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Heritage Arts Grants Available for Springfield Projects

Application deadline is February 20

The Springfield Arts Commission (SAC) is now accepting applications for its spring Heritage Arts Grant cycle. Lane County groups, artists and individuals are encouraged to submit applications for arts- and culture-related projects resulting in a community event, performance or show in Springfield, Oregon. The deadline for submission is 5 p.m., February 20.

“We are once again thrilled to be able to administer the Heritage Arts Grant program to support projects that celebrate the arts and culture of Springfield,” said Summer Young-Jelinek, Heritage Arts Grant chair. “It’s our honor to be able to support fun and thought-provoking arts events – both community favorites and exciting new projects.”

In years past, a lack of available funds resulted in the Commission issuing limited awards to a small number of applicants. Now, with an annual budget of \$4,500, applicants to the grant program have a much higher likelihood of receiving funding. In 2017, eight out of 13 applicants received awards ranging from \$300 to \$1,200, with an average award of \$700.

The grant application and guidelines may be found on the Springfield Arts Commission’s website at http://www.springfieldartscommission.org/heritage_grants.html

Interested applicants are invited to attend the Springfield Arts Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 13, during which the commissioners will answer questions about the purpose of the grants, eligibility and the application process prior to the application deadline of February 20.

The Heritage Arts Grant program was developed to encourage community-based public arts programs to enrich and promote the cultural heritage of the City of Springfield. The grants are funded by City of Springfield room taxes and administered by the Springfield Arts Commission.

Grant awards will range from \$250 to \$1,500 per project. In 2017, awards were granted to organizations including the Martin Luther King March & Celebration, Past Prime Time Players, Siren, Eugene Springfield Youth Orchestra; Northwest Screendance; Ditch Projects; Chamber Music Amici; the Cesar Chavez Celebration; and Grupo Latino De Acción Directa.

For more information about the Heritage Arts Grant, contact Thea Hart, 541.726.2238 or thart@springfield-or.gov.

What: Grant Application Question and Answer Session

When: 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 13

Where: Library Meeting Room, 225 5th Street, Springfield OR 97477

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