

## Fresno Regional Foundation arts grants announced

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The [Fresno Regional Foundation](#) has announced a new batch of arts and culture grants totaling more than \$160,000 to 12 organizations.

A reception open to the public honoring the grantees will be held 5:15-6:45 p.m. Thursday at the foundation's lobby at 5250 N. Palm Ave.

In partnership with the James Irvine Foundation, five of the twelve organizations are receiving [Engagement Pathway](#) grants for experimental programs that support how art experiences are developed for more audience relevance and create art experiences that are meaningful to the community.

Here are the recipients:

- **Youth Orchestras of Fresno:** \$30,000 to expand free Accent on Access Violin Program giving second- through sixth-graders the opportunity to experience “Many Hands, Many Hearts, One Sound.”
- **Fresno Arts Council:** \$28,000 for training to area artists so that they will be able to coordinate with area schools and teachers in order to provide Visual and Performing Arts Standards and Common Core Standards-based visual art lessons in Fresno elementary classrooms.
- **Boys and Girls Clubs of Fresno County:** \$17,596 for 60 underserved youth from six rural Fresno County communities to learn to create digital photographs that represent their voice and community concern to be displayed at a culminating art show.
- **Arte Américas:** \$10,000 to support its largest community wide celebration of the traditional Mexican holiday Dia de Los Muertos.
- **Creative Fresno:** \$10,000 to create portable murals that will be dispatched to events throughout Fresno with an art facilitator to lead, encourage, and entice citizens to help create a unique mural. These murals will then be displayed at Fresno Fair, FYI Airport, and other venues.
- **Kings Regional Traditional Folk Arts:** \$10,000 to support new cultural music and dance classes to be offered to local children and youth by various recognized artists in the areas of Polynesian dance, Fiddle Bluegrass, Mariachi music and Mexican Folklore Dance.
- **New Conservatory Theatre Center:** \$10,000 to support Pride on Tour and YouthAware in Fresno County. Pride on Tour will present “Standing on Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays” on May 3, while YouthAware will bring anti-bullying and diversity education to middle and high school students during the 2014-15 school year.

- **San Francisco World Music Festival:** \$10,000 to bring master world music artists to the Central Valley for classes and concerts with local musicians and students, uniquely using the latest in no-latency technology to enable real-time remote classes, rehearsals, and performances through the Internet.
- **Urbanist Collective:** \$10,000 to work with youth and their families to create four 8' by 8' panels. The panels will be unveiled as one 8'x32' mural during a First Friday artwalk in downtown Visalia.
- **Visalia Opera Company:** \$10,000 to partner with UCLA mariachi group to compose and present a mariachi opera to the Central Valley community. The mariachi opera will be a musical work combining the art of opera and mariachi music.
- **Bachrun LoMele:** \$8,500 for a street-roving, inside-out mini-gallery, by which secrets shared within it are rendered incomprehensible, and then publicly broadcast on the outside.
- **Moving Beyond Productions:** \$8,450 Fresno native and author Gary Soto presents “In and Out of Shadows”, a new musical about undocumented youth, to Fresno and Tulare counties.

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