

## **Multnomah County Cultural Coalition Annual Highlights 2016**

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2016 has been a busy year for the Multnomah County Cultural Coalition (MCCC) in supports arts, heritage and the humanities throughout Multnomah County through funds provided by the Oregon Cultural Trust.

An increase in grant orientation sessions around the county, enhanced communications and improved outreach strategies resulted in an increase number of applications for the year. We continue to improve our outreach and are becoming savvier with social media. Our 12-member board is the most diverse since our 2003 inception and represents a wider community.

In 2016, 94 grant applications were submitted requesting \$188,000. Of those 51 proposals were approved granting \$77,000 an increase of 28% over 2015, which had 40 grants, awarded for a total of \$65,000.

For 14 years, the MCCC has been charged with reviewing and approving small grants to organizations and groups in the county to foster more participation and inclusivity in the Arts, Humanities, and Heritage in Multnomah County. We believe we are making progress

Highlights from the recent grant cycle:

- Grant projects represented a variety of community concerts, plays, festivals, and performances, including: Boom Arts, Inc. creating a Play about technology, tradition & gender; The Center for Creative Arts Foundation conducting Eight Monday night concerts; Miracle Theatre Group performing a play to engage the Latino community on relevant current issues; The NAACP Portland Branch supporting a Portland Black History Cinema Project; The Oregon Jewish Museum setting up a program on teens & social justice; The Portland Youth Philharmonic Association organizing a youth string mentorship concert series; and Write Around Portland running a community workshop promoting writing in the community.

All MCCC supported events are free and open to the public.

We would also like to invite you to our first upcoming MCCC Summer Celebration. Join us for an informal gathering showcasing some of the best local arts and cultural groups we all support!

Where: Oregon Historical Society

When: Thursday, July 20, 2017

Time: 5:30pm to 7:30 pm

Light refreshments served.

We also encourage you to look at our website to learn about some of the past and upcoming activities funded by MCCC and the Oregon Cultural Trust. Together, we're making a difference in Oregonians' lives!

For a complete list of projects receiving grant funds, please visit:

<http://multcoculturalcoalition.org/grants/>