis, Conference, and 5-week course will be led by Hollywood insiders and industry professionals to provide artists the tools to succeed and flourish as screenwriters.

Website: www.phoenixscreenwriters.org

Rising Youth Theatre

Location: Tempe Transit Center Platform

Date: March 2023

Description: Rising Youth Theatre's mission is to reimagine and build the world we want to live in through youth-driven, multigenerational collaboration and justice-centered artistic processes and performances that generate reflection, connection, and action. In partnership with Valley Metro and the Tempe Transportation Center, Rising Youth Theatre will bring The Light Rail Plays to Tempe once again in 2023. After two years of a pandemic that led to primarily virtual Light Rail Plays, RYT is eager to return to safe, outdoor performances in 2023. Youth and adults will work together as collaborators to create a dynamic and reimagined Light Rail Play that centers youth voices, the Tempe community, and the arts.

Website: www.risingyouththeatre.org

Stray Cat Theatre

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts

Date: September 2022 – May 2023

Description: Decidedly off the beaten path, Stray Cat is indie theatre at its best: quirky, edgy and irreverent. Stray Cat Theatre scratches the Valley's itch for a visceral, provocative theatre experience for culture-savvy cats who crave something beyond the standard kitty chow. In the age of post-COVID 19, a new spotlight is shed on racial and systemic inequality in the arts. Stray Cat proudly looks forward to innovating how they do things and who they're doing them with to show that a new model for theatre making is possible. Stray Cat will be taking the year to mentor and showcase 4 local BIPOC directors directing plays by 4 BIPOC playwrights. All performances will be at TCA Studio Theatre.

Website: www.straycattheatre.org

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Tempe Winds

Location: Tempe, McClintock, Marcos de Niza High Schools

Date: During the 22-23 school year

Description: Tempe Winds creates meaningful musical experiences for thousands of Tempe residents, with an emphasis on supporting Tempe's music teachers and students. This year's Tempe Winds season will focus on moving out of the concert hall and into the community, interacting directly with students and teachers. Focusing on Tempe, McClintock, and Marcos de Niza High Schools, professional musicians from Tempe Winds will engage with students by offering instrument-specific group lessons and joint performances at the respective schools. Tempe Winds will diversify each school's performance literature and will work alongside the music educators to empower and inspire students to continue performing and creating art.

Website: www.tempewinds.org

Tetra String Quartet

Location: Tempe Union School District, Tempe Elementary School District, Friendship Village

Date: During the 22-23 school year

Description: In collaboration with the Tetra String Quartet, a local professional chamber music ensemble, high school orchestra students of Marcos de Niza, McClintock, and Tempe High Schools will develop musical/interpersonal skills and apply them in and out of the classroom. Students will form small ensembles, independently prepare pieces, receive coaching from Tetra, and perform culmination concerts at Friendship Village and Chaparral Village. Tetra will also work with Tempe Elementary School District's middle school orchestras and perform at three elementary schools, sharing the importance of musical expression and collaboration.

Website: www.tetraquartet.org

The Be Kind People Project

Location: Tempe Elementary School District

Date: During the 22-23 school year

Description: The Be Kind People Project utilizes the arts to initiate positive social change and provide a framework for youth that will improve academic achievement, interpersonal relationship skills, accountability, behavior, personal health and wellness. *Respect My Groove* will provide instruction in dance for three Tempe elementary schools. Each school will receive 18 dance classes. While utilizing and incorporating the essential values of The Be Kind Pledge during class sessions, students will learn the history, fundamentals, style, and forms of various dance. In each class session, the importance of respecting the diversity of abilities and styles, as well as respecting the "groove" of others, will augment the basic dance instruction.

Website: www.thebekindpeopleproject.org

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The Ladies (Yes And Productions)

Location: Former Rula Bula

Date: October 2022

Description: Yes And Productions is dedicated to creating interactive, site-specific performances in unexpected locations outside of the traditional performance environment. *Change of Plans* is an immersive, participatory, comedy performance. The Ladies invite patrons to join them for happy hour at Rula Bula. Once guests arrive, they realize the location is under construction. Equipped with a hard hat, ticket holders explore the former Tempe institution and “get to work” with a cast of bizarre performers posing as “construction workers.” *Change of Plans* is created and performed by Marlene Strang and Leanne Schmidt, along with six performers, in collaboration with Century Grand restaurant designer Wesley James.

Website: www.yesandproductions.org

Third Space Dance Project

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts and Z-Room Tempe

Date: June 10-11 and 28- 30, 2023

Description: Third Space Dance Project is a platform for professional dance artists and educators to present their work and research through festivals, performances, workshops, and classes. With this grant, Third Space Dance will host a three-day dance festival and a two-day professional workshop in Tempe. The festival will feature eight local choreographers and approximately 25-30 performing artists. Workshops will be facilitated by local, established dance artists and will provide dancers the opportunity to hone their skills and network. The concert program will include outdoor and lobby performances and will offer a free Preview Night for Tempe residents.

Website: www.delashmettedance.com

United Sound

Location: Tempe Union High School District, Tempe Elementary School District and ASU

Date: During the 22-23 school year

Description: Working with peer mentors, teaching artists, therapists, educators, and composers, United Sound provides training, support, organizational resources, and curriculum for students with disabilities to participate with authenticity in music. 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. United Sound’s mentoring program will continue at Gililand MS (orchestra), Tempe HS (band), and ASU (band), and new chapters will be started at Marcos de Niza HS (band) and McClintock HS (band). Funding will cover start-up costs for two new chapters and costs related to three existing ones. United Sound removes barriers and fosters social change through music.

Website: www.unitedsound.org