

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 7, 2015

Contact: Sara Jean Kwapien, Assistant Director of Administration

Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo

Direct: (269) 492-1780 | Office: (269) 342-5059

359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 203 | Kalamazoo, MI 49007 sjkwapien@kalamazooarts.org | http://www.kalamazooarts.org

Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo Announces Arts Fund of Kalamazoo County Grants

The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo announces the 2015 Arts Fund of Kalamazoo County grant awards. Twenty-five applications were submitted, requesting over \$178,000 in funds, and of those, twelve were selected to receive funding totaling \$47,701.83.

Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts through the Kalamazoo Community Foundation, Arts Fund provides support across three categories of grants; individual artists and two for 501(c)(3) arts organizations through project or operational support. Special emphasis is placed on ethnic/minority, tribal and rural communities, thereby strengthening the quality and diversity of the arts in the greater Kalamazoo community.

Project Minigrant Recipients	County	Award
Dodd, Kevin	Kalamazoo	\$2,000.00
Black Arts & Cultural Center	Kalamazoo	\$3,888.11
Kalamazoo Concert Band Association, Inc.	Kalamazoo	\$3,888.11
Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Society	Kalamazoo	\$3,888.11
Renaissance Enterprises	Kalamazoo	\$4,687.50
Stulberg International String Competition	Kalamazoo	\$3,750.00
Wellspring/Cori Terry and Dancers	Kalamazoo	\$7,500.00
Crescendo Academy of Music	Kalamazoo	\$3,000.00
Fontana Chamber Arts	Kalamazoo	\$3,100.00
Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival	Kalamazoo	\$3,000.00
Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra	Kalamazoo	\$6,000.00
West Michigan Glass Art Center	Kalamazoo	\$3,000.00

For more information on the funded projects or questions regarding re-granting programs of the Arts Council. contact Sara Jean Kwapien, Assistant Director of Administration at sikwapien@kalamazooarts.org or 269-492-1780. The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo is a nonprofit organization established in 1966, whose mission is to support, promote and fund the arts.