

**MCACA MINIGRANTS  
2017 FUNDING PLAN**

***Professional or Organizational Development***

**LANSING AREA PRINT-MAKERS COLLECTIVE**

**Project:** The Lansing Area Print-makers Collective, an informal group of seven working artists coordinated by Laura B. DeLind, is seeking a FY17 MCACA Minigrant to partially fund a print-making workshop with artist, Linda Beeman. Ms. Beeman is one of fewer than 100 print-makers world-wide practicing the art of mokuhanga. She lives and works in Owosso, MI and has agreed to offer a three-day workshop. The techniques acquired will be incorporated into our own printmaking endeavors. They also will be shared with print-makers through workshops and exhibits offered at Grove Gallery in E. Lansing, MI.

**Award: \$1,100**

**LANSING ART GALLERY**

**Project:** The Lansing Art Gallery staff will attend the Americans for the Arts National Convention which offers unparalleled opportunities for arts administrators at all career stages to engage in learning, networking and fellowship.

**Award: \$1,250**

**WILLIAMSTON THEATRE**

**Project:** The Williamston Theatre, mid-Michigan's only professional resident theatre company, seeks funding to support the company's participation in a strategic planning process. This process will provide the basis for planned growth over the next ten years.

**Award: \$1,250**

***Arts Projects***

**ALL-OF-US EXPRESS CHILDREN'S THEATRE**

**Project:** All-of-us Express Children's Theatre will present a Young Playwrights Program (YPP). The YPP is for youth, ages 11-18. Interested youth from the mid-Michigan area will be asked to write an original play (script). The submitted scripts will be reviewed and 3-5 will be chosen to be turned into main stage productions to be performed in May 2017. Script writers will have the opportunity to work with a mentor/director to help them refine their work for the stage.

**Award: \$2,800**

**HOLT COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL**

**Project:** Music in the Garden is a unique summertime concert experience in Delhi Township. Specifically, it is a series of four free 90-minute concerts presented by the Holt Community Arts Council. The performers are professional musicians representing different genres and cultures. The concerts will take place on Thursday evenings – July 6, 13, 20 and 27 – before audiences ranging in size from 500 to more than 1,000 persons. The 2017 season represents Music in the Garden's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Award: \$2,800**

### **LANSING CONCERT BAND**

**Project:** The Lansing Concert Band's annual Young Person's Concert is a 60-minute, fast-paced concert designed to introduce young listeners to the sights and sounds of the symphonic band. This year's program theme is "America's Musical Heritage", and will feature excerpts from band arrangements of tunes from various periods of American history (colonial times, Western expansion, the Sousa march, Swing Music, etc.). Students will also learn the names and characteristic sounds of each band instrument. Local folk singer Pat Madden will be a featured soloist, and will lead the audience in a sing-a-long.

**Award:** **\$2,800**

### **MERIDIAN COMMUNITY BAND**

**Project:** The Meridian Community Band will host the Red Cedar Festival which is a one-day event in which 10-12 Michigan community concert bands perform a brief public concert which is followed by a post-concert educational clinic. The clinics are presented by college/university-level conductors who provide insight and teach techniques for improving musicianship. Visiting artists present master classes for featured instruments. The festival provides networking opportunities for musicians. Audiences enjoy the presentation of a wide variety of both contemporary and traditional band literature. All festival events are admission free to the public.

**Award:** **\$2,800**

### **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC RUNNING START PROGRAM**

**Project:** The Michigan State University Educational Engagement Residency Program is a co-curricular program that places chamber groups comprised of current advanced performance majors at the MSU College of Music within the fourth grade classrooms at Elmwood Elementary for three-week artist residencies. The MSU students work with Elmwood's certified music educator, Katie Pike, to create individualized residencies tailored to each fourth grade class. In the residencies, chamber groups perform and lead activities that allow the fourth graders to participate in the act of creating and interpreting music.

**Award:** **\$1,895**

### **NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS AND CRAFTS COUNCIL**

**Project:** The Native American Arts and Crafts Council is planning the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Riverbank Traditional Pow Wow. The Pow Wow is a celebration of Native American Culture through song, dance, food and crafts. It will be held June 2-4, 2017 at Louis Adado Riverfront Park, with free admission for all spectators. Friday, June 2, will be a Native American Cultural Experience Day for local school students for a series of activities exploring Native American Culture. On Saturday and Sunday, the Grand Entries (as the dancers enter the dance arena), will take place at 1:00, 7:00, and 12:00 respectively.

