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## **Arts Council of Fairfax County Awards 41 Operating Support Grants Totaling \$369,897**

*Fairfax County, VA* – The Arts Council of Fairfax County announces the award of 41 Operating Support Grants to local arts organizations totaling \$369,897 in funding.

Operating Support Grants provide funds for the basic operation of arts organizations in Fairfax County in recognition of the valuable programs and services they provide to County residents.

Organizations in a broad range of disciplines including visual art, dance, instrumental music, theatre, film, vocal music, and opera are supported. Grantees are located in all nine magisterial districts.

The competitive Operating Support Grants program is funded by Fairfax County and requires recipients to raise 2:1 matching funds through additional public and private revenues.

“Across Fairfax County, arts and culture are helping to build stronger communities, improving the quality of life, and fostering economic growth,” Linda S. Sullivan, president and CEO of the Arts Council said. “Operating Support grants are key to our mission to ensure that the arts thrive in Fairfax County.”

Each year, the Arts Council distributes county and private funds – over \$500,000 annually – through competitive grants and scholarships to Fairfax County arts organizations and artists of all disciplines. Grants recipients offered over 2,600 performances and activities that reached audiences of more than 1.2 million people in FY2013.

A complete list of all 41 Operating Support Grants awardees can be found at <http://www.artsfairfax.org/operating-support-grants/recipients>

About the Arts Council of Fairfax County

Founded in 1964, the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency. It is the only umbrella organization serving and representing all the arts in Fairfax County. The Arts Council of Fairfax County is the voice of the arts, dedicated to fostering dynamic and diverse local arts, ensuring that arts thrive by providing vision, leadership, capacity building services, advocacy, funding, education, and information.

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