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Foundation for the Performing Arts Center awards \$28,000 in grants to San Luis Obispo County arts groups

SAN LUIS OBISPO, June 14, 2019—the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center has awarded \$28,000 in grants to 7 local arts groups for the 2019-2020 season.

This is the fourth year of grant-giving through the Clifton Swanson PAC Community Access Fund. With the upcoming season included, the Swanson Fund will have awarded at total of over \$105,000 to San Luis Obispo County arts groups.

“We are so pleased to be able to partner with the regional companies for whom the PAC was built” stated Foundation Executive Director, Leann Standish. “Many of our community’s most cherished traditions take place at the PAC thanks to the gifted performers who work so hard.”



San Luis Obispo Youth Symphony performs at the PAC

This year’s recipients include: Opera San Luis Obispo, the San Luis Obispo Symphony, Civic Ballet, the Master Chorale, the SLO Youth Symphony, Studio @, and the Coastal Dance and Music Academy. Grant awards will benefit nearly 1,500 individual artists from our community who will perform on stage at the PAC during the 2019-20 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.

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“Support from the Swanson Fund Grant, in addition to contributions from our loving donors each year, is critical to our ability to continue to produce professional grand productions in our world class theatre” said Dr. Brian Asher Alhadeff, General and Artistic Director of OperaSLO

Support for the Swanson Fund is thanks to the generosity of the Foundation’s members—notably including those who attended the Swanson Fund Brunch held in honor of Lorilee Silvaggio of Civic Ballet this past March. To learn more about how you can support the performing arts in SLO County, please visit the Foundation’s website at fpacsl.org/swanson-fund.



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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>

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