**Award:** **\$2,800**

## MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 2 2017 FUNDING PLAN

### *Professional or Organizational Development*

#### **CAPITAL CITY FILM FESTIVAL**

Project: The Capital City Film Festival (CCFF), a six-year-old nonprofit organization in Lansing, MI, is seeking new grant opportunities to expand and diversify its funding base. CCFF will apply to the national Endowment for the Arts Art Works grant program in early 2017. In order to accomplish this, CCFF will contract the services of a professional grant writer, Erin Steel, who has a proven track record with the organization.

Award: **\$800**

#### **LANSING SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Project: The Lansing Symphony Orchestra (LSO) is seeking funding through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) for professional development. Funding in the amount of \$800 will allow a staff member to attend the annual League of American Orchestras (LAO) conference. The LAO conference will be held June 6 – 8, 2017 in Detroit, Michigan.

Award: **\$800**

#### **GREEN BOW MUSIC**

Project: This is a music camp consisting of two weeks of traditional Brazilian music and dance instruction. There is also language instruction and live performances. Interaction performers and a chance to continue the aural and oral communication of folk music and traditions from native instructors. The camp takes place in Cazadero, CA in the redwood forest. Daily lessons are available in mandolin, Choro, music, composition, voice, yoga, bass and guitar. Room and board are included.

Award: **\$800**

### *Arts Projects*

#### **SUMMER SOLSTICE JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Project: The Summer Solstice Jazz Festival is a 2 day, multi-venue festival attended by more than 10,000 people. The event takes place in the heart of downtown East Lansing, and celebrates jazz music through performances by local, regional and national musicians. The festival seeks to attract visitors to the Greater Lansing area while promoting arts, culture and education.

Award: **\$2,999**

#### **REO TOWN COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION**

Project: The REO Town Art Attack is an all day festival featuring music, art vendors, and a live art competition. Now going into its seventh iteration, this year's festival will be moving from the parking lot where it was previously held to the adjacent street and will feature 10 selected artists painting murals in the bike lanes.

Award: **\$1,700**

#### **EAST LANSING DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, & ARTS**

Project: All-of-us Express Children's Theatre (AECT) is proposing a Young Playwrights Program (YPP). The YPP is for youth, ages 11-18. Interested youth from the mid-Michigan area will be asked to write an original play (script). The submitted scripts will be reviewed and the top three scored scripts will be turned into main stage productions performed on stage in late spring 2017. Script writers will have the opportunity to work with a mentor/director to help them refine their work for the stage. Youth will be involved as cast and crew members.

Award: **\$1,700**

**ST. JOHNS DOWNTOWN DISTRICT AUTHORITY**

**Project:** The St. Johns Downtown District Authority, heretofore referred to as the “DDA,” is seeking funds to create a new, interactive mural in downtown St. Johns, MI. The goal of this project is to activate economic vibrancy and awareness through the creation of a mural that will bring color and culture to our city’s downtown. With this grant, the DDA will partner with the City of St. Johns, the owner of Gilroy’s Hardware and the Clinton County Arts Council to revitalize a well-deserving part of our downtown.

**Award: \$1,700**

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY – THE OFFBEAT LITERARY JOURNAL**

**Project:** This project will help to expand the yearly publication of the Offbeat literary journal to a biannual schedule, doubling our artistic impact, and continue our newly established local arts and outreach program—a biannual reading event to coincide with each issue’s publication. This will become a regular reading series event in the Greater Lansing area, our public effort to bring creative writing to new local audiences and to support our continued publication.

**Award: \$1,000**

**COLE ACADEMY**

**Project:** Cole Academy seeks funding for its sixth year of collaboration with the Lansing Art Gallery for Art in Action, an art-based learning experience connecting working artists from Lansing with elementary students. This ongoing partnership between LAG and Cole Academy has promoted creativity and included a variety of artists, mediums, exhibitions and receptions. Last year, AIA ended with students creating a 7ft ceramic mural, currently displayed at Cole. This year, students to learn weaving through the creation of personal weavings and a largescale school-wide tapestry.

