

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: Nicholas Anthony  
Phone: 805-541-5401  
Email: [Nicholas@fpacslo.org](mailto:Nicholas@fpacslo.org)

**Foundation for the Performing Arts Center awards \$27,500 in grants to San Luis Obispo County arts groups**

SAN LUIS OBISPO, April 27, 2018—the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center has awarded \$27,500 in grants to 7 local arts groups for the 2018-19 season.

This is the third year of grant-giving through the Clifton Swanson PAC Community Access Fund. With next season included, the Swanson Fund will have given \$77,500 in three years to San Luis Obispo County arts groups.

“Our mission is to help our region’s arts groups return to the PAC each year, regardless of the economic landscape,” said Leann Standish, Executive Director. “That is the PAC’s purpose —to share in and celebrate this community’s enormous passion for the arts.”



San Luis Obispo Youth Symphony performs at the PAC

This year’s recipients include: Civic Ballet of San Luis Obispo, Festival Mozaic, OperaSLO, Orchestra Novo, San Luis Obispo Master Chorale, San Luis Obispo Symphony, and San Luis Obispo Youth Symphony. Grant awards will benefit nearly 1,500 individual artists from our community who will perform on stage at the PAC during the 2018-19 season.

The Swanson Fund provides unique funding for technical and performance costs associated with theatrical productions. This

can include lighting, rigging, sound design, and ranges anywhere from a few thousand to ten thousand dollars total. With limited funds available to residential companies, Swanson Fund grants have become a very important resource.

“We are honored to receive a Swanson Fund grant. Playing on stage at the Performing Arts Center can be a transformative experience for our young musicians,” said Abraham Perez of the SLO Youth Symphony. “It is invaluable to be in a hall with world class acoustics.”

Support for the Swanson Fund is thanks to the generosity of the Foundation’s members—notably all who made matched gifts through the Lewis Financial Challenge Grant. For more information on how to make a matched gift and to learn more about the Swanson Fund, please visit the Foundation’s website at [fpacslo.org/swanson-fund](http://fpacslo.org/swanson-fund).

**About the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center**

Established in 1986, the Foundation provides and promotes an extraordinary and accessible center for the performing arts that elevates the arts in our community, in collaboration with our partners, California Polytechnic State University and the City of San Luis Obispo. For more information on the Foundation, its mission, values and programs, please visit: <http://fpacslo.org>



FOUNDATION *for the*  
PERFORMING  
**ARTS**  
CENTER

**Board of Directors**

- Trudie Safreno  
*President*
- Joey Leslie  
*Vice President*
- Maryellen Simkins  
*Secretary*
- Morgen Houlis  
*Treasurer*
- John Rolph  
*At-Large*
- Jill Anderson
- Sharon Armstrong
- Anthony Brizzolara
- Kathleen Choal
- Kristin Flynn-Hoover
- Bob Kitamura
- Gerri LaChance
- Catherine Lockett
- Erin Steed
- Skylar Stuck
- Liz Summer

**Honorary Board**

- Libbie Agran
- Jim Eckford
- Robert Haas
- Brendan McAdams, Jr., M.D.
- Clifton Swanson
- Matt Trevisan

**Executive Director**

- Leann Standish

**For more information contact:**

Nicholas Anthony  
Foundation for the Performing Arts Center  
PO BOX 1137  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93406  
805-541-5401  
[Nicholas@fpacslo.org](mailto:Nicholas@fpacslo.org)