



Urbana Arts Grantees 2023

Tier I

Music

Blues in the Schools Programs **\$2,000**

Prairie Crossroads Blues Society

School assemblies discussing the history of the Blues and the beginnings of how African Americans created music after years of oppression. Followed by a live concert performed by local musicians.

The Gas Light Squares **\$2,000**

Illini Swing Society

Live musical performances of swing and ragtime by visiting artists at the Channing Murray Foundation accompanied by the Illini Swing Society.

She Spins Urbana **\$2,500**

Ja'Naea Modest

A weeklong summer camp teaching minority girls the art of Djing.

"Conspiracy Deliracy" **\$2,750**

Andrew Binder

7-piece jazz/fusion ensemble with local performance and pre-concert composition workshop.

Performance

Love Sucks 4EVA **\$2,999**

Rachel Rizzuto & Danny Yoerges

A new work, theatrical dance piece illustrating the inescapable heartache of falling out of love. Premiering at Lincoln Square Mall.

Visual Art

King Park Peace Project **\$1,000**

Rotary Charities Foundation of Urbana (Urbana Rotary Club)

Collaborative installation piece for Urbana's King Park intended to serve as a "point of pride" along CU's African American Heritage Trail.

Capturing the Community through a Collaborative Collage: A Natural Portrait of the Community **\$2,537**

Secret Gardens CU

Whimsical art collage with organic flora and fauna sourced from our community, BY our community.

Teen Art in the Library **\$2,000**

The Urbana Free Library

Providing teens with free art materials and a space to create and showcase their work at three locations including UFL!

Tile Painting and Crafting **\$1,000**

Kay Yang

Kay Yang invites community members with disabilities to explore tile painting to create both individual and collaborative work.

ArtWise Program for Senior Citizens **\$1,500**

Michele Olsen

A seminar series that demystifies the arts and improves language and communication skills for seniors.

Literature

Read Across America **\$1,000**

Urbana Park District

A celebration supporting children with literacy activities from over 40 local partners, free books, and a tote bag to gift those who attend.

Culinary Art

Culinary Arts Cooking Classes **\$1,500**

Common Ground Food Co-op

Culinary Arts Cooking classes focusing on cultural traditions, farming, local food, seasonality, color, balance, presentation and more!



Tier II

Music Events & Workshops

Urbana Pops Orchestra 2023 **\$4,500**

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Full-orchestra concert free to the community with a diverse range of music. Additional educational opportunities for young musicians.

Tanguero Workshop 2023 **\$4,000**

Tanguero Inc.

A week-long music performance camp for adults and youth focusing on Argentine tango music.

Flamenco-Jazz Week **\$4,000**

Illinois Flamenco Jazz Collective

Live Flamenco-jazz performances paired with workshops in flamenco guitar, dance, and clapping.

Fiddle & Jam Weekend **\$4,999**

Community Center for the Arts

An immersive weekend of fiddle workshops, jams, and concerts for all ages focusing on the relationship between fiddle music and dance. Ending with a Sunday afternoon concert.

Rose Bowl After Market **\$4,999**

Rose Bowl

Saturday afternoons in downtown Urbana with live entertainment, pop-up makers markets and other collaborative work.

CU Jazz Festival 2023 **\$3,000**

CU Jazz Festival

A night of classic jazz with Melinda Rose headlining a big band with music by Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, Duke Ellington and more.

Unmute and Level Up: Sound Engineering

Mini Course and Concert Series **\$3,000**

Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center

This project will provide free instruction and hands-on practice for beginning and intermediate level sound engineers who identify as women, trans & nonbinary, and POC members of our community.

Art Events & Workshops

Creativity on Wheels **\$2,600**

Family Service of Champaign County

Meaningful art engagement activities for elderly adults to encourage community building, reduce feelings of isolation, and improve mental wellness and self expression.

Tree-renewal: Art within the Cycle of Life **\$3,400**

Urbana Park District

The 150-year-old oak tree which stands near Crystal Lake Park will bring new life by being transformed into a sculpture representing the diverse urban wildlife.

CU Black and African Arts Festival 2023 **\$4,500**

CU Black and African Arts Festival

C-U Black and African Arts Festival is a family friendly cultural festival featuring music, dance, art, (vendors)business expo, speakers and more that highlight African and African American heritage.

Tier III

Festivals

Pygmalion **\$9,000**

A multi-disciplinary festival with live music, literature, technology, food, a Made Fest, comedians and more, all brought to the forefront.

CU Folk & Roots Festival **\$9,000**

Live music, dance, and visual arts that celebrate Folk arts and our community.

2023 CU Pride Fest **\$7,000**

Uniting Pride of Champaign County

The annual event celebrating our LGBTQ+ community with an array of programming for all across the C-U area. Visual arts, dance, music, educational events and more!



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