Arts Orange County’s COVID-19 Response and Relief Funding Results

175 Artists received financial assistance

$2,727,246 Total relief funds to OC arts community

138 Arts organizations and arts businesses in 27 cities received grants

**Research**
Collected data on use of CARES Act and private arts relief funds in other communities

Conducted survey of COVID-19 impact upon OC arts community. Released results April, 2020

**Advocacy**
Conducted meetings and other communications with County and cities elected officials

**Fundraising**
Established OC Arts and Culture Resilience Fund with Charitable Ventures and OC Community Foundation

Funds Advocated for and Granted by Arts Orange County
$1,195,287

$500,000 County of Orange District 3 COVID-19 Arts Relief Fund (CARES Act) (Arts Organizations and Arts Businesses)

$500,000 City of Santa Ana CARES Arts Relief Fund (CARES Act) (Arts Organizations and Artists)

$179,500 OC Arts and Culture Resilience Fund (raised from private sources)

$15,787 California Arts Council/National Endowment for the Arts (CARES Act)

Notes: Data is as of December 3, 2020. Reflects funds awarded and committed. Some programs have not yet completed their grant making. OC Arts and Culture Resilience Fund, County District 3 Arts Relief Fund and City of Santa Ana Arts CARES Arts Relief Fund managed by Arts Orange County in collaboration with Orange County Community Foundation and Charitable Ventures. California Arts Council/National Endowment for the Arts Fund managed by Arts Orange County.
# Private Funding

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the following contributors who supported this fund. 100% of these funds were awarded in assistance to individual artists and grants to arts organizations.

### $20,000+  
- Larry and Helen Hoag Foundation  
- Valerie and Hans Imhof  
- Orange County Community Foundation — Arts Endowment Fund  
- Orange County Community Foundation — Richard and Elizabeth Steele Endowment  
- Orange County Community Foundation — Tod and Linda White

### $10,000+  
- Faubel Public Affairs  
- Orange County Community Foundation — Michael and Etta Cannon Fund  
- Orange County Community Foundation — Keith Swayne  
- Charlie and Ling Zhang

### $5,000+  
- Phil and Mary Lyons  
- Orange County Community Foundation — Crevier Family Foundation Fund  
- Orange County Community Foundation — Miracle Fund

### $2,500+  
- The William Gillespie Foundation  
- Orange County Community Foundation — Doreen D. Marshall Fund for Youth

### $1,000+  
- Ellen Breitman  
- Margaret Gates  
- Susan K. Hori  
- Sheila and Jim Peterson  
- Richard and Alison Stein  
- Vina Williams

### $500,000  
- City of Santa Ana  
- CARES Arts Relief Fund (CARES Act)

### $250,000  
- County of Orange District 3 COVID-19 Arts Relief Fund (CARES Act)

### $15,787  
- California Arts Council/ National Endowment for the Arts (CARES Act)

### $250+  
- John Forsyte  
- Mark and Jan Hilbert  
- Todd Hanson  
- Giulio Ongaro  
- Rick Smetanka  
- Paula Tomei

### $100+  
- Dr. Stephen Barker  
- Cynthia Corley  
- Sara Guerrero  
- Scott Fitzpatrick  
- Gary Good  
- Kara Jacobs Harvey  
- Marion Jack

### Other Gifts  
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- Tim Shaw  
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- Christopher Trela  
- Nancy Warzer-Brady  
- James White  
- Dennis Cole  
- Cindy Davis  
- Kathy Kahn  
- Tammy Noreyko  
- Todd Smith  
- Debora Wondercheck

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**Orange County Arts Organizations that Received Relief Funding**

- AHRI Center, Garden Grove  
- Active Learning Believe & Inspire, Santa Ana  
- All the Arts for All the Kids, Fullerton  
- American Pacific Ballet Company, Santa Ana  
- Anaheim Ballet, Anaheim  
- Anifie, Inc., Irvine  
- Arts & Learning Conservatory, Costa Mesa  
- Attic Community Theatre (JD Theatricals), Santa Ana  
- Backhausdance, Orange  
- Bowers Museum, Santa Ana  
- Breath of Fire Latina Theatre Ensemble, Santa Ana  
- Broadway on Tour Children’s Theatre, Santa Ana  
- Cabrillo Playhouse, San Clemente  
- Camino Real Playhouse, San Juan Capistrano  
- Campsite Media House, Irvine  
- Casa Romantica Cultural Center & Gardens, San Clemente  
- Chamber Music OC, Irvine  
- Chance Theater, Anaheim  
- Chemers Gallery, Inc., Tustin  
- Child Creativity Lab, Santa Ana  
- Choral Arts Initiative, Irvine  
- Chissie Vocal Studio, Tustin  
- Creative Identity, Anaheim
Community Leaders Praise Arts Orange County