**Award: \$1,000**

## **MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 1 2018 FUNDING PLAN**

### ***Professional or Organizational Development***

#### **Jane Reiter**

**Project:** I wish to study with Rosalie Dace, an international quilt artist. Ms. Dace is teaching an Independent Study workshop at the Quilt Surface Design Symposium 2018, Columbus, Ohio. Attending the workshop is an extraordinary chance since I can drive to Columbus to study with Ms. Dace, who lives in South Africa. Participating in Independent Study is an opportunity for learned tutelage and expert guidance to push myself to create a new body of artwork. In this rich, supportive environment of vibrant imagination I will significantly enhance my artistic development and creative growth.

**Award:           \$600**

#### **Lansing Art Gallery**

**Project:** Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center seeks support for strategic planning with senior consultant and returning specialist Rory Neuner. Activities will include a survey of stakeholders, interviews, and a facilitated strategic planning session. This will improve the organization by engaging stakeholders to review the current strategic plan, celebrate accomplishments, and develop a better understanding of tactical issues facing the organization. Ultimately, outcomes will include the creation of a 3 - 5 year action plan detailing steps toward success.

**Award:           \$1,500**

#### **The Lansing Womens Chorus - Sistrum**

**Project:** Sistrum, Lansing's Women's Chorus, rooted in a feminist lesbian tradition, will work with a consultant to increase our diversity and build ties to communities of color to more fully represent Lansing-area women. Together, we will collect information on barriers, develop a plan to facilitate board and full chorus dialogue, ideas, and learning, and create a strategic action plan to change the chorus narrative of what we represent for Lansing women, broaden understanding of systemic privilege among our members, and expand choral options for local women of all races and ethnicities.

**Award:           \$1,500**

**Total 2018 Professional or Organizational Development Awards:   \$3,600**

## **ARTS PROJECTS**

### **DreamWorld Studios for the Arts**

**Project:** DreamWorld has a partnership with Willow Elementary, Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy, and St. Vincent Catholic Charities to implement the second year of its DANCE Project beginning in November 2017. The program will provide weekly high quality dance instruction to for at-risk students, ages four to 18 years old. Styles of dance class will include ballet, jazz, hip hop, and contemporary. By hosting dance classes in the partnering schools/facility we are meeting our target participants where they are and therefore increasing artistic visibility in underrepresented neighborhoods.

**Award:           \$3,000**

### **East Lansing Dept of Parks, Rec. & Art - All-of-us Express Children's Theatre**

**Project:** The Studio Class for Theater Performances will target youth, ages 11-18, and will be an in-depth study of theater. The class will run for approximately 16 weeks and end in a staged performance at the Albert A. White Performing Arts Theatre. Studio Class participants will work together as a team to choose a script with a literary tie in and study both the book and the script for characters and content. Participants will work as a team to choose costumes, makeup, sets, props and technical for the production. Participants will also choose one of their own to direct.

**Award:           \$4,000**

### **Native American Arts and Crafts Council**

**Project:** The Pow Wow is a celebration of Native American Culture through song, dance, food, and crafts. Dancers, Drummers, and Artisans from around the Great Lakes will be in attendance. It will be held June 1-3, 2018 at Louis Adado Riverfront Park in Lansing, MI. On Friday, June 2, we will be having a Native American Cultural Experience Day.

**Award:           \$4,000**

### **MSU College of Music**

**Project:** The Michigan State University Educational Engagement Residency Program is a co-curricular program that places chamber groups comprised of current advanced performance majors at the MSU College of Music within music classrooms at Donley and Pinecrest Elementary for 2 or 3-week artist residencies. The MSU students work with certified music educators, Cari Cravotta and Katie Burk, to create individualized residencies tailored to each grade level. In the residencies, chamber groups perform and lead activities that allow the children to participate in the act of creating and interpreting music.

**Award:           \$1,181**

**Total 2018 Arts Projects Awards:       \$12,181**

## **MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 2 2018 FUNDING PLAN**

### ***Professional or Organizational Development***

#### **Michigan State University Museum**

**Project:** The MSU Museum requests MCACA Professional Development funding to send its Exhibitions Manager to the 2018 American Alliance of Museums conference May 6-9, 2018 in Phoenix, AZ. The AAM conference is the largest gathering of museum professionals in the world and this would be the exhibitions manger's first time attending. The Museum is at a pivotal moment in its 160-year history with a new director, a new strategic plan, and the opportunity for increased university investment in staffing and infrastructure. This conference will help staff and the institution reach short and long-term goals.

