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Milwaukee Arts Board 2014 grant distribution totals \$217,000

An exhibit of garments fabricated in Milwaukee from sketches made by a woman who perished in the Holocaust; a theatrical collaboration with the VA to raise public awareness and honor the service of Milwaukee's female veterans; and a series of outdoor artist-in-residencies engaging with youth are among 33 projects awarded funding recently by the Milwaukee Arts Board.

At its May 13 meeting, the Milwaukee Arts Board approved the recommendation of its citizen review panel to award \$217,000 in grants ranging from \$3,500 to \$7,000. MAB grants require a dollar-for-dollar cash match from other sources, and the combined budgets of the 33 selected projects is more than \$3.2 million.

"Milwaukee's arts and cultural institutions are not only important to our local economy, they breathe life into our city," said Milwaukee Common Council President Michael Murphy, chair of the Arts Board. "The arts inspire us, entertain us, challenge us, educate us and bring members of our diverse community together across barriers."

Mayor Tom Barrett added, "We know the arts are essential to a vibrant, healthy community. Arts Board funds support projects that might not otherwise be possible."

The next Milwaukee Arts Board meeting is Tuesday, June 10, at 4 p.m. at the Tenth Street Theatre, 628 N. Tenth Street. A reception will follow the board meeting, with the awards presentation beginning at approximately 5 p.m.

At the reception the MAB will also honor the five recipients of the third annual Friends of the Arts Award given to individuals who, often behind the scenes, have distinguished themselves through exceptional service to Milwaukee's arts community. Konrad Kuchenbach and John Holland have for decades served as volunteers, board members, major donors and historians for many music and theater companies in Milwaukee. The late Dorothy Nelle Sanders, Lucinda Gordon and Gloria Wright co-founded the African American Art Alliance at the Milwaukee Art Museum.

The Milwaukee Arts Board grant program is funded by the City of Milwaukee with additional support from the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin.

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2014 MAB grant recipients:

Alverno College – Global Union world music festival

Artists Working in Education – Satellite Studio - Outdoor Artist-In-Residence Program

Arts at Large – “Freedom Summer” 50th Anniversary Initiative

Artworks for Milwaukee – Public Art Internship, Layton Boulevard West Neighborhood

Betty Brinn Children's Museum – Be A Maker (BAM) Program

Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre – “Gidion's Knot,” a play exploring bullying

Danceworks – Mad Hot Ballroom and Tap

Early Music Now – Quicksilver, a Renaissance and Baroque music residency and performance

First Stage – “Luchadora,” part of the theater's Wisconsin Cycle series of plays

Florentine Opera – “Goldilocks and the Three Bears” Opera in the Schools

Haggerty Museum of Art – “Going to the Source: Water at the Haggerty”

Historic Milwaukee Inc. – Doors Open

Jewish Museum Milwaukee – Stitching History from the Holocaust – the life of Hedvika Strnad
Latino Arts – Dia de Los Muertos/Day of the Dead Celebration 2014
Milwaukee Art Museum – ArtXpress inspired by “Kandinsky: A Retrospective”
Milwaukee Ballet – Ballet-in-a-Box
Milwaukee Chamber Theatre – Young Playwrights Festival Showcase 2015
Milwaukee Children’s Choir – Harmony-in-School Program at Sherman Multicultural Arts
Milwaukee Repertory Theater – “The Color Purple” show and outreach programs
Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra – 2014-15 Neighborhood Concert Series
Milwaukee Youth Theatre – “Midsummer Night’s Dream”
Next Act Theatre – “No Child”
Optimist Theatre – “A Winter’s Tale” Shakespeare in the Park
Present Music – Creation Project
RedLine Milwaukee – “Ediciones Vigia Books” exhibit
Renaissance Theaterworks – Amelia: Women Warrior Project
Skylight Music Theatre – KidsWrites workshop and performance residency
String Academy of Wisconsin – Urban Students in Arts Scholarship Program
Tessa’s Black Entertainment & Youth Center, Inc. – 6th Annual Summer Dance Concert
Walker’s Point Center for the Arts – Latin Cultural Exhibits, Parades and Youth Art Exhibition
Wild Space Dance Company – “Brew City Dances”
Wisconsin Conservatory of Music – Lincoln Center for the Arts Conservatory Connections
Woodland Pattern – Guest Curators from the LGBT Community

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