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United Arts Council Announces Professional Development Grants for Artists

[Raleigh, N.C.] – The United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County announces the investment of \$19,000 in grants to individual artists in Wake County. A [professional development grant](#) provides financial support to committed, gifted individual artists and small, unincorporated groups of collaborating artists. The grant (up to \$1500) is designed to support projects that will advance the applicant’s career in demonstrable ways. Career development opportunities may arise at different stages of a career; therefore, the grant is open to emerging and established artists in dance, drama, film/media, literary/playwright, music and visual art.

The 2018 grantees are:

Dance

- Michelle Pearson

Literature

- Carrie Knowles

Multimedia

- Neil Prewitt

Music

- Vivian Cheng
- Thomas Taylor

Visual Art

- Jeff Bell
- Kiki Farish
- Andie Freeman
- Dave Greway
- Lillian Jones
- Liz Kelly
- Libby O'Daniel
- Anna Podris
- Jennifer Stas

Michelle Pearson, grantee in the dance category, will use the funds to support research, collaboration, and choreographic process of creating a new performance piece and math/dance integrated workshop on Topology and Knot Theory. Kiki Farish, grantee in the visual art category, will use the funds to support purchasing R&F oil sticks for painting 10 doormat floorcloths with richer color marks. According to United Arts President and CEO Eleanor Oakley, “We are proud to support individual artists in advancing their careers and, ultimately, contributing to the creativity and vibrancy of their communities.”

Professional Development grants are supported by the N.C. Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural & Cultural Resources.



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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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