**Award:           \$1,500**

#### **Kyle Zeuch**

**Project:** Kyle Zeuch will attend the conference, which offers a comprehensive educational and performance experience for choral music professionals to enhance their skill sets in the areas of rehearsal techniques, literature, pedagogy and technology.

**Award:           \$481**

#### **Michael McCallum**

**Project:** Lansing Filmmaker, Michael McCallum, will attend the the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Underground Film Festival in June of 2018.

**Award:           \$419**

**Total 2018 Round 2 Professional or Organizational Development Awards:   \$2,400**

## **ARTS PROJECTS**

### **Summer Solstice Jazz Festival**

**Project:** The Summer Solstice Jazz Festival is a multi-venue 2 day festival, offered free to our community and attended by more than 8,000 people from a diverse cross-section of the Michigan jazz community. The event takes place in the heart of downtown East Lansing. It celebrates jazz music through performances by local, regional and national musicians. The festival seeks to attract visitors to the Greater Lansing Area while promoting arts, culture and education.

**Award:           \$4,000**

### **Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum at MSU**

**Project:** Inaugural Collections Exhibition at the MSU Broad's new art space, the B2 Art Lab.

**Award:           \$4,000**

### **Holt Community Arts Council**

**Project:** Music in the Garden is a unique summertime concert experience in Delhi Township. Specifically, it is a series of four free 90-minute concerts presented by the Holt Community Arts Council. The performers are professional musicians representing different genres and cultures. The concerts will take place on Thursday evenings - July 6, 13, 20, and 27 - before audiences ranging in size from 500 to more than 1,000 persons.

**Award:           \$3,000**

### **MSU Writing Center**

**Project:** The Connecting Communities, Creating Stories initiative connects the people of Greater Lansing through shared stories, storytelling, and listening. These connections will emerge through local composing/sharing events and encourage the people of Lansing to engage in and with the histories, communities, peoples, places, and spaces that make up the various communities of Michigan. In particular, we hope that a sharing/listening of stories across communities that do not necessarily know each other can forge relationships between people through reciprocal engagement.

**Award:           \$1,410**

### **Lansing Concert Band**

**Project:** The LCB Young Persons Guide to the Band is a 60-minute, fast-paced symphonic band concert, designed to introduce 3rd-5th grade students to the sights and sounds of the traditional American concert band. The 2018 theme is "Emotions in Music," featuring several musical excerpts chosen to demonstrate how listening to music can evoke various human emotions: love, anger, happiness, etc. Students will also learn the names and sounds of each band instrument. The concert experience is enhanced by a colorful slide show, which includes artwork created by the students themselves.

**Award:           \$1,409**

**Total 2018 Arts Projects Awards:       \$13,819**



## **MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 1 2019 FUNDING PLAN**

### ***PROFESSIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT***

#### **Lansing Art Gallery**

**Project:** Lansing Art Gallery & Education will send executive director Barb Whitney to the 2019 Americans for the Arts Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Award:           \$1,500**

**Total 2018 Professional or Organizational Development Awards:   \$1,500**

### ***ARTS PROJECTS***

#### **Clinton County Arts Council**

**Project:** The Clinton County Arts Council will beautify the underpass located on the Fred Meijer CIS Trail in St Johns, by involving community groups, organizations, juvenile probation, 4H groups and more. One side of the underpass allows for eight, 8'x10' sections available to the groups. The other side will allow for two large artists' murals. The groups will select a historical artist to research and develop a piece. The artist will work with each group, teaching them the importance of prep work, scaling a mural and the work and materials it involves.

**Award:           \$3,000**

#### **Lansing Concert Band**

**Project:** The Young Person's Introduction to the Band is a 60-minute, fast-paced symphonic band concert, designed to introduce 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students to the sights and sounds of the traditional American Concert Band. The 2019 concert theme will be "Music All Around Us," featuring musical excerpts which demonstrate the many ways in which music is involved in our daily lives (tv shows, movies, sporting events, etc.). The students will also learn the names and sounds of each instrument of the concert band. The music will be enhanced by a colorful slide presentation, resulting in a "multi-media" experience.

