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Greater Rochester Arts and Cultural Trust Awards 2017 Youth Arts Education Grants

On April 22nd 2017, ten local Rochester celebrities went toe-to-toe paired with professional dancers from Dahl Dance Center to raise money for youth arts education and the programs/services of the Arts and Cultural Trust.

Seventeen nonprofit arts and humanities organizations are the 2017 recipients, as determined by an independent panel of funders:

Art on the Avenue- \$2000 to support ArtOrg: 1000 Print Summer Steamroller Printing at Art on the Avenue annual festival.

Children's Dance Theatre- \$2000 to support school performances of the dance theatre production of "Pinocchio" at the Mayo Civic Center.

Diversity Council- \$2500 to support the interactive Maker Space through purchase of art materials.

Dover Eyota Music Association- \$2800 to support the expansion of the 7th annual SE MN a Cappella workshop for high school choirs.

Friends of Riverside Concerts- \$2000 to support the vocal ensemble of Six Appeal as part of the Artists in Residency school program.

Hambone Music Festival- \$1000 to support workshops professionally teaching Blues Harmonica and creating homemade and culturally diverse musical instruments.

History Center of Olmsted County- \$1500 to support summer cultural arts education day camps and the Living History Fair.

Honors Choirs of Southeast Minnesota- \$2500 to support the summer musical production of "State Fair".

Justice and Opportunity for Youth- \$2500 to support the 2018 ROCKchester: Teen Music and Art Festival.

Northland Words- \$2200 to support participation in the AACT National Festival.

Rochester Civic Theatre- \$2500 carryover to support ARTSCON 2018, the 2nd Youth Arts Congress for high school students, focusing on the DMC impact on arts and humanities growth for youth.

Rochester International Association- \$1000 to support youth cultural opportunities at the annual World Festival.

Rochester Irish Fest- \$1000 to support youth activities focusing on traditional Irish music, dance and storytelling.

Sing Out Loud- \$3000 to support the 10th anniversary season of choir programming of Bella Voce, Bella Fiore and the Bellettes.

Southeast Service Cooperative- \$1500 to support the expansion of the Young Authors, Young Artists Conference.

Southeastern Minnesota Suzuki Association (SEMSA)-\$500 to support student musician solo and ensemble performances.

Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestras- \$2000 to support professional musicians providing sectionals expertise and mentorship opportunities.

The community will have another opportunity to contribute to youth arts education on **April 21st, 2018** when local celebrities and their pro partners dust off their dancing shoes for “Dancing for the Arts-Take VII” in the Mayo Civic Center Ballroom.