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## **ARTSFUND AWARDS \$2.4 MILLION IN 2016 GRANTS**

Seattle, WA – ArtsFund announced today that it will distribute \$2,399,918 in grants to 53 nonprofit arts groups in King and Pierce Counties from its recently concluded annual fundraising campaign. With this allocation, ArtsFund’s grants surpassed \$76.5 Million awarded since its founding in 1969.

Mari Horita, ArtsFund President & CEO, stated, “For nearly 50 years, ArtsFund has provided critical annual support to a wide range of nonprofit arts organizations in the region through programs, outreach, advocacy and grant making. We do all of this to help each arts group maintain a strong organizational foundation that allows them to innovate, take risks, and evolve. We do this to keep the sector strong because a healthier ecosystem strengthens all who are in it. And we do this to help ensure access, because the arts are a right, not a privilege.”

In 2015, ArtsFund’s grants helped 55 arts organizations mount over 10,150 exhibitions and productions, provide arts access and arts education to 786,181 students, offer 1,499,229 free or discounted tickets, and attract 7,105,803 visits.

Sandy McDade, ArtsFund Board Chair, added, “ArtsFund raises millions of dollars each year to support a large and diverse group of regional arts organizations through a rigorous grant allocations process. For many of these organizations, ArtsFund provides the largest unrestricted gift they receive each year. We are deeply grateful to the businesses, foundations, and individuals who contributed to this year’s campaign.”

Horita continued, “Investment in cultural organizations is an investment in the health and sustainability of our community. The data in ArtsFund’s recently released Economic Impact Study of Arts, Cultural, and Scientific Organizations in the Central Puget Sound Region demonstrates cultural organizations are a significant economic driver in the Central Puget Sound region, and an integral part of our regional identity and quality of life.”

Revenues from ArtsFund’s 45<sup>th</sup> annual drive, which ended on May 31st, support the 2016 grant allocations, as well as additional programs and services reaching more than 100 organizations throughout the Central Puget Sound region.

The 2016 Allocations Committee was led by Co-Chairs Sue Coliton, Washington State Arts Commission, and Mark Dederer, Sr. Vice President, Community Affairs Program, Wells Fargo Foundation.

For more information on ArtsFund grant recipients, visit: <http://www.artsfund.org/about-arts-fund/arts-groups-we-support>

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**2016 ArtsFund Grants**

**King County**

5th Avenue Theatre.....	\$119,785
ACT Theatre.....	\$87,990
Artist Trust.....	\$21,000
Auburn Symphony Orchestra.....	\$1,160
Bellevue Arts Museum.....	\$6,990
Book-It Repertory Theatre.....	\$28,950
Burke Museum.....	\$15,660
Early Music Guild of Seattle.....	\$11,020
Earshot Jazz Society of Seattle.....	\$19,390
EMP Museum.....	\$32,710
Frye Art Museum.....	\$14,620
Henry Art Gallery.....	\$116,290
Intiman Theatre.....	\$2,540
Jack Straw Productions.....	\$13,530
Jet City Improv.....	\$2,870
Meany Center for the Performing Arts.....	\$18,150
Nordic Heritage Museum.....	\$17,020
Northwest African American Museum.....	\$7,965
Northwest Film Forum.....	\$7,955
On the Boards.....	\$48,160
Pacific Northwest Ballet.....	\$220,680
Richard Hugo House.....	\$18,395
Seattle Art Museum.....	\$206,305
Seattle Arts & Lectures.....	\$14,670
Seattle Chamber Music Society.....	\$19,420
Seattle Children's Theatre.....	\$97,765
Seattle Men's Chorus/Seattle Women's Chorus.....	\$12,580
Seattle Opera.....	\$196,225
Seattle Pro Musica.....	\$7,400
Seattle Public Theater.....	\$3,430
Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra.....	\$22,820
Seattle Repertory Theatre.....	\$140,590
Seattle Shakespeare Company.....	\$51,865
Seattle Symphony.....	\$189,770
Seattle Theatre Group.....	\$68,915
SIFF.....	\$19,430
Spectrum Dance Theater.....	\$25,820



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Taproot Theatre Company .....	\$8,020
Three Dollar Bill Cinema .....	\$5,695
Town Hall Association .....	\$30,720
Vashon Allied Arts .....	\$5,705
Velocity Dance Center .....	\$10,230
The Vera Project .....	\$5,130
Village Theatre.....	\$93,580
Whim W'Him .....	\$3,430
Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience .....	\$43,770
<b>King County Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,116,115</b>

### **Pierce County**

Broadway Center for the Performing Arts .....	\$66,205
Museum of Glass .....	\$7,615
Northwest Sinfonietta .....	\$4,130
Tacoma Art Museum .....	\$52,675
Tacoma Musical Playhouse .....	\$9,930
Tacoma Opera .....	\$7,210
Tacoma Symphony Orchestra .....	\$19,535
<b>Pierce County Total.....</b>	<b>\$167,300</b>

### **Special Grants**

#### **ArtsFund Plestcheeff Design and Decorative Arts Grants**

Museum of Glass .....	\$10,000
Nordic Heritage Museum .....	\$2,500
Seattle Art Museum.....	\$10,000
Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience .....	\$10,000
<b>Subtotal.....</b>	<b>\$32,500</b>

**Kreielsheimer Remainder Foundation Grants.....** \$68,200

**Designated Workplace Giving Funds.....** \$15,803

**Grand Total 2016 ArtsFund Grants.....** \$2,399,918

### **2016 Allocations Committee**

Sue Coliton, **Co-Chair**, Commissioner  
Washington State Arts Commission



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Mark Dederer, **Co-Chair**, Senior Vice President, Community Affairs Program  
Wells Fargo Foundation

Gemma Aronchick, Corporate Citizenship & Public Affairs  
Microsoft Corporation

Alka Badshah  
Community Volunteer

Michael Brown, Vice President, Community Programs  
Seattle Foundation

Erin Combs, Senior Manager, Community Partnerships  
Starbucks Coffee Company

Jane Broom Davidson, Community Affairs Manager  
Microsoft Corporation

Mari Horita, President & CEO  
ArtsFund

Anne Leyva, Program Manager Corporate Giving – CSR  
Weyerhaeuser Company

Erika Nesholm, Executive Director  
Nesholm Family Foundation

Tim Otani, Vice President, External Affairs Manager – NW  
Union Bank

Kim Vu, Senior Vice President, Enterprise Business and Community Engagement  
Bank of America

Christopher Wiggins, Program Manager  
Safeco Insurance Foundation

*About ArtsFund:*

**ArtsFund's Mission:** ArtsFund strengthens the community by supporting the arts through leadership, advocacy and grant making.

**ArtsFund's Vision:** A community with a dynamic and world-class arts and cultural sector where the arts are accessible to all and valued as a central and critical component to a healthy society.

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