**Award:           \$2,239**

#### **Meridian Community Band**

**Project:** The Red Cedar Festival is a one-day event in which ten Michigan community concert bands perform a brief public concert which is followed by a post-concert clinic. The clinics are presented by college/university-level conductors who provide valuable insight and teach techniques for improving musicianship. Visiting artists present master classes for featured instruments. The Festival provides networking opportunities for musicians. Audiences enjoy the presentation of a wide variety of both contemporary and traditional band literature. All events are admission free to the public.

**Award:           \$3,000**

**Pinecrest Elementary**

**Project:** Pure Winds woodwind quintet will collaborate with the fourth grade students of Pinecrest Elementary to produce and create a musical staged reading of Trinka Hakes Noble's book "The Legend of Michigan." This will be the result of a four week residency between Pure Winds and the fourth grade students of Pinecrest Elementary.

**Award:           \$4,000**

**REO Town Commercial Association**

**Project:** The REO Town Thrift Store Gala is an event celebrating the reuse and repurposing of cast off clothing through burlesque, aerialism, magic and pageantry. Now in its sixth year, the event has grown from a quirky experiment to one of REO Town's most successful events.

**Award:           \$2,000**

**Total 2018 Arts Projects Awards:       \$16,239**

## **MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 2 2019 FUNDING PLAN**

### ***PROFESSIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT***

#### **Crystal Gause**

**Project:** With this grant, Crystal will fund an educational trip to Currents New Media Festival in Santa Fe, NM. As an independent arts curator working and creating in Lansing, she integrates technology and cutting edge art into her exhibitions. As a leading voice in New Media, Currents presents interactive installations, workshops, multimedia performances, VR and AR environments, animation, experimental documentary, robotics and 3D printing. She will garner an updated look at the field and bring new and refreshing ideas back to Lansing.

**Award:           \$900**

#### **Green Bow Music**

**Project:** Grant funds will go towards creation of new video content to advertise the different musical compositions and musical genres that The Tia Imani Hanna Project will create. These will be placed on two new websites. One for Green Bow Music and One for The Tia Imani Hanna websites. The purpose to introduce the two new websites being created in 2019 with video newsletters and personal invitation featuring the new videos.

**Award:           \$600**

#### **Lansing Symphony Orchestra**

**Project:** The Lansing Symphony Orchestra (LSO) is using grant funding to support one staff member, Anastasia Bonotto, to attend the Essentials of Orchestra Management Seminar (Essentials) taking place July 8 through 18th, 2019 in Los Angeles California. The Essentials of Orchestra Management seminar is presented by the League of American Orchestras and is an intensive ten-day seminar “that prepares orchestra professionals to be effective administrators and leaders.” The seminar is led by some of the best professionals in the field: successful orchestral musicians, executives, and leadership experts.

**Award:           \$1,500**

#### **MICA**

**Project:** MICA's mission is to serve as a catalyst for community development through quality arts programming. This organization has demonstrated its ability to produce successful projects over the years. Much of the urban revival on Turner Street is due to the time and dedication of numerous volunteers over the past thirty years. To continue to providing quality arts programming and community development projects, the board seeks to hire a grant writer to strategically seek out resources and obtain funding to sustain existing and proposed projects.

**Award:           \$1,500**

**Total 2019 Professional or Organizational Development Awards:    \$4,500**

## **ARTS PROJECTS**

### **Bath Charter Township**

**Project:** The Bath Public Arts Committee (BPAC) is planning a community art project that encourages participation in completion of a mural that will be displayed in a prominent location within a local park. BPAC will offer assistance at local events, however will rely on the community's efforts to complete the mural. The mural's theme will be drawn on a "canvas" by a local artist and participants will be invited to fill in the open areas with patterns or colors which will create an overall visual masterpiece. Upon completion, the mural will be mounted to all four sides of the park's restroom facility.

**Award:           \$821**

### **Communities In Schools of Michigan**

**Project:** CIS of Michigan will partner with a local artist to bring a project based learning opportunity to 8th grade students at J.W. Sexton High School. Students in an 8th grade math class will create a large mural in the Sexton cafeteria through collaborative artistic and mathematical instruction. The mural itself will have multiple messages embedded within it that are mathematical and motivational. This project aims to build and strengthen students math literacy all while providing curriculum that excites and engages students to increase the likelihood of students overall academic success.