“In these uncertain times, some arts organizations stay in place, while others move ahead and demonstrate their importance. Arts Orange County has truly risen to the challenges presented by COVID-19, by equipping local organizations with funding and educational resources.”
— Jerry Mandel, Ph.D., President, Irvine Barclay Theatre

“Arts Orange County plays a crucial role as OC’s nonprofit arts council, acting as the center of gravity for our local arts community. During the pandemic, Arts Orange County has served as a powerful champion and advocate for local artists and nonprofit arts organizations hit hardest by the pandemic, garnering resources from both the public sector and private philanthropy to provide lifelines of support when they are needed most. The Orange County Community Foundation is proud and honored to support the critical mission of Arts OC.”
— Shelley Hoss, President & CEO, Orange County Community Foundation

“A key player in the future of the arts”
“The Orange County arts ecosystem could not survive without it”
“the cornerstone of the county’s arts community”

Creative Kids Playhouse, Mission Viejo
Dana Point Symphony, Dana Point
Dance Discovery Foundation, Laguna Niguel
Dance Precisions, Anaheim
Dance Star Academy of Performing Arts, Yorba Linda
Discovery Cube, Santa Ana
EKTAA Center, Irvine
El Centro Cultural de Mexico, Santa Ana
Festival Ballet Theatre, Fountain Valley
Festival of Arts and Pageant of the Masters, Laguna Beach
Focus Dance Center, Irvine
Friends of La Habra Children’s Museum, La Habra
Fullerton Museum Center Association, Fullerton
Galaxy Arts Center, Tustin
Golden Sunshine Academy, Irvine
Green Arts & Crafts, LLC, Irvine
Heritage Future, Orange
Heritage Museum of Orange County, Santa Ana
Hidden Truths Project, Newport Beach
Hirsch School of Dance Arts, Anaheim
Hope Center for the Arts, Irvine
Irvine Academies of Music LLC, Irvine
Irvine Barclay Theatre, Irvine
KidSingers, Anaheim
Kontrapunktus/A Neo-Baroque Orchestra, Seal Beach
LOCA (Laguna Outreach for Community Arts), Laguna Beach
Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach
Laguna Beach Live!, Laguna Beach
Laguna Dance Festival, Laguna Beach
Laguna Playhouse
Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, Laguna Beach
Le Cheng Inc., Irvine
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“Two years ago, Orange County Business Council highlighted this county’s competitive advantage in ‘The Art of Business and the Business of Art’ as its annual theme in recognition of the outsized role that creativity plays in the innovation economy on which this community depends. And as OCBC does for the business community, Arts Orange County serves as the leading voice for the arts community. Arts Orange County’s vigorous advocacy during the challenges posed by the COVID-19 crisis ensures that arts-related businesses, nonprofit arts organizations and artists are accorded equal consideration in the allocation of relief funds. Arts Orange County has shown that its impact far exceeds the sum of its parts, delivering great value and substance as Orange County’s nonprofit local arts agency.”

— Lucy Dunn, President & CEO, Orange County Business Council

“Arts Orange County is a steadfast ally for arts organizations and local artists here in Orange County. That support results in increased partnerships with school districts and expanded access to the arts for students and families. Arts Orange County collaborates with the Orange County Department of Education to raise awareness of the need for the arts in our schools. We are grateful to Arts Orange County for its leadership and partnership and look forward to expanding our work together.”

— Dr. Al Mijares, Orange County Superintendent of Schools

“Arts Orange County continues to play a significant role in galvanizing the community around support, participation and advocacy for the arts and arts education.”

— Paula Tomei, Managing Director, South Coast Repertory

“an indispensable partner”
“its impact far exceeds the sum of its parts”
“the center of gravity for our local arts community”

