



Alaska State Council on the Arts

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ARTS COUNCIL AWARDS GRANTS TO ALASKA ARTISTS, SCHOOLS AND ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

The Alaska State Council on the Arts is pleased to announce recent grant awards of \$389,200 in Operating Support grants, \$90,800 for Artists in Schools Round 1 grants, \$51,000 in Community Arts Development grants, \$9,400 in Career Opportunity grants, \$3,400 in Workshop grants and \$2,000 in Helen Walker Performing Arts Fund grants to Alaska artists and arts organizations.

A few examples of awarded projects include the Island Institute in Sitka, Sara Tabbert of Fairbanks, and the Hearts and Hands Project in Unalaska.

The Island Institute received a Community Arts Development grant to support five month- long writer residencies, two public readings, school visits, radio interviews, and writing workshops.

Sara Tabbert received a Career Opportunity grant to support her work as an invited National Park Service Artists in the Parks Resident at Isle Royale in Lake Superior. She has two upcoming exhibits in Anchorage and Fairbanks and this residency will serve as a springboard for new work.

The Hearts and Hands Project received a Helen Walker Performing Arts Fund grant to help support two music concerts for young audiences and one public concert in Unalaska from the Melissa Bledsoe Fischer Jazz Trio in September.

The Alaska State Council on the Arts is funded by the Alaska State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional support provided by the Rasmuson Foundation. All grant funding is contingent on final FY13 State of Alaska appropriation.

For a complete list of the projects, or grants by community, contact ASCA at 907.269.6610 or 1.888.278.7424. Grants are also posted at: <http://eed.alaska.ak.us/aksca>

The mission of the Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA) is to foster the development of the arts for all Alaskans through education, partnership, grants and services. ASCA is a division of the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, and is governed by eleven council members appointed by the Governor. It is supported with general funds appropriated by the Alaska State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional support for arts education programs from the Rasmuson Foundation.

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Award Recipient	Community	Award Amount
Operating Support—Annual Grants (\$51,503 total awarded)		
Alaska Arts Education Consortium	Juneau	\$9,600
Alaska Children's Institute for the Performing Arts	Kenai	\$4,000
Alaska Design Forum	Anchorage	\$8,850
Anchorage Community Theatre	Anchorage	\$6,000
Anchorage Youth Symphony	Anchorage	\$2,700
Asian Alaskan Cultural Center	Anchorage	\$2,153
Denali Arts Council	Talkeetna	\$10,000
Fairbanks Drama Association and Fairbanks Children's Theatre,	Fairbanks	\$6,000
Juneau Lyric Opera	Juneau	\$2,200
Operating Support—First Year Biennial Grants (\$151,500 total awarded)		
Anchorage Concert Association	Anchorage	\$17,500
Anchorage Museum Association	Anchorage	\$20,250
Bunnell Street Art Center	Homer	\$7,750
Fairbanks Symphony Association	Fairbanks	\$15,000
First City Players	Ketchikan	\$7,750
Homer Society of Natural History, Inc.	Homer	\$21,000
Juneau Jazz & Classics	Juneau	\$9,000
Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council	Ketchikan	\$13,000
North Star Dance Foundation	Fairbanks	\$2,750
Out North	Anchorage	\$16,500
Perseverance Theatre, Inc.	Douglas	\$21,000
Operating Support—Second Year Biennial Grants (\$186,197 total awarded)		
Alaska Arts Southeast, Inc.	Sitka	\$16,033
Alaska Dance Theatre, Inc.	Anchorage	\$15,921
Alaska Junior Theater	Anchorage	\$8,450
Alutiiq Heritage Foundation	Kodiak	\$18,000
Anchorage Concert Chorus	Anchorage	\$3,300
Anchorage Opera	Anchorage	\$14,455
Anchorage Symphony Orchestra	Anchorage	\$13,291
Fairbanks Arts Association	Fairbanks	\$17,200
Fairbanks Concert Association	Fairbanks	\$20,500
Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival	Fairbanks	\$14,400
Homer Council on the Arts	Homer	\$13,000
Juneau Arts & Humanities Council	Juneau	\$13,230
Juneau Symphony	Juneau	\$8,320
Sitka Summer Music Festival	Anchorage	\$10,097
Artist in Schools Round I Grants (\$90,800 awarded)		
Alaska Arts Southeast, Inc.	Sitka	\$6,000
Bering Strait School District	Unalakleet	\$15,000
Bunnell Street Art Center	Homer	\$12,000
Chignik Lagoon Village Council	Chignik	\$2,400
Cottonwood Creek Elementary School	Wasilla	\$1,000
Fairbanks Arts Association	Fairbanks	\$15,000
Juneau Arts & Humanities Council	Juneau	\$15,000
Kodiak Island Borough School District	Kodiak	\$13,000

Mat-Su Borough School District	Palmer	\$4,000
McNeil Canyon Elem School	Homer	\$2,500
Nikiski North Star	Nikiski	\$2,200
Nondalton School	Nondalton	\$2,700
Community Arts Development - 1st Quarter Grants (\$51,000 total awarded)		
49 Writers, Inc.	Anchorage	\$3,500
Ahtna Heritage Foundation	Glennallen	\$2,500
Alaska Center for the Book	Anchorage	\$1,500
Alaska State Parks	Anchorage	\$4,000
Alaska Theatre of Youth	Anchorage	\$3,500
Greater Sitka Arts Council	Sitka	\$3,500
Island Institute	Sitka	\$4,500
Out North for 1,000 Cranes	Anchorage	\$4,000
Out North for F Magazine	Anchorage	\$4,000
Peninsula Artists in Motion Dance Company	Kenai	\$2,000
Richardson Highway Rendezvous	Valdez	\$1,000
Seldovia Arts Council	Seldovia	\$4,500
Sitka Jazz Festival	Sitka	\$4,500
Southeast Alaska State Fair	Haines	\$2,000
Valley Performing Arts, Inc.	Wasilla	\$3,000
Wrangell Mountains Center	Anchorage	\$3,000
Career Opportunity - 1st Quarter Grants (\$9,400 total awarded)		
John Bushell	Homer	\$800
Jenifer Cameron	Ester	\$700
John Damberg	Anchorage	\$400
Holly Gittlein	Wasilla	\$900
Mary Langham	Homer	\$500
Jean Lester	Ester	\$500
MK MacNaughton	Juneau	\$500
Julie Millington	Anchorage	\$800
Mavis Muller	Homer	\$900
Austin Parkhill	Barrow	\$900
Nathan Daniel Shafer	Anchorage	\$700
Patricia Shelton	Anchorage	\$900
Sara Tabbert	Fairbanks	\$900
Workshop – 1st Quarter Grants (\$3,400 total awarded)		
Alaska Photographic Society	Anchorage	\$1000
Alaska Watercolor Society	Anchorage	\$1400
Bunnell Street Art Center	Homer	\$1000
Helen Walker Performing Arts Fund – 1st Quarter Grants (\$2,000 total awarded)		
Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival	Fairbanks	\$1,000
The Hearts and Hands Project	Unalaska	\$1,000