



Urbana Arts

Grantees

2024

Tier I

Music

Girls Rock Fest & Showcase **\$2,750**

Girls Rock! Champaign-Urbana

An all-day event concluding a week-long summer camp with a DJ, all femme-identifying art vendors and creators, and the 2024 camp showcase featuring debut performances to celebrate 3 years of Girls Rock!

Bridging the Blues **\$2,000**

The Illini Swing Society

Guest instructor, Kenneth Shipp, will be joining the community to teach on the history of the Blues, its associated dances, and its relationship to the African American community.

All Score Urbana: Music & Dance **\$1,975**

All Score Urbana

Workshops and concerts of new work connecting composers, songwriters, performers, dancers, and choreographers in a series free to the public.

BBL Youth Cool Music Festival **\$2,999**

Banks Bridgewater Lewis Fine Arts Academy

Youth performers are invited to rehearse and perform music featuring afro rhythms, jazz, and Hip Hop. Musicians and vocalists will learn and perform music for those pieces.

Visual Art

My House, Your House **\$2,999**

Monica Andino

A series of narrative illustrations depicting the domestic lives of children who have immigrated to Urbana, IL. These will be a collaboration by families with diverse backgrounds to shed light on culture and memories.

Deep Exploration within Elementary Art **\$1,000**

Les Kutz & Dr. Williams Elementary

Elementary students will explore multiple focus groups of particular interests including painting, crochet, fiber arts, and more.

Harmony Through Beads:

A Vibrant Tapestry of Global Diversity **\$2,690**

Vivi Anne

An immersive community initiative inviting residents to join in a series of beadwork workshops guided by local artists resulting in a quilt style mural that mirrors the diverse fabric of Urbana.

Paint @ Your Pace **\$2,500**

Prism Studios

A weekly free community painting program that is self-guided. Open to all levels to explore their creativity in a relaxed setting.

MixedSignals: A Multimedia Digital Arts Showcase **\$2,345**

Niky Reynolds

Digital Arts showcase offers a curated display of artists' works encompassing video installations, interactive digital media, and live performance elements.

BIG HUG URBANA **\$2,344**

Tara Jagers

A community mural group painting project for all ages that will take place on a Saturday morning during Urbana's Market at the Square. The finished mural will be placed on display at Lincoln Square Mall.

Welcoming Week **\$2,500**

UIUC YMCA New American Welcome Center

8th annual celebration of cultural diversity and inclusion led by NAWC including a kick-off event with immigrant performers, artists, and speakers at Lincoln Square Mall.

Performance

Free For All **\$2,000**

Urbana High School Drama Club

The UHS Drama Club's project ensures that all families, students, and community members have free access to attend drama productions for 2024.

Culinary Art

A Taste of India Culinary Arts Class **\$1,800**

Common Ground Food Co-op

A culinary exploration with dishes representing different regions of India. Classes will be streamed via zoom with 40 participants receiving free meal kits.

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.

Youth Literature Festival **\$1,500**

UIUC Center for Education in Small Urban Communities

The event brings together national authors, illustrators, poets, and storytellers to share their craft and enthusiasm for literacy with local children and teens.

Tier II

Music Events & Workshops

Urbana Pops Orchestra's 15th Concert Season **\$4,300**

Urbana Pops Orchestra

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

Fiddle & Jam Weekend **\$4,500**

Community Center for the Arts

An immersive weekend of fiddle workshops, jams, and concerts for all ages with a focus on Black Midwestern fiddlers and guest fiddler and folklorist, Charlie Walden.

Rose Bowl After Market **\$4,500**

Rose Bowl

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

Unmute and Level Up: Sound Engineering

Mini Course and Concert Series **\$4,500**

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 **\$4,999**

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.

What's Your Story **\$3,550**

The Urbana Free Library

The library will host three artists-in-residence for month long residencies. Each artist will develop workshops for all ages on theme of personal storytelling through visual arts.

Birth Meets Art Workshop Series **\$4,500**

BIPOC for Better Birth

One hour workshop series that pairs birth education topics with art projects. Open to those who identify as people of color and who are either planning conception, expecting parents, current parents, or those interested in birth work.

Art Lab: Creating a Conversation between Art and Science **\$3,000**

Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology

Quarterly workshops for adults and children in the community that explore scientific concepts through creative expression. Artistic works will be celebrated at the end with an art show.

Cultural Festival

Taste of CU Black and African Arts Festival 2024 **\$2,702**

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.

Performance

The Principle of Hope Circus **\$4,500**

Bread and Puppet Theater

A theatrical performance of "The Principle of Hope Circus" at Cannonball Hill in Crystal Lake Park. In partnership with School for Designing a Society, Cunningham Township, and the Urbana Park District.



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