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Swanson PAC Community Access Fund Launches Second Season of Giving
Kick-off lunch honors notable local performer and performing arts organizer Jill Anderson

SAN LUIS OBISPO, January 17, 2017—the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center is kicking off their second season of grantmaking through the Clifton Swanson PAC Community Access Fund (Swanson Fund), which provides additional program funding to local community performing arts groups to perform at Harman Hall in the upcoming season. Last year, through the generosity of Foundation donors, the inaugural Swanson Fund grants were awarded to 9 local performing arts groups performing in the 2016-17 season and totaled nearly \$30,000.

Fundraising efforts for next year’s gifting are already well underway, through the 2nd Annual Clifton Swanson PAC Community Access Fund Lunch, which honors local outstanding contributors to the performing arts. This year’s lunch will be held on Sunday, March 12 at 11:30 am in the PAC lobby and will honor Jill Anderson, longtime SLO performer, teacher, and performing arts organizer.



Jill Anderson and husband Steve Jobst, pictured at the Foundation for the Performing Art Center’s Roarin’ 20’s Ball, September 2015

As the founder of Pacific Repertory Opera (now Opera San Luis Obispo), co-founder of the Canzona Women’s Ensemble, and a leader and member of other local choral groups, Anderson’s passion has inspired countless professional and aspiring artists on the Central Coast for over 30 years.

Anderson will be honored by presentations from the various groups she has been and currently is a member of. It will be a lively celebration and display of local talent. In anticipation of the event, Foundation Executive Director Leann Standish said “We are excited to have the opportunity to

honor Jill in this way. It is fitting that the performing arts she loves so dearly will benefit from the program.” Tickets for the lunch are \$75 per person or \$600 for a table of 8, and can be purchased by contacting Justin McMillan at the Foundation offices, justin@fpacslo.org or (805) 541-5401.

Applications for this year’s Swanson Fund are available now online at <http://fpacslo.org/swanson-fund/>, or by contacting Justin McMillan, Justin@fpacslo.org or (805) 541-5401. Applications are due by 5 pm April 3. A grant workshop specific to the Swanson Fund will be held in the Founders Room at the PAC on February 22 at 3 pm. All applicants should plan to have a representative attend this informative workshop. Applicants for the 2017-18 Swanson Fund grants need to have their date for presenting at the PAC reserved for next year to qualify, among other financial qualifications. Awards will be announced after May 1.

In addition to the Swanson Fund, all community arts groups performing at the PAC receive a 75% rental discount from the Foundation and its partners, Cal Poly and the City of San Luis Obispo. Nearly 30 community groups took the stage at the PAC last year, comprising 140 shows.

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