

CITY OF COSTA MESA – PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ARTS GRANT AWARD RECIPIENTS

FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

Arts Organization or Individual	Project or Event	Award Amount
<i>Backhausdance</i>	Backhausdance presents "Movement Mosaic: Explorations and Innovations in Contemporary Dance," an interactive, educational performance held at the Costa Mesa High School Performing Arts Center in late January 2025 for 350 diverse students from several Costa Mesa schools including Costa Mesa Middle/High School, Estancia High School, Early College High School, Tewinkle Middle School and Davis Magnet sixth graders.	\$1,450
<i>Givsum Foundation</i>	Songs in the Canyon is a community picnic, art festival, and concert featuring Costa Mesa's local jazz bands: The Tonemen, Victoria Bailey, and Scarlet Bloom. Run time is from 3PM-7:30PM. Over 300 neighbors bring their picnic blankets, chairs, appetizers, and friends for a fun spring evening on the grass in Canyon Park. Artists create installations throughout the park, local vendors sell handcrafted items, and games are provided for children. It's a fun, family environment for all!	\$1,200
<i>Levi Prairie_The Tonemen</i>	On Mothers Day, 5/12/24, I am hosting a Mother's Day dance at the Costa Mesa Women's Club. There will be live music performed by my band The Tonemen and by Aaron Acapella. I am having local artists paint photo-op walls. We are having local vendors donate for a raffle as well as setting up booths to sell goods that our moms will like. We will also have a red carpet to emphasize the glamour of the evening. And I am hiring a local (yet to be decided) restaurant to serve food.	\$1,100
<i>Pacific Chorale</i>	Each summer, over 200 singers from Orange County and beyond join Pacific Chorale for a musical "fantasy camp" weekend in Costa Mesa. Under the direction of Artistic Director Robert Istad, community singers gather with Pacific Chorale members in Segerstrom Concert Hall to rehearse and perform a major choral work--all with no audition necessary. The 3-day festival culminates in a free public concert which has drawn sell-out crowds for fourteen years running.	\$1,950
<i>The Art Spread</i>	'Art that Transforms,' a free art fair designed to enrich the Costa Mesa community, will introduce art culture, conversations around mental health and physical disability, art education, and emotional support. The art fair will make a significant and long-lasting impact by providing free, valuable resources to the Costa Mesa community and affordable, high-quality artwork to view and collect. Individuals will also benefit from art and wellness workshops provided by experienced artists and therapists. Additionally, 'Art that Transforms' will offer complimentary food, beverages, art giveaways, and art entertainment. This art fair will transcend boundaries and ignite profound transformation within creator and community.	\$1,800

TOTAL: \$7,500