**Award:           \$1,470**

### **DreamWorld Studios for the Arts**

**Project:** DreamWorld Studios for the Arts is seeking funding to continue our partnership with three Lansing Schools (Willow Elementary, Mid Michigan Leadership Academy, Sexton High School) as it implements the third season of DANCE Project between January 2019 and October 2019. DreamWorld's DANCE Project 3.0 is geared toward youth and artist from underrepresented communities/backgrounds, with the objective to positively influence participants' academics, attendance, behavior (self-esteem), and overall arts experience.

**Award:           \$870**

### **Holt Community Arts Council**

**Project:** With grant funds, Holt Community Arts Council will hold their free Music in the Garden summer series of four free open-air concerts in Delhi Township. Concerts will take place on the evenings of July 11, July 18, July 25, and Aug. 1. The arts council takes great care to select professional musicians who represent a variety of cultures and genres.

**Award:           \$2,000**

### **Lansing 5:01**

**Project:** With these funds, Lansing 5:01 will fund Bridge Fest, a riverside festival to highlight local music and artists. Attendees can explore the lively Lansing arts and culture scene through a robust Lansing-based artisan village while witnessing live art installations with chalk artists and muralists and enjoying local eats. As the sun goes down, participants can join under the Shiawassee Bridge for a free concert featuring top-notch Michigan musicians. Targeting young professionals, this festival educates them on the vibrant arts and culture community in Lansing. The festival is free and open to the public.

**Award:           \$3,600**

**Total 2019 Arts Projects Awards:     \$8,761**

## **MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 1 2020 FUNDING PLAN**

### ***PROFESSIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT***

#### **Lansing Art Gallery**

**Project:** Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center requests \$1,500 to support attendance of Executive Director Barb Whitney's professional development at the annual Americans for the Arts convention from June 26 - 28, 2020 in Washington, D.C. Striving to become a truly exceptional arts administrator, Whitney will enjoy shared learning, fellowship, and networking. Upon her return, Whitney will share findings and best practices with staff, volunteers, the Board of Directors, and the community-at-large.

**Award:           \$1,500**

#### **Capital City Film Festival**

**Project:** The Capital City Film Festival (CCFF) celebrates artists from around the world by curating outstanding multimedia experiences for the community. The annual festival showcases an eclectic mix of independent films, live music, interactivity, and more in Michigan's capital city. CCFF seeks funding to support strategic planning with consultants leading into the landmark tenth festival season.

**Award:           \$1,250**

#### **Michigan Library Association**

**Project:** Requesting professional development support, specifically conference registration, travel and lodging, to allow MLA's Professional Development and Meeting Manager to attend the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago in June 2020.

**Award:           \$1,250**

**Total 2020 Rd. 1 Professional or Organizational Development Awards:           \$4,000**

## **ARTS PROJECTS**

### **Lansing 5:01**

**Project:** Dam Jam is a riverside festival to highlight local music and artists. Attendees can explore the lively Lansing arts and culture scene through a robust Lansing-based artisan village while witnessing live art installations and enjoying local eats. Throughout the evening, participants can experience 12 top-notch Michigan musicians on 10 different stages, ending the night at Old Town Lansing's fish ladder for a concert in-the-round! Targeting emerging talent, this festival educates them on the vibrant arts and culture community in Lansing. The festival is free and open to the public.

**Award:           \$3,000**

### **MICA**

**Project:** The Lansing JazzFest and Michigan BluesFest are the most popular free music festivals in Michigan. In addition to bringing thousands to Lansing's Old Town neighborhood, both festivals host music clinics for students and KidzBeat, a family-friendly music-education event. The MICA's part-time operations manager organizes these events as well as hosts on-going exhibits and upcoming events at the MICA Gallery. If a grant was available to match payroll hours in the weeks before these festivals, this would provide MICA with the opportunity to improve both music festivals and the gallery experience.

