



## URBANA ARTS GRANTS PROGRAM 2017 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The following applicants have been approved for funding in the ninth cycle of the Urbana Arts Grants Program. The list below provides preliminary information submitted by the applicants to the Program and is subject to change.

Urbana Arts Grants Program is an initiative by the City of Urbana Public Arts Program. Questions about the Urbana Arts Grants Program should be directed to the Public Arts Coordinator at [bboys@urbanaininois.us](mailto:bboys@urbanaininois.us).

### INDIVIDUAL

- 1. *Colored Voices of the World* by Luis Gonzalo Pinilla and Patricia Leon, City Sponsorship of \$1,500**  
The purpose of this project is to engage the community of Preston L. Williams Elementary School in a collective artistic creation providing a space and time to strengthen human relationships by integrating not only the community of the school but most importantly the surrounding larger community through an integral social activity.
- 2. *"Genevieve" Music Video Collaboration* by Morgan Reisman, Gabrielle Reisman, and Sam Ambler, City Sponsorship of \$2,150**  
This project will highlight Urbana's diversity and dynamism through a musical video tribute featuring its contra dance community and students from M. L. King Elementary School.
- 3. *Music and Marionettes* by Anne Newman, City sponsorship of \$1,000**  
This project will bring together musicians, puppeteers, and families in a celebration of literature, music, visual arts, and theater in the Lewis Auditorium of Urbana Free Library in the fall of 2017.
- 4. *Night Life Ecology Parties* by Kathleen Durkin, City Sponsorship of \$1,460**  
This project will feature a series of current and reoccurring parties outside in urban and suburban spaces at night in the warm weather months for the commingling of terrestrial invertebrates and humans.
- 5. *Speak Life Project* by Tasleem Jamila, City Sponsorship of \$2,000**  
This project is seeking to present, preserve and promote critically engaging poetry and hip hop; cultivating a community building and performance project for Urbana's emerging youth artist. This week long experience intends to engage youth while connecting to a professional theater experience in order to tell their stories with the community while empowering them.
- 6. *The Water Project* by Latrelle Bright, City Sponsorship of \$2,500**  
This project will feature a new performance piece examining our relationship with water: that is at once a necessary resource for all beings; a convenient dumping ground for waste; and a commodity to be bought and sold.

## GROUP

**1. *8 to CREATE Live Art Show by 8 to Create, City Sponsorship of \$1,750***

This collaborative art exhibit will feature eight artists create a large-scale piece of art during an eight hour period. The artwork will be 2-Dimensional and created directly o walls. The time period is open to the public to observe and participate in the creation process. After the eight-hour creation period, the exhibit will be on display for a weekend.

**2. *Graffiti Workshop Demonstration by Sipyard, City Sponsorship of \$1,250***

This project will invite and host two emerging artists to conduct an educational session and live graffiti demonstration open to the public. Artists will also produce a permanent piece that can be viewed by the public year-round.

**3. *One Dreams and Werewolves with Author, Maggie Stiefvater by The Urbana Free Library, City Sponsorship of \$500***

The Urbana Free Library will host New York Times best-selling author, Maggie Stiefvater in November in order for her to interact with teens who dream of becoming writers and talk to them about how her path as a troubled teen led her to become an author and pursue all of her artistic loves, not just writing.

**4. *RUBIK'S Exhibition, Colorful Together by One People's Summer Arts Camp, City Sponsorship of \$2,500***

This project's purpose is to commemorate and showcase the work of the youth to the Urbana community at large. One People is partnering with the Independent Media Center in Urbana, IL to host a multimedia two-week long exhibition of the 2017 One People's Summer Arts Camp.

**5. *Spark Pop-Up Children's Art Museum featuring 5 Urbana Schools by Spark Museum + Play Café, LLC, City Sponsorship of \$1,250***

This project aims to celebrate and encourage creative expression by exhibiting children's art from five successive Urbana schools with a one-week public display and a private reception.

**6. *Summer Movie Nights by Urbana Love, City Sponsorship of \$750***

This program is a family-friendly, outdoor event, where there is no charge to attend or participate in the variety of creative community-based activities such as bike rides and/or local music performances that preface each movie screening.

**7. *Young Artists and Authors Showcase International Arts Exchange by Urbana Sister Cities, City Sponsorship of \$250***

This project will sponsor a young artists' arts exchange between Urbana, IL and Thionville, France, through Sister Cities International's Young Artists and Authors Showcase competition.

## NONPROFIT

**1. *An Exploration of Collaborative Painting by Parkland College, City Sponsorship of \$1,800***

This project will consist of a collaborative painting project between eight Parkland art students and eight students from Urbana High School. A Parkland faculty member and Urbana High School teacher will facilitate 2 four-hour sessions of collaborative painting that will explore a progression of abstract color and form.

