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[ranggin@reveilleinc.com](mailto:ranggin@reveilleinc.com)**OC ARTS AND CULTURE RESILIENCE FUND AWARDS ASSISTANCE TO ARTS COMMUNITY***\$128,000 Awarded to Artists and Organizations in Second Round of COVID-19 Relief Funding*

**Irvine, CA (August 17, 2020)** – The OC Arts and Culture Resilience Fund has awarded a second round of relief grants, providing support for 19 Orange County arts organizations and 30 local artists. This supplements the \$30,000 awarded to 40 artists on July 29. Each artist received support in the form of a one-time grant of \$750. In this round of funding, Orange County arts organizations were also awarded support, with grants from \$1,000 to \$14,000.

“The recipients range from very small initiatives like Music Preserves Foundation in Dana Point and grass roots organizations like Meistersingers in Orange to mid-sized organizations like Creative Identity in Anaheim and Festival Ballet Theatre in Fountain Valley, and even major institutions like Festival of Arts of Laguna Beach and Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa,” said Richard Stein, president and CEO of Orange County’s nonprofit arts council, Arts Orange County (ArtsOC). “The livelihood of hundreds of artists in our community depends upon these organizations who employ them or enable them to exhibit and sell their artwork, so we felt it was essential that we help them survive the shutdown. Many of them were the first to shut down and will likely be the last to re-open due to the social gathering nature of the arts experiences they provide to our community.”

The Fund was launched in June by ArtsOC in partnership with Charitable Ventures and the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) to assist creative artists and local nonprofit arts and culture organizations as they face significant challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Support for the artist assistance grants came from the generosity of the Larry and Helen Hoag Foundation and other contributors to the OC Arts and Culture Resilience Fund.

The OC Arts and Culture Resilience Fund continues to accept donations to meet the needs of more individual artists. Community members are encouraged to donate at [charitableventuresoc.org/resilience-fund-arts](http://charitableventuresoc.org/resilience-fund-arts)

**About Arts Orange County**

Arts Orange County’s mission is to be the leader in building appreciation of, participation in and support for the arts and arts education in Orange County, California. A nonprofit organization incorporated in 1995, it is designated by the Board of Supervisors as the official local arts agency and State-Local Partner for the County of Orange. It is the community’s principal advocate for the arts and arts education, providing direct programs, services and consulting to the public, artists, arts organizations, education and local government. To learn more, visit [artsoc.org](http://artsoc.org).

**About Charitable Ventures**

Charitable Ventures was launched in 2007 to encourage the growth of innovative regional nonprofits and to build the capacity of the nonprofit sector. As a regional incubator, Charitable Ventures has fiscally sponsored more than 60 community projects and regional initiatives since inception. In 2020, Charitable Ventures anticipates sponsoring more than 35 active projects on track to raise between \$14 and \$16

million, and is the region's Administrative Community Based Organization for the 2020 Census. Visit [charitableventuresoc.org](http://charitableventuresoc.org) for more information.

**About Orange County Community Foundation**

Founded in 1989, the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) works with donors, strengthens the local nonprofit sector and works to find solutions to community needs. Since its inception, OCCF has awarded \$730 million in grants and scholarships and ranks in the top one percent in grantmaking activity among more than 780 U.S. community foundations. For more information, visit [oc-cf.org](http://oc-cf.org) or call 949-553-4202. Be a part of our conversation on Facebook Twitter and Instagram. View OCCF's View OCCF's 2019 annual report [here](#).

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