**Award:           \$3,000**

### **Michigan Disability Rights Coalition**

**Project:** In DanceAbility Detroit, Detroit Disability Power will partner with certified DanceAbility instructor & master dance improviser Cara Graninger & Light Box (our venue) to launch a year of inclusive dance improvisation learning. Four 2-hour introductory workshops in Oct., Feb., May & Sept. will engage new & experienced movers including dozens of people with varying disabilities. Three 6-class series between the four workshops will give participants the opportunity to deepen dance improvisation skills & continue building liberating creative community with peers who move in richly diverse ways.

**Award:           \$3,000**

### **REO Town Commercial Association**

**Project:** The REO Town Thrift Store Gala is an event celebrating the reuse and repurposing of cast off clothing through burlesque, aerialism, magic, and pageantry. Now in its sixth year, the event has grown from a quirky experiment to one of REO Town's most successful events.

**Award:           \$4,000**

**Total 2020 Rd. 1 Arts Projects Awards:           \$13,000**

## **MCACA MINIGRANTS: Round 2 2020 FUNDING PLAN**

### ***PROFESSIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT***

#### **Lansing Symphony Orchestra**

**Project:** Each year the League of American Orchestras hosts a national conference which brings together orchestra professionals from all fields and backgrounds. The 3-day conference offers a full schedule of presentations, forums, and open discussions that prepare attendees to be effective administrators and leaders in the arts field. Throughout the conference there are opportunities to network, collaborate, and learn about other organization's successes and barriers, leaving attendees more knowledgeable and inspired to help their organizations thrive, as well as grow as professionals in the arts field.

**Award:           \$1,100**

#### **Nick Adkins**

**Project:** The Highlights Foundation: Creating Picture Books with Heart and Humor retreat will consist of lectures, workshops, and group hands-on activities, with scheduled writing and revision time. Attendees will learn: techniques for powerful beginnings and endings; ways to create a compelling story arc; how to establish a distinctive style/voice; tools for creating unique but relatable characters; how to identify your hook; tips for accessing your inner comedian; ways to use rhythm and repetition; how to focus on the emotional lives of children; and revision techniques for humor and heart.

**Award:           \$900**

**Total 2020 Rd. 2 Professional or Organizational Development Awards:           \$2,000**



## **ARTS PROJECTS**

### **Lansing Concert Band**

**Project:** The Lansing Concert Band's 2020 Annual "Young Person's Introduction to the Band" is a 60-min., fast-paced concert designed to introduce 3rd-5th grade students to the sights and sounds of the American concert band. This year's concert theme is "Music From Around the World", and features a program of musical excerpts which demonstrate the melodies, harmonies, and rhythms of traditional music from a wide variety of countries. The concert experience is enhanced by a colorful slide show which captures the audience's interest and provides further instructional material.

**Award:           \$4,000**

### **Holt Community Arts Council**

**Project:** Music in the Garden is a free summer concert series of five (!!) free, open-air concert in Delhi Township. Concerts will take place on the evenings of July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22 and July 29. The arts council takes care to select professional musicians who represent a variety of cultures and genres. It is the only event of its kind in our neighborhood and has become a summer tradition.

**Award:           \$3,200**

### **City of DeWitt DDA**

**Project:** The City of DeWitt's Downtown Development Authority ("DDA") is seeking to create a Painted Crosswalk Public Art Project to enhance and enrich the artistic environment in the City of DeWitt's central business district in downtown DeWitt. The painted sidewalk will encourage residents to get involved in the community and making it a more beautiful, artistic place. This project will require a professional, local artist to lead a group of community members in painting the sidewalk in downtown DeWitt. The artist will design the sidewalk and the painting will be done by community members.

**Award:           \$2,600**

### **Lansing Children's Choir**

**Project:** Our project, Building Connections with the World Through LCC, will provide for the enhancement of existing choral education and programming, as well as the expansion of new programming, facilitated by three artist leaders of LCC -- its executive director, its artistic director and its instrumental director. Through the project, we will expand work during weekly rehearsals from March 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 to be an extension of existing school and community music programs.

**Award:           \$2,600**

### **Ele's Place**

**Project:** Ele's Place social workers, licensed clinicians and volunteer facilitators will work with grieving children, teens, and their families to paint tiles and permanently place them on our Memorial Tile Wall as a means of honoring those that have died.

**Award:           \$600**

**Total 2020 Rd. 2 Arts Projects Awards:           \$13,000**