

**ARTISTS IN THE COMMUNITY GRANT  
2017 FUNDING PLAN**

**KENNETH HUNTER**

**Project:** Located on the corner of Alton Road and Saginaw Highway in East Lansing, MI. Patriarch Park provides the surrounding community with a gathering place for friends, families, and visitors alike. This park serves as a great resource to the community with sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and even provides a sense of belonging. With Patriarch Park being the asset it is to the community, I propose to revitalize and reclaim a space of this park to encourage community participation and enjoyment from an outdated and neglected area. I propose to revitalize the shuffle board courts through the installation of a silver cushion moss labyrinth.

**Award: \$3,000**

**CATHERINE TONNING-POPOWICH**

**Project:** Catherine Tanning-Popowich will be partnering with the Lansing Art Gallery to create the "Art Has No Barriers" program. Through this program, I will be teaching art classes to children with and without disabilities. Art is a powerful healing tool, to the maker and to the viewer that interacts with it later, giving great power to the work. For children and young adults with special needs, the process of creating art can literally give them a voice when they might not be able to communicate their thoughts and emotions in other ways. This project can have an invaluable impact on our community.

**Award: \$3,000**

**CLARA MARTINEZ**

**Project:** Formed in January 2016, ClaritaLucia y Compania (formerly CHOREO LAB) is the Accessible Dance & Dance Making Project of Lansing, MI. Led under the curious and voracious eye of Artistic Director Clara Martinez, ClaritaLucia y Compania stands to improve the artistic depth, quality, and audience reach of modern and postmodern dance in Mid-Michigan, and beyond. With a combination of world class dance composition practices, community-minded grassroots origins, and an undwindling inquiry in how to make Lansing, the dance world, and humans better, Clara Martinez will organize, facilitate, and showcase free and publically accessible dance forums, practices and performances to Greater Lansing in 2017.

**Award: \$2,000**

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**TYSON PUMPHREY**

**Project:** During the 2018-2019 school year, Pumphrey will create, manage and implement programming around the City of Lansing that focuses on Hip Hop music composition with a core emphasis on mentoring youth as they develop in their crafts and navigate being teens. The project is called "B.A.R.S" (Beats and Rhymes Sessions). Pumphrey will be working with the youth at Eastern High School, Ingham Academy, Reach Art Studio and Sexton during the year to prepare for a Youth Led Hip Hop event that will showcase their work.

**Award: \$3,000**

**MICHAEL MAGNOTTA**

**Project:** Local metal works artist, Michael Magnotta, will be creating a stainless steel sculpture depicting a trio of sailboats to grace the future Don Lillrose Memorial Garden on Marsh Road, near Lake Lansing. A once blighted piece of property will soon become an icon for Meridian Township, welcoming residents and visitors alike into the Haslett community. Named to honor a lifelong Haslett resident passionate about beautifying his community, this highly visible property will become a beautiful space for people to enjoy and the sculpture will be the focal point surrounded by flowers, grasses and stone benches.

**Award: \$2,000**

**TRACIE DAVIS**

**Project:** A St Johns community "paint by number" mural on a large building along the highest pedestrian-traffic sidewalk. This mural will add a bold pop of color that downtown St Johns needs. It will be the third large scale mural in St Johns to bring people to town and encourage them to walk around. The most important aspect of this mural is the fact that it will engage hundreds of community members.

**Award: \$2,000**

**ANASTASIA BONOTTO**

**Project:** Classical music concerts often take place in upscale concert halls and are often perceived as elitist. Anastasia Bonotto believes that classical music should be accessible and easily available to everyone. The Pop-Up Concert Series was developed in an effort to expose a broader audience to quality live classical music at no charge, to develop community partnerships with local organizations and venues, and to increase the presence of local classical musicians in the Greater Lansing community. The concerts will feature well-established chamber groups of local musicians and will provide live entertainment at a variety of community events, in a nontraditional setting.

**Award: \$1,000**