

Recovery Grants to Arts Nonprofits

FY23 Awardees



Organization Name: Arts and Heritage Center of North Augusta

Award amount: \$15000

Awardee discipline: Visual Arts

Counties served by organization: Richmond ; Columbia ; Aiken ; Edgefield ; McCormick

Award use description: To fulfil our mission in FY23 we will host eleven exhibits by local artists. Our vision : community where all citizens have the opportunity to enhance their lives through the exposure to the arts and history of the region.

Organization Name: Augusta Mini Theatre, Inc.

Award amount: \$15000

Awardee discipline: Arts Education

Counties served by organization: Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Glascock ; Jefferson ; Lincoln ; McDuffie ; Taliaferro ; Warren ; Wilkes ; Aiken ; Edgefield ; McCormick

Award use description: Our mission: To enrich the educational and ethical development of local youth by fostering critical thinking, social consciousness and personal development through affordable fine arts instruction, performances and workshops. In FY23, AMT will continue to provide afterschool classes in drama, dance, visual art, music.

Organization Name: Augusta Players

Award amount: \$18000

Awardee discipline: Musical Theater

Counties served by organization: Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Glascock ; Jefferson ; Lincoln ; McDuffie ; Taliaferro ; Warren ; Wilkes ; Aiken ; Edgefield ; McCormick

Award use description: Augusta Players mission: To develop educational opportunities, community spirit, and artistic theatre skills that build social capital across the region while creating an environment that attracts, excites, informs, and impacts diverse participants and audience members. The organization annually produces 4 mainstage musicals, 5 youth theatre productions, 4 weeks of summer camps, 2 weeks of summer camp for young people with Autism Spectrum Disorder and 4 theatre for young audiences productions for approximately 12,000 area students. Additionally special events, workshops, and convention attendance are part of the yearly programming.

Organization Name: Augusta Symphony, Inc.

Award amount: \$20000

Awardee discipline: Music

Counties served by organization: Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Glascock ; Jefferson ; Lincoln ; McDuffie ; Taliaferro ; Warren ; Wilkes ; Aiken ; Edgefield ; McCormick

Award use description: The mission of Augusta Symphony is “to share the joy of great musical performance with our community – together, we are music.” Inside the performance hall, the Symphony will present its 6-concert Symphony Series, 5-concert Pops! Series, and 2-concert Family Series. Outside the performance hall, the organization will resume the full scope and services of its Community Chords education and outreach programs: School Outreach, Discovery Concert, Symphony on the Road, Veterans Outreach, and Music Therapy programs.

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Organization Name: Augusta Westobou Festival, Inc.

Award amount: \$15000

Awardee discipline: Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works

Counties served by organization: Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Glascock ; Jefferson ; Lincoln ; McDuffie ; Taliaferro ; Warren ; Wilkes ; Aiken ; Edgefield ; McCormick

Award use description: Westobou fosters a vibrant, culturally-rich community by supporting artists and their ideas to present engaging, creative and thought-provoking artistic experiences. In FY2023 we will host 5 gallery exhibitions and at least 4 open calls including our artist in residence, guest curatorial, project commission, and juried small works show programs

Organization Name: Barefoot Productions dba Creative Impressions

Award amount: \$15000

Awardee discipline: Arts Education

Counties served by organization: Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Jefferson ; McDuffie ; Aiken ; Edgefield ; McCormick

Award use description: Barefoot Productions, Inc. (DBA Creative Impressions) is a community arts organization dedicated to the empowerment of youth through quality choral, civic, and cultural experiences. FY23 arts education programming will include: Summer Creative Arts Academy; College and Cultural Expansion Tour; Genius in Chains production; and Behold the Star production.

Organization Name: Dance Augusta, Inc. dba Colton Ballet Company

Award amount: \$15000

Awardee discipline: Dance

Counties served by organization: Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Lincoln ; McDuffie ; Aiken ; Edgefield

Award use description: The mission of Colton Ballet Company of Augusta is to provide professional quality dance performances for the community, encouraging and enhancing a greater public awareness and appreciation for dance as an art form. In FY23, Colton will offer productions of The Nutcracker, and new works by choreographers in the Spring Reperatory.

Organization Name: Le Chat Noir

Award amount: \$15000

Awardee discipline: Theater

Counties served by organization: Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Aiken ; Edgefield

Award use description: The mission of Le Chat Noir is to provide a creative space for our community that fosters the exploration of art and the cultivation of creativity. We encourage artistic curiosity from our artists and patrons, and bridge the gap between the two. We intend to mount a full (as in PreCovid) season wherein every weekend and some weekdays our venue will be host to cultural events and award-winning productions.

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Organization Name: South Boundary

Award amount: \$3000

Awardee discipline: Music

Counties served by organization: Richmond ; Aiken

Award use description: South Boundary is a male choral ensemble based in Aiken, SC. We 1) provide enjoyment for and enhance the quality of life for its members and the community, 2) provide performances that bring enjoyment and contribute cultural enrichment to the community, and 3) contribute to educational development of musicians

Organization Name: Storyland Theatre, Inc.

Award amount: \$15000

Awardee discipline: Theater

Counties served by organization: Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Glascock ; Jefferson ; Lincoln ; McDuffie ; Warren ; Aiken ; Edgefield ; McCormick

Award use description: Live quality theatre performed by adults for children/families, mainly those who could only see it with school, dramatizing locally-written original plays (fairytale themes). Imaginative sets/costumes/lighting expose children to best local theatre. In FY23, as we recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, we'll create a new Video Musical, documenting our 34-year history with video clips from our 100+ productions, featuring artists from our performances, interviews with scholarship students, culminating with a live event celebrating Storyland.

Organization Name: The Augusta Broadway Singers

Award amount: \$4000

Awardee discipline: Music

Counties served by organization: Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Glascock ; Jefferson ; Lincoln ; McDuffie ; Aiken ; Edgefield ; McCormick

Award use description: The Augusta Broadway Singers (TABS) is a theatrical musical ensemble whose purpose is to inspire, enrich, educate and entertain the lives of our community by providing quality musical and theatrical experiences. Having pivoted to virtual programming in 2020 with donations requested, TABS will now pivot back to in-person events to include 3 ticketed concerts.