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Mesa Arts Center Foundation Invites Letters of Interest for Arts at the Center Grants Supporting Educational and Non-Profit Organizations

Mesa, AZ - The Mesa Arts Center Foundation's Arts at the Center program is accepting Letters of Interest for the 2023–2024 season. Arts at the Center grants support educational and non-profit organizations use of the Mesa Arts Center spaces, including its beautiful world-class theaters.

The deadline to submit an initial Letter of Interest to request Arts at the Center support this cycle is April 14, 2023. Those accepted to submit full applications will be notified on April 26, 2023 and sent a short application which must be returned by May 26, 2023.

Up to six Arts at the Center grant recipients are chosen each year to present a performance or activity on one of Mesa Arts Center's stages or in one of its other spaces (studios, outdoor spaces). Theater seating can accommodate from 100 to 1,500 attendees, depending upon the selected space and the type and size of the presentation.

"We encourage area non-profit organizations interested in presenting work at Mesa Arts Center theaters or other spaces to apply to Arts at the Center. We especially want to give access to organizations who might otherwise not have the opportunity to perform at MAC. The Mesa Arts Center Foundation welcomes both established and grassroots arts organizations to propose programs that will inspire and engage the community" said Dennis Kavanaugh, Arts at the Center committee chair.

An Arts at the Center grant allows presenters to waive the facility's rental fee and receive up to \$1,000 in financial support to offset production costs. Past grant recipients include Phoenix Boys Choir, Grey Box Collective, Central Arizona Flute Ensemble, Ballet Folklorico Quetzalli, Alice Cooper's The Rock Teen Center-Proof is in the Pudding, The Arizona School for the Arts and Harmony Project.

Applicants can download the Letter of Interest form [here](#). Please email your Letter of Interest to Natalie Booth at azmacfoundation@gmail.com.

For more information about Mesa Arts Center Foundation and Arts at the Center, visit mesaartscenter.com/foundation.

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, 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: (i) 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

The 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 arts center is home to four theaters, five art galleries and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment and performances, world-class visual art exhibitions and outstanding arts education classes. The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible and relevant. For more information, visit mesaartscenter.com.

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