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NEA announces eight grants to Indiana arts organizations and cultural program providers

(Indianapolis, Indiana) – The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has announced the awarding of eight grants totaling \$145,000 to arts organizations and cultural programming providers in Indiana for the fall of fiscal year 2016.

In its first 50 years, the NEA awarded more than \$5 billion in grants to recipients in every state and U.S. jurisdictions, the only arts funder in the nation to do so. To inaugurate the next 50 years of funding, the NEA will award \$27.7 million to support 1,126 projects in 49 states and jurisdictions in the first round of FY 2016 funding. Grants were awarded in the disciplines of Artist Communities, Folk & Traditional Arts, Media Arts, Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works, Theater & Musical Theater, and Opera.

“The arts are part of our everyday lives – no matter who you are or where you live – they have the power to transform individuals, spark economic vibrancy in communities, and transcend the boundaries across diverse sectors of society,” said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. “Supporting projects like those in Indiana offers more opportunities to engage in the arts every day.”

Indiana grants include:

Big Car Media, Inc. Indianapolis \$20,000

This Artist Communities grant will support a residency for a teaching sound artist, and citywide sound art project, and related activities.

Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian & Western Art, Indianapolis \$10,000

This Folk & Traditional Arts grant will support the Eiteljorg Indian Market and Festival. As many as 150 Native American artists, representing approximately 60 tribes will gather in Indianapolis to present their art, music, dance, crafts, and other activities.

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Harrison Center for the Arts **Indianapolis** **\$10,000**
This Artist Communities grant will support artist residencies focused on cultural entrepreneurship and related activities.

Heartland Film, Inc. **Indianapolis** **\$25,000**
This Media Arts grant will support the 25th Heartland Film Festival. Films will include narrative features, documentaries, and shorts from American and international artists.

Lotus Education and Arts Foundation, Inc. **Bloomington** **\$20,000**
This Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works grant will support the Lotus World Music and Arts Festival. The festival features free and ticketed concerts, demonstrations, art-making activities, and educational workshops.

Indiana Repertory Theatre **Indianapolis** **\$30,000**
This Theater & Musical Theater grant will support the final development and production of "Rumblin' In The Land." A devised theater work will celebrate the bicentennial of the state.

Indiana University **Bloomington** **\$20,000**
This Opera grant will support the commission of "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl." This is the first work to tell Anne Frank's story as a full-scale opera.

New Harmony Project, Inc **Indianapolis** **\$20,000**
This Theater & Musical Theater grant will support residencies for playwrights to Develop new work with dramaturgical and production support.

"These Indiana arts providers are carrying out innovative programming in education, creative place-making, and cultural tourism that help make the arts available to Hoosiers as well as visitors to our state," said Lewis C. Ricci, Executive Director of the Indiana Arts Commission. "These grants represent a significant investment of public funding for the arts in Indiana, and we appreciate the NEA's recognition of the great work being done by these organizations."

The Indiana Arts Commission is dedicated to the vision of the arts everywhere, everyday, for everyone in Indiana.

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