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Mesa Arts Center Foundation's *Arts at the Center* program opens second round of applications for rental/production support for non-profit organizations interested in using MAC spaces

Mesa Arts Center Foundation's *Arts at the Center* program is now accepting Letters of Interest for the 2021-22 season. *Arts at the Center* grants support educational and non-profit organizations by providing for the use of Mesa Arts Center ("MAC") spaces, including its beautiful world-class theaters. The deadline to submit an initial Letter of Interest for *Arts At the Center* support during this new grant cycle is September 1, 2021. Those accepted to submit full applications will be notified on October 1, 2021.

Up to six *Arts at the Center* grant recipients are chosen each year to receive rent-free use of a MAC theater or other space to present a performance or activity. Applications can be for one of MAC's stages or one of its other spaces (studios, museum or outdoor spaces). Theater seating can accommodate 100 to 1,500 attendees, depending upon the selected space and the type and size of the presentation. Three organizations received a grant for the first round of 2021 *Arts at the Center* applications: Ballet Folklorico Quetzalli-AZ, Grey Box Collective and Phoenix Boys Choir. Past *Arts at the Center* grant recipients include Alice Cooper's The Rock Teen Center-Proof is in the Pudding, Arizona School for the Arts, Dobson Montessori School, Harmony Project and Mesa Arts Academy.

An *Arts at the Center* Grant allows presenters to have the facilities' rental fee waived and receive up to \$1,000 in financial support to offset associated production costs. *Arts at the Center* applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For this cycle, Letters of Interest are due by September 1, 2021. Selected applicants will be notified by October 1, 2021, and sent a short application, which must be completed and returned by October 21, 2021. Projects for the second round must run between January 1 – June 30, 2022. Final award notifications will be sent by November 15, 2021.

"We believe the access to our facilities and important partnerships made possible by *Arts at the Center* help us bring a diverse array of experiences to our region and support creative growth in our community. Mesa Arts Center Foundation is proud to offer opportunities for both established and grassroots arts organizations to inspire us and to celebrate the arts," said Dennis Kavanaugh, chair of the Arts at the Center committee and a board member of the MAC Foundation.

Applicants can download the application [here](#) and should mail or email their Letter of Interest to: Renee Lopata, Mesa Arts Center Foundation, c/o Mesa Arts Center, PO Box 1466, Mesa, AZ 85211-1466 OR Renee.Lopata@MesaArtsCenter.com. For more information about Mesa Arts Center Foundation and *Arts at the Center*, visit mesaartscenter.com/foundation.

Mesa Arts Center is located at One East Main Street in downtown. More information can be found at MesaArtsCenter.com.

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About Mesa Arts Center Foundation:

The mission of Mesa Arts Center is to invite all people to create and discover entertaining, challenging, and diverse art and arts experiences within joyous, dynamic, and welcoming environments. The non-profit Mesa Arts Center Foundation is a community-driven, volunteer-run fundraising organization for Mesa Arts Center. Mesa Arts Center Foundation’s mission is to engage with Mesa Arts Center to support the arts through community advocacy, philanthropy and service. For more information, please visit mesaartscenter.com/foundation.

About Arts at the Center:

The mission of Arts at the Center is to foster broader community access to Mesa Arts Center (“MAC”), through annual targeted grants of free single day use of MAC’s world-class facilities, that will inspire participants, positively impact and connect the community, and excite the public to the value of the arts. We will provide MAC facilities and services to a variety of thoughtfully selected arts and educational groups, including: (a) groups without the necessary facilities to stage their cultural events; (ii) groups around the County and State that may not consider the MAC as a venue option; and (iii) specific arts groups that the Committee and MAC identify as desirable collaborators.

About Mesa Arts Center

Mesa Arts Center, owned and operated by the City of Mesa, is a unique, architecturally stunning facility located in the heart of downtown Mesa. Arizona's largest multidisciplinary arts center is home to four theaters, five art galleries in the MCA Museum, and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons, and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment, performances and festivals, world-class visual art exhibitions, and outstanding arts education classes. Mesa Arts Center’s mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. For more information, visit mesaartscenter.com.