LibroMobile Arts Co-op, Santa Ana
MAGIC Academy of Arts, Santa Ana
Makara Center, Santa Ana
Maple Conservatory of Dance, DBA Momiji, Irvine
McCoy Rigby Arts, Inc., Yorba Linda
Media Arts Santa Ana/OC Film Fiesta, Santa Ana
Meistersingers, Inc., Orange
Men Alive! Chorus, Santa Ana
Meritage Vocal Ensemble, Anaheim
Momentum Dance and Performing Arts Center, Yorba Linda
Mozart Camerata, Lake Forest
Museum of Teaching and Learning, Fullerton
Music Preserves Foundation, Dana Point
Musical Theater Village, Irvine
Musical Theatre Orange County, Placentia
Muzeo Museum & Cultural Center, Anaheim
New Hope Presbyterian Church, Anaheim
Oasis Center International, Santa Ana
OC Center for Contemporary Art, Santa Ana
OC Children’s Therapeutic Arts Center, Santa Ana
Orange County Children’s Theatre, Huntington Beach
Orange County Crazies, Santa Ana
Orange County Fine Arts, Inc., Santa Ana
Orange County Museum of Art, Santa Ana/Costa Mesa
Orange County Music and Dance, Irvine
Orange County Women’s Chorus, Laguna Hills
PACDA, Inc., Irvine
Pacific Chorale, Costa Mesa
Pacific Conservatory, Orange
Pacific Symphony, Irvine
Paul-Dean Martin, Anaheim
Philharmonic Society of Orange County, Irvine
Pianoforte Music Studio, Irvine
R.W.B. Party Props, Inc., Orange
“Arts Orange County has long been an indispensable partner to Segerstrom Center for the Arts. Its leadership in the County has been particularly evident this year, as Arts OC has tirelessly advocated for arts & culture relief funding in the face of profound challenges due to COVID-19. The Center is immensely grateful for Arts OC’s real-time dissemination of vital information, guidance in navigating the varied and complex paths to funding resources, and thoughtful understanding of the unique challenges and needs of our sector. As a community devoted to the arts as a source of hope and humanity, Arts OC is a unifying voice, uplifting and amplifying our collective efforts.”
— Casey Reitz, President, Segerstrom Center for the Arts

“Arts Orange County has developed into the cornerstone of the county’s arts community. As a tool for connections and communication, ArtsOC is uniquely positioned to be both a support and an advocate for the arts, from the county’s largest venues to its smallest artist studio. There simply isn’t anything remotely like it in Orange County.”
— Dr. Stephen Barker, Dean, Claire Trevor School of the Arts, University of California, Irvine

“As a smaller nonprofit that has been promoting the arts in the Orange County community for over 25 years, VAALA has been grateful for the thought partnership and services that Arts OC has given us. Arts OC’s network and support of VAALA has been crucial to our capacity-building and growth efforts over the past few years.”
— Yvonne Tran, Board President, Vietnamese American Arts and Letters Association (VAALA)

“Arts OC is a valuable community asset which advocates to raise awareness of the importance of the sector’s impact in: building a high quality, vibrant and healthy arts community, fueling the creative economy in California, focusing on arts education initiatives and ensuring human services needs are met through arts interventions for the most vulnerable in our region.”
— Dawn Reese, Chief Executive Officer, The Wooden Floor

“Orange County is home to a burgeoning movement of art that serves a diverse community. The value of these artists and organizations is clearly understood and supported by Arts Orange County.”
— Mariene Peña-Marin, Artistic Director, Relámpago del Cielo Grupo Folklorico

“they are the champion!”
“ensure the arts are front-and-center in the minds of the community”
“a steadfast ally”

Relámpago del Cielo Folkloric Dance Co., Santa Ana
RYTMO Reaching Youth Through Music, Anaheim
Santa Ana Business Council, Santa Ana
Sawdust Festival, Laguna Beach
Second Baptist Church, Santa Ana
Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa
South Coast Chinese Cultural Association, Irvine
South Coast Repertory, Costa Mesa
South Coast Symphony, North Tustin
Southern California Children’s Chorus, Irvine
Stage Door Repertory Theatre, Anaheim
STAGEStheatre, Fullerton

Surfing Heritage and Cultural Center, San Clemente
The All-American Boys Chorus, Santa Ana
The Festival Singers, Rancho Santa Margarita
The Frida Cinema, Santa Ana
The Muckenthaler Center, Fullerton
The Rock, Anaheim
The Silence is Broken, Monarch Beach
The Wayward Artist Theatre Company, Santa Ana
The Wooden Floor, Santa Ana
Thistle Academy of Irish Dance, Orange
Top Hat 8 Repertory, Tustin

Tustin Area Council for Fine Arts, Tustin
Viet Cam Dance, Westminster
Vietnamese American Arts & Letters Assoc., Fountain Valley
Vintage Suits by Mary, Orange
Walk for Art, Anaheim
Well Beings Studio, Santa Ana
WePlay Music, Irvine
Westminster Community Playhouse, Westminster
Wyland Foundation, Rancho Santa Margarita
Yorba Linda Spotlight Theater Company, Yorba Linda
Young Rembrandts DBA of Syen LLC, Tustin
“Arts Orange County uniquely provides a much-needed role as Orange County’s only County-wide arts council.”
— Peter C. Keller, President, Bowers Museum

“Arts OC is a unique and vital resource for our community—every county should have such an organization to advocate for the arts which enhance our daily lives.”
— Craig Wells, President, Board of Trustees, Orange County Museum of Art

“The Orange County arts ecosystem could not survive without the committed support, dedication, and leadership of Arts Orange County.”
— Andrew Brown, President & CEO, Pacific Chorale

“Its major accomplishments include effective advocacy for CARES relief funding at a time when cultural institutions are extremely impacted. We are grateful for their presence and committed to supporting their fantastic work.”
— John Forsyte, President, Pacific Symphony