

## **Project Grants to Individual Artists** FY23 Awardees

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**Artist Name:** Robert Atkins

**Award Amount:** \$3000

**Awardee Discipline:** Arts Education

**County of Residence:** Richmond

**County/Counties Served by Project:** Edgefield

**Project Description:** Project is to conduct a 6-class watercolor course that includes an artist showcase at the culmination, conducted in Johnston, SC (Edgefield County) at Third Generations Restaurant. Classes will meet one day per week for six consecutive weeks. During class each student will complete one work of art. There will be a senior class offered in the morning and a youth class (students grades 6-8) offered in the afternoon. The classes will overlap to include a lunch and learn session that will be both senior and youth students together.

**Artist Name:** Nikkar Vinchore Balkon

**Award Amount:** \$3000

**Awardee Discipline:** Music

**County of Residence:** Columbia

**County/Counties Served by Project:** Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Glascock ; Jefferson ; Lincoln ; McDuffie ; Taliaferro ; Warren ; Wilkes ; Aiken ; Edgefield ; McCormick

**Project Description:** Project is to create 2 music videos for 2 songs that have very powerful inspiring messages to give positive visual imaging of people in our community doing positive things and to be uplifting for our community. Local talent will be employed in the creation of the work.

**Artist Name:** Kigwana S. Cherry

**Award Amount:** \$3000

**Awardee Discipline:** Opera

**County of Residence:** Richmond

**County/Counties Served by Project:** Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Aiken ; Edgefield

**Project Description:** Project is to present a concert of classical and spiritual compositions by Black Composers. Concert will take place in Spring of 2023. Location TBD. Funds shall be used to cover travel cost of the Tuskegee University "Golden Voices" Concert Choir (TUGVCC) to Augusta, GA

**Artist Name:** Andrea Clark

**Award Amount:** \$3000

**Awardee Discipline:** Visual Arts

**County of Residence:** Warren

**County/Counties Served by Project:** Glascock ; Warren

**Project Description:** Project is to offer a ceramic workshop to up to eight students, ages 13-18 in Warren and Glascock counties. The workshop will span four, 3 hour sessions on Saturdays in the winter of 2022-2023. I will implement the workshop by renting space at the Cultural Center in Warrenton, GA or, if unavailable, at a privately-owned venue in Warrenton.

**Artist Name:** Jonathan Cook

**Award Amount:** \$2748

**Awardee Discipline:** Theater

**County of Residence:** Aiken

**County/Counties Served by Project:** Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Glascock ; Jefferson ; Lincoln ; McDuffie ; Taliaferro ; Warren ; Wilkes ; Aiken ; Edgefield ; McCormick

**Project Description:** Project is to produce a series of 24 twice a month podcast plays, employing talent from the local area, shared online for free.

**Artist Name:** Taylor Johnston Davis

**Award Amount:** \$2997

**Awardee Discipline:** Media Arts

**County of Residence:** Richmond

**County/Counties Served by Project:** Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Glascock ; Jefferson ; Lincoln ; McDuffie ; Taliaferro ; Warren ; Wilkes ; Aiken ; Edgefield ; McCormick

**Project Description:** Project is to produce interactive, online, educational arts programming, called "Cyber City Connections Project." Dynamic QR code stickers with statistic trackers will be placed in various public locations prompting people to scan and be entertained while learning; 300 art kits will be handed out; there will be video content spotlighting local nonprofit organizations and artists; QR code statistics can provide insights into each community and how likely they are to participate in an interactive arts project and how many people we have reached.

**Artist Name:** Karen Gordon

**Award Amount:** \$3000

**Awardee Discipline:** Music

**County of Residence:** Richmond

**County/Counties Served by Project:** Lincoln

**Project Description:** Project is to present an arts event on a farmsite. live art, live music. An Agri-tourism event

**Artist Name:** David Neches

**Award Amount:** \$3000

**Awardee Discipline:** Music

**County of Residence:** Richmond

**County/Counties Served by Project:** McDuffie

**Project Description:** Project is to create and perform two concerts entitled "American Tapestry - Folk Hymns and Spirituals" at two rural county venues. The first venue is First Methodist Church of Thomson, GA (McDuffie County); second venue is TBD.