**2. *BBL Summer Activities by Banks Bridgewater Lewis Fine Arts Academy, City Sponsorship of \$1,750***

BBL Fine Arts Academy will offer a week-long camp targeting introductory through advanced students. The camp will focus on basic musical skills and their application in jazz, gospel, and contemporary musical styles.

**3. *Believers Den Studio and Open Mic* by Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center, City Sponsorship of \$2,150**

Believers Den studio and Open Mic will provide a platform for emerging talent and document the vitality of the local hip-hop community in Urbana-Champaign. This project will combine music video workshops with open mic events featuring local hip-hop artists.

**4. *Blues in the Library – History & Harmonica Instruction* by Prairie Crossroads Blues Society, City Sponsorship of \$475**

This project is designed to teach children the roots and history of this American art form by basic harmonica instruction and a bit of blues history.

**5. *Introducing Balinese Gamelan and Folkloric Congolese Music to Urbana Elementary* by Robert E. Brown Center for World Music, City Sponsorship of \$1,000**

This project will provide educational presentations that introduce the Democratic Republic of the Congo as expressed through music, movement, and Language to K-12 students. Students will hear songs in up to six different languages (English, French, Lingala, Kikongo, Tshiluba and Swahili) performed on traditional percussion and in popular Congolese Rumba guitar-based styles.

**6. *ISYM Hip-Hop* by Illinois Summer Youth Music, City Sponsorship of \$1,250**

Students will work in lab, studio, and workshop settings alongside experienced educators and musicians to engage them in the history, performance, production, and creation of original hip-hop music. Students will work with performing artists to produce, write, record, and perform their original songs in a final concert.

**7. *Meadowbrook Park Barn Quilt* by The Urbana Park District, City Sponsorship of \$1,150**

This project will partner the Urbana Park District with a local artist to design, paint and display a barn quilt on the north side of the Meadowbrook Park interpretive Center in Urbana.

**8. *Pens to Lens* by CU Film Society, City Sponsorship of \$1,000**

This project will encourage young screenwriters from all backgrounds to create their own films and stories and to bring together local residents & filmmakers of Champaign-Urbana of all disciplines to help produce the student-written films.

**9. *Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev: The 2017 CUSO Youth* by Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra, City Sponsorship of \$500**

This project will provide four performances for grade-school children in the Foelinger Great Hall at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This symphonic tale has charmed audiences of all ages and helped introduce generations of children to the instruments of the orchestra.

**10. *Urbana Pops Orchestra 2017 Season* by Urbana Pops Orchestra, City Sponsorship of \$3,815**

This project will perform three recitals and two full-orchestra concerts to provide opportunities for residents, non-professional community members, and young musicians to engage in high-level music making.

## FESTIVAL

**1. *2017 Boneyard Arts Festival* by 40 North | 88 West, City Sponsorship of \$2,250**

This annual four-day event, showcasing the broad range of creative activity flourishing in our community, brings together local artists and businesses for a special event showcasing the arts of Champaign County.

- 2. 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Read Across American Community Celebration by Read Across America**  
This event provides a very exciting atmosphere where storytellers read books to children and model the joy of reading. The storytellers are accomplished authors/storytellers who read their works or relate short stories. They also have booths to continue their presentations and interactions with the event visitors.
- 3. 2017 Champaign-Urbana Folk and Roots Festival by Champaign-Urbana Folk and Roots Festival, City Sponsorship of \$2,000**  
This all-volunteer-run festival will bring together many different organizations to present over 70 free/low-cost, all ages/abilities participatory activities and high-quality folk performances. By using a variety of downtown venues including the library, restaurants, hotels, bars, the mall and arts organizations spaces, the festival continually integrates the arts into the distinctive urban environment.
- 4. Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month AsiaFest Celebration by Asian American Cultural Center, City Sponsorship of \$2,150**  
This celebration is a family-friendly, interactive, multicultural, and educational event for those of all ages and backgrounds. AsiaFest itself will increase opportunities for residents to engage in the arts in its many forms, such as dance, music, visual arts, interactive cultural arts, and cooking demonstration workshops.
- 5. Heartland Maker Fest 2017 by Makerspace, City Sponsorship of \$2,250**  
This festival is a one-day, family-friendly event that celebrates arts, crafts, engineering, music, science, and technology projects and the Do-It-Yourself spirit in our community. At this festival, the focus is on the process of making, not just the finished product.
- 6. Midwest Mandeng 2017 by CU West African Drum and Dance Collective, City Sponsorship of \$2,150**  
This festival of African culture brings world-class master dancers and drummers to showcase their talents, teach classes, and include community performances and celebrations. This festival is a cornerstone event, recognized nationally as the African drum and dance festival of the Midwest.
- 7. Urbana First Fridays by Imbibe Urbana LLC, City Sponsorship of \$2,500**  
Each month, this project will offer a variety of cultural events, retail deals, dinner specials, fitness activities, arts performance, and more to the Urbana-Champaign community. Composed of mostly free events, the content of this festival stems directly from the creative power of Urbana-Champaign residents, artists and business owners.