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## **United Arts Council Announces Grants That Support the Arts Across Wake County**

*[Raleigh, N.C.]* – The United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County announces the investment of \$274,480 in grants across Wake County in support of arts programming in the current fiscal year. United Arts awarded 51 grants to support arts programming presented by 48 Wake County organizations, schools and municipalities.

### **Championing Arts Education**

As a champion of arts education, United Arts is dedicated to making the arts fundamental to education, particularly in supporting programs that serve Pre-K - 12 students.

### **School Project Grants/School Planning and Innovation Grants Recipients:**

- Banks Road Elementary
- Bugg Elementary
- Garner High
- Jeffreys Grove Elementary
- Ligon Middle
- Lockhart Elementary
- Millbrook High
- Rogers Lane Elementary
- Wakelon Elementary
- Wendell Elementary
- Zebulon Middle

### **Youth Arts Grants Recipients:**

- Artspace
- Arts Together
- Burning Coal Theatre Company
- CAM Raleigh

- Community Music School
- Kidznotes
- Marbles Kids Museum
- North Carolina Arts in Action
- North Carolina Theatre
- North Raleigh Arts and Creative Theatre
- Performance Edge
- Philharmonic Association
- Raleigh Boychoir
- Raleigh Little Theatre
- Visual Art Exchange
- Wake Forest Community Youth Orchestra

## **Building Community**

United Arts is dedicated to serving all of Wake County – a large metropolitan area with growing and diverse populations including numerous ethnicities and special needs communities. Recipients in the following grant categories help all of us build a better community.

### **Arts for Municipalities Grants Recipients:**

- Concert Singers of Cary
- PineCone: Piedmont Council of Traditional Music
- Town of Cary
- Town of Fuquay Varina
- Town of Garner
- Town of Knightdale
- Town of Wake Forest
- Towne Players of Garner

### **Cultural Access Grants Recipients:**

- African American Cultural Festival
- Artspace
- Diamante
- El Pueblo
- Hum Sub
- MOJOAA Performing Arts Company
- North Carolina Museum of History Associates
- Raleigh Little Theatre
- The Justice Theater Project
- Visual Art Exchange

### **Arts Services Grants Recipients:**

- Arts Access
- Classical Voice of North Carolina

## **Building Capacity in the Arts**

United Arts is committed to supporting a new generation of arts programmers for Wake County through grants and other services to formative groups. By supporting the following grantees, United Arts Council continues to build capacity in the arts.

### **New Generation Grants Recipients:**

- Capital City Steppers
- Cary Playwrights' Forum
- Oak City Voices
- The Gifted Arts

A new grantee for the 2017/2018 cycle, Capital City Steppers, is dedicated to promoting African American culture, wholesome relationships, movement, and educational opportunities through the art form of a dance called Chicago Steppin'. While steppin is not limited to any one community, it originated in the African American community. Steppin brings together people with a wide array of personalities, perspectives, and passion for this dance-art. Whether Old school, Original, New School, steppin' continuously evolves and grows, while remaining foundationally grounded in the social traditions of partner-dancing. Steppin' can be altogether rhythmic, elegant, egotistical, smooth, graceful, strong, aggressive, intimate, competitive, and cool all at the same time!

“United Arts is proud to support Capital City Steppers and our other 47 grantees this year,” said United Arts President and CEO, Eleanor Oakley. “From the stage to the classroom – and everywhere in between – the arts are changing lives in Wake County, and United Arts is honored to be a part of our thriving arts community.”

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*The United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, based in Raleigh, NC, was incorporated in 1990. Our mission is to build better communities through the support and advocacy of the arts. For the 2016/17 school year United Arts helped bring in teaching artists to 142 schools in Wake County through its Artists in Schools program. The United Arts Council also offers grants to organizations, communities and individual artists and provides services to the community such as advocacy, resource development, professional/leadership development and special projects. The grants, programs and services of United Arts reach over 1.2 million people annually in Wake County.*

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