**Artist Name:** Jerri Anne Phillips

**Award Amount:** \$2550

**Awardee Discipline:** Visual Arts

**County of Residence:** Aiken

**County/Counties Served by Project:** Aiken

**Project Description:** Project is to create a painting on a life-sized fiberglass bull statue, depicting historical and current local scenes of Windsor, a small rural area in Aiken County, South Carolina. The bull will be portable and presented at two events during the grant period: Windsor Trace Combined Horse Driving Event (CDE) and Windsor Christmas parade.

**Artist Name:** Aubrey Raiford Pompey

**Award Amount:** \$3000

**Awardee Discipline:** Music

**County of Residence:** Aiken

**County/Counties Served by Project:** Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Glascock ; Jefferson ; Lincoln ; McDuffie ; Taliaferro ; Warren ; Wilkes ; Aiken ; Edgefield ; McCormick

**Project Description:** Project is to produce an album called "Well Enough Alone", consisting of nine (9) songs, which will be released to the public during the grant period.

**Artist Name:** Travis Andrew Shaw

**Award Amount:** \$3000

**Awardee Discipline:** Music

**County of Residence:** Richmond

**County/Counties Served by Project:** Richmond

**Project Description:** Project is to create, perform to a live audience, record, and share online a 60 minute concert of 5-7 new, original music in one of the great acoustical spaces in Richmond County.

**Artist Name:** Mark Huie Starling

**Award Amount:** \$2987

**Awardee Discipline:** Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works

**County of Residence:** Warren

**County/Counties Served by Project:** Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Glascock ; Jefferson ; Lincoln ; McDuffie ; Taliaferro ; Warren ; Wilkes ; Aiken ; Edgefield ; McCormick

**Project Description:** Project is to film a historical archive of the landscape in Warren and Glascock counties during the grant period. The final film will be offered for presentation at the Warren County Cultural Center to screen at one of its multiple and regularly scheduled film events during the year.

**Artist Name:** Rhian Swain

**Award Amount:** \$3000

**Awardee Discipline:** Visual Arts

**County of Residence:** Richmond

**County/Counties Served by Project:** Lincoln ; McDuffie

**Project Description:** Project is to create and exhibit a collection of paintings that pay tribute to women visual artists, at a venue in one of the CSRA rural counties. In addition there will be a coloring book with original illustrations and bios of 12 women artists distributed at the exhibition reception. The reception will include a panel discussion by three women artists. This grant will not be used to pay for the reception.

**Artist Name:** Richard Baruti Tucker

**Award Amount:** \$3000

**Awardee Discipline:** Visual Arts

**County of Residence:** Richmond

**County/Counties Served by Project:** Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; McDuffie ; Aiken ; Edgefield ; McCormick

**Project Description:** Project is to continue a visual art as art therapy series called, Phenomenal Outcomes Needs Your Art (PONYA), with this show centered around Donny Hathaway. The project will travel to counties neighboring Richmond County, and will be accompanied by literature to encourage attendees to connect with local mental health practitioners.

**Artist Name:** Rudy Volkmann

**Award Amount:** \$2900

**Awardee Discipline:** Music

**County of Residence:** Richmond

**County/Counties Served by Project:** Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Jefferson ; McDuffie ; Aiken ; Edgefield

**Project Description:** Project is to present one concert by Garden City Winds symphonic band at the Maxwell Performing Arts Center on July 31st at 3:00 PM to premier six (6) of my original compositions for symphonic band.

**Artist Name:** Drake Allen White

**Award Amount:** \$3000

**Awardee Discipline:** Visual Arts

**County of Residence:** Richmond

**County/Counties Served by Project:** Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; Glascock ; Jefferson ; Lincoln ; McDuffie ; Taliaferro ; Warren ; Wilkes ; Aiken ; Edgefield ; McCormick

**Project Description:** Project is to produce a series of 20 character study portraits of local artists, accompanied by a work of art created by the respective artist, exhibited at a gallery in Augusta's River Region.

**Artist Name:** Symphoni Wiggins

**Award Amount:** \$3000

**Awardee Discipline:** Dance

**County of Residence:** Columbia

**County/Counties Served by Project:** Richmond ; Columbia ; Burke ; McDuffie

**Project Description:** Project is to produce, document, and perform a dance as art therapy and social justice exploration project called "SPEAK in SILENCE", involving 33 teenage youth dancers.