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ArtsErie awards grants topping \$425,000

Funding distributed to artists and arts organizations throughout Erie County

ERIE, PA — ArtsErie recently awarded \$437,248 in funding to area artists and arts organizations. This funding is provided through ArtsErie Program Support and Project Grants, which are made possible through the Erie Arts Endowment and the ArtsErie United Fund, as well as Program and Project Stream Grants from the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts, known as PPA Grants. PPA Grants are made possible through the PA Council on the Arts (PCA), a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Additional funding opportunities are made possible through the Clarence E. Beyers Music Performance Fund and the Virginia Wieser Arts Education Fund. Both funds are part of the Erie Arts Endowment.

Grant distributions were also made to various sub-funds of the Erie Arts Endowment.

“ArtsErie is pleased to be able to provide support to our member organizations each year, but especially during these challenging economic times,” said Charlotte P. Mashyna, ArtsErie executive director.

Each year ArtsErie distributes thousands of dollars in grants to artists and member organizations throughout the region. Awardees are selected through a competitive process for each grant cycle.

Funding for the 2009-10 fiscal year was distributed as follows:

A.) Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) Program Stream Grants

The PPA Program Stream is a funding opportunity of the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA), a regionalized funding program of the PCA. The Program Stream offers ongoing support to arts organizations and arts programs with an established history of PCA support. It is administered in Erie, Crawford and Warren Counties by ArtsErie.

The 2009-10 PPA Program Stream grantees are: Academy Theatre Foundation; Allegheny



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College Art Galleries; Artists Incorporated; Bruce Gallery of Art at Edinboro University; Corry Arts Council Auxiliary, Inc.; Edinboro University Chamber Players; Edinboro Highland Games of Edinboro University; Erie Chamber Orchestra at Gannon University; Erie Dance Conservatory Company; Erie Dance Consortium; Erie Opera Theatre; Erie Summer Festival of the Arts; JazzErie; Meadville Council on the Arts; Music at Noon at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College; North East Arts Council; Photomedia Center; Stairways Behavioral Health; Titusville Council on the Arts; United Community Independence Program's French Creek Community Theater; Warren Civic Orchestra, Inc.; Warren Concert Association; Warren County Summer Music School; and Warren Players.

B.) Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) Project Stream Grants

The PPA Project Stream provides grants to eligible organizations or individuals to conduct arts projects, such as performances or exhibitions, which are presented to the public and take place in a specific time period. This program is also administered in Erie, Crawford and Warren Counties by ArtsErie.

The 2009-10 PPA Project Stream grantees are: Allegheny Regional Theatre Experience; CAFE (Culture, Arts, Festivals, Events of Erie); Community Music School of Edinboro University; Conneaut Valley Economic & Industrial Development Authority; Downtown Edinboro Art & Music Festival; Edinboro University Chamber Players; Edinboro University Visiting Artist Program; Erie Arts Opportunity; Erie County American Red Cross; Erie Homes for Children and Adults; Gannon University; Goodell Gardens & Homestead; International Institute of Erie; J. Lynne Myers; Jude Shingle; Lake Erie Ballet; Lawrence Park Township; Regional Arts Council of Warren County; Riverside Chamber Players; Russian Orthodox Church of the Nativity; SoMar Dance Works; Western PASSHE Low Brass Consortium; Young Artists Debut Orchestra; and Young People's Chorus of Erie.

C.) ArtsErie Program Support Grants

ArtsErie Program Support Grants provide funding to support larger arts organizations whose programming has a significant impact on the Erie community. ArtsErie program grants are funded by the ArtsErie United Fund and the Unrestricted/McCain Fund of the Erie Arts Endowment.

The 2009-10 ArtsErie Program Support grantees are: Erie Art Museum; Erie Philharmonic; Erie Playhouse; and the expERIENCE Children's Museum.



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D.) ArtsErie Project Grants

ArtsErie Project Grants provide funding for art performances, projects and exhibits in any artistic discipline in Erie County. ArtsErie project grants are funded by the ArtsErie United Fund and the Unrestricted/McCain Fund of the Erie Arts Endowment.

The 2009-10 ArtsErie Project grantees are: Bayfront NATO, Inc./Martin Luther King Center; Bruce Gallery at Edinboro University; CAFE (Culture, Arts, Festivals, Events of Erie); Dafmark Dance Theater; Downtown Edinboro Art & Music Festival; Edinboro Highland Games & Scottish Festival; Edinboro University Visiting Artist Program; Emerson-Gridley CHAMPS Program; Erie Chamber Orchestra; Erie County Historical Society; Erie Dance Conservatory Company, Inc.; Erie Dance Consortium; Erie Homes for Children and Adults; Erie Opera Theatre; Gannon University; Inner-City Neighborhood Art House; Lake Erie Fanfare, Inc.; Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center at Mercyhurst College; Penn State Erie, The Behrend College; Photomedia Center; St. Boniface Church Players; and Union City Area School District Foundation.

E.) Clarence E. Beyers Music Performance Grants

Clarence E. Beyers Music Performance Fund provides funding opportunities for projects involving music performance. Clarence E. Beyers Music Performance grants are part of the Erie Arts Endowment.

The 2009-10 Clarence E. Beyers Music Performance grantees are: Dafmark Dance Theater; Erie Art Museum; Erie Chamber Orchestra; Erie Civic Music Association; Erie Junior Philharmonic; Erie Opera Theatre; Erie Philharmonic; Erie Summer Festival of the Arts; Inner-City Neighborhood Art House; JazzErie; Lake Erie Ballet; Luther Memorial Concert Series; Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center at Mercyhurst College; Young Artists Debut Orchestra; and the Young People's Chorus of Erie.

F.) Virginia Vieser Arts Education Grants

Virginia Vieser Arts Education Fund provides funding opportunities for arts education programs without regard to artistic discipline. Arts education projects may be in any setting that exposes students of all ages to any of the visual or performing arts. New initiatives are encouraged. Virginia Vieser Arts Education grants are part of the Erie Arts Endowment.

The 2009-10 Virginia Vieser Arts Education grantees are: Erie Art Museum; Erie Playhouse; and Greater Erie Youth Symphony Orchestra.

