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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Dubuque Tops \$2 Million Dollar Mark in Arts Funding

### *Fiscal Year 2013 Grant Winners Announced*

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque has provided over \$2 million dollars in funding for the arts since the establishment of the City's Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory commission in 2004. This announcement coincides with the selection of recipient organizations for the City's annual arts and culture funding programs.

The City has invested \$2,070,000 through three programs established by the Dubuque City Council. In all, \$1,610,000 has been awarded to area arts and cultural organizations through the Operating Support Grant Program and \$310,000 through the Special Projects Grant Program, which has also leveraged another \$710,992 in community support. An additional \$175,000 has funded Art on the River, a temporary sculpture exhibition along the Mississippi RiverWalk in the Port of Dubuque.

Operating support is provided to established 501(c)(3) arts and culture organizations located in the City of Dubuque that primarily serve Dubuque residents with year-round arts and culture events, programs and services, and that can demonstrate a record of programmatic and administrative stability. Funding is based upon a percentage of an organization's operating expenses.

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission has reviewed ten funding requests from Dubuque arts and culture organizations requesting \$247,371 in funds from the FY 2013 Arts and Culture Funding Program for Operating Support. The following organizations were selected by the commission and approved by the City Council:

- Dubuque Symphony Orchestra \$41,301
- Dubuque County Historical Society \$45,000
- Bell Tower Productions \$15,064
- Colts Drum & Bugle \$45,000

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The Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission has reviewed a record 14 grant applications from Dubuque organizations requesting \$91,286 in funds from the FY 2013 Arts and Culture Grant Program for Special Projects. These grants also leveraged another \$54,776 in community investment for these projects. Funding is based upon a points system.

The recipients are:



The City is about to open the seventh Art on the River annual sculpture exhibit with an Opening Reception on Thursday, July 12, at 5:00 p.m. at the Grand River Center. The reception will feature the announcement of the \$1,000 cash award for Best of Show, chosen by a panel of jurists. There will be the opportunity to visit with the artists and jury, and a walking tour of the exhibit will be conducted. The celebration will feature hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The public is invited to attend.

This year the temporary public art exhibit drew a record number of 118 entries from 66 artists in 20 different states. The works will be installed in front of the Grand River Center and along the Riverwalk at the Port of Dubuque.

For additional information, please contact Jan Stoffel, arts and cultural affairs coordinator for the City of Dubuque, at 563-690-6064 or [janstoff@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:janstoff@cityofdubuque.org). More information about all of the funding programs can be found at [www.cityofdubuque.org/arts&culture](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/arts&culture).

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