



URBANA ARTS GRANTS PROGRAM 2016 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The following applicants have been approved for funding in the eighth 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 ptannos@urbanaindinois.us.

INDIVIDUAL

1. *Sharing Memories, The Mirror* by Luis Gonzalo Pinilla and Patricia Leon, City Sponsorship of \$2,500

This project will engage Urbana's Latin community through free art workshops centered on themes of identity, memory and migration. Topics in this workshop series will include photography, print media, sculpture and installation. Workshop participants will be encouraged to reflect on their experiences of memory and be in contact with the technical skills to represent and articulate stories related to their own experiences as immigrants through various mediums.

2. *Bringing Africa to Urbana: The Traditional Xylophone Music of Ghana* by Matt Jacklin, City Sponsorship of \$1,000

This project will bring an authentic Ghanaian experience to Urbana through a series of performances and school assemblies featuring the traditional music of Ghana.

3. *Music for Solo Steel Pan* by Daniel Edwards, City sponsorship of \$500

This is a series of concerts featuring contemporary works for solo steel pan, held in publicly accessible venues in Urbana-Champaign.

4. *Iguales* by Lara Orr, City Sponsorship of \$1,550

This project aims to mirror, celebrate, and respect the emerging diverse cultures at Leal Elementary School and the surrounding community.

5. *Rivertown Duo Presents Free Concerts in Urbana Featuring Old and New Works* by Rivertown Duo, City Sponsorship of \$1,250

Three free concerts at Clark-Lindsey Village, Brookdale Community, and the Urbana Free Library that will include two new works by Evan Premo and Urbana composer Whitney Ashe.

6. *National Mandate Exhibition* by Guen Montgomery, City Sponsorship of \$850

This is a culminating exhibition of prints and video performance at the Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center.

7. *The Write to Dance* by Kate Kuper, City Sponsorship of \$1,250

Students from Yankee Ridge Elementary School will bring poetry to life through movement and dance, create dances to their original writings, and share their work in an informal culminating performance.

GROUP

1. *The Miseducation of Hip-Hop* by Mother Nature, City Sponsorship of \$2,500

This workshop teaches elements of Hip-Hop and applies it to our community as a vehicle for social justice, while exploring the creative genius of our youth through Hip-Hop culture.

2. *BEAR* by Deke Weaver, *The Unreliable Bestiary*, City Sponsorship of \$1,750

BEAR: The 4th interdisciplinary public performance from *The Unreliable Bestiary*, a performance for every letter of the alphabet, each letter representing an endangered animal.

3. *8 to Create Live Art Show* by 8 to Create, City Sponsorship of \$2,575

This project features an art exhibit in which eight artists each create a large drawing in eight hours. The show is open for the public to observe the participating artists' creative processes.

4. *King Arthur: A Semi-Opera* by Henry Purcell and John Dryden, La Nuova Aurora Opera, City Sponsorship of \$2,500

This project includes two fully staged performances of an underperformed work by talented young community members, student musicians, and student actors.

5. *Say Uncle* by Say Uncle, City Sponsorship of \$2,475

Say Uncle is an art space that connects places and people through nomadic exhibitions that are hosted in Urbana and regional cities.

NONPROFIT

1. *BBL Fine Arts Summer Camp* by BBL Fine Arts Academy, City Sponsorship of \$2,000

The summer camp will target middle and high school students, offering instructions in percussion, brass, and vocals. This year, the focus will be on a community drum line and a New Orleans-style brass band.

2. *Balinese Gamelan for Elementary Students* by Robert E. Brown Center for World Music, City Sponsorship of \$900

This project is a four-week Balinese Gamelan residency at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary with teaching artist I Putu Tangkas Adi Hiranmayena

3. *Puppet Palooza* by Central Illinois Puppetry Guild, City Sponsorship of \$850

The guild will present a series of five free puppet shows at Lincoln Square Mall, from June 4 to July 2, 2016.

4. *As I Age Wall* by Laura Beyer, Clark-Lindsey, City Sponsorship of \$500

This project is a public art wall, potentially located in downtown Urbana and/or Meadowbrook Park, that engages the community in honest expressions about aging.

5. ***CUpErStar* by Patricia Avery, Champaign Urbana Area Project, City Sponsorship of \$1,000**
This year-round talent development showcase and enrichment program of young local vocalists enhances community spirit and cohesiveness through performances at various public events.
6. ***We've Got Rhythm: The 2016 CUSO Youth Concerts* by Champaign Urbana Symphony Orchestra, City Sponsorship of \$2,000**
The 2016 Youth Concerts will engage students in an exploration of rhythm in an interactive symphony orchestra concert for area grade-school students.
7. ***IMC Gallery* by Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center, City Sponsorship of \$1,600**
The project is a series of twelve monthly exhibitions and four lectures or workshops in the UCIMC Gallery space.
8. ***Urbana Pops Orchestra 2016 Season* by Urbana Pops Orchestra, City Sponsorship of \$2,000**
Urbana Pops Orchestra will perform two free orchestra concerts at Urbana High School.
9. ***Youth Literature Festival* by Youth Literature Festival, City Sponsorship of \$1,500**
2015 Sibert Medal winner will visit Urbana schools and give presentations to students during the day, then to the general public in the evening.

FESTIVAL

1. ***2016 Boneyard Arts Festival* by 40 North, City Sponsorship of \$4,100**
The Boneyard Arts Festival is a four-day event showcasing the broad range of creative activity flourishing in our community.
2. ***Midwest Mandeng: A West African Drum and Dance* by CU West African Drum and Dance Collective, City Sponsorship of \$3,000**
The four-day festival celebrates the drumming, dances, and cultures of West Africa through workshops, performances, an African marketplace, and community-building activities.
3. ***2016 Champaign-Urbana Folk and Roots Festival* by Champaign-Urbana Folk and Roots Festival, City Sponsorship of \$3,000**
A three-day festival presenting dozens of national, regional and local folk performances, dances, workshops, jams and family programs in venues throughout downtown Urbana.
4. ***Matsuri, A Japanese Festival* by Japan House, City Sponsorship of \$1,800**
A one-day festival of Japanese arts and culture held inside, and on the grounds, of Japan House in Urbana with performances, demonstrations, displays, and food.
5. ***Heartland Maker Fest 2016* by Makerspace Urbana, City Sponsorship of \$1,325**
Heartland Maker Fest is a one-day, family-friendly event that celebrates arts, crafts, engineering, music, science, technology, and the DIY spirit in our community.
6. ***16th Annual Read Across America Event* by Read Across America Planning Committee, City Sponsorship of \$1,325**
This event is an annual celebration of Dr. Seuss' Birthday that brings children and families together to hear stories and participate in fun literacy activities.