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City Awards \$210,000 in Arts and Culture Operating Support

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Dubuque City Council recently awarded a cumulative \$210,000 in funding to sixteen Dubuque arts and culture organizations.

This program provides operating support funding to high-quality, 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 can demonstrate a record of programmatic and administrative stability. The Dubuque City Council approved the creation of this funding program in 2005 to play an important role in supporting the artistic and cultural development of the community. The intent of the program is to sustain and insure long-term viability for existing arts and culture organizations in our community.

The following organizations have been awarded FY 2015 Operating Support Grants:

Dubuque County Historical Society	\$40,000
Dubuque Symphony Orchestra	\$37,259
Northeast Iowa School of Music	\$10,061
Bell Tower Productions	\$12,477
Dubuque Arboretum	\$7,285
Grand Opera House	\$16,394
Colts Drum & Bugle	\$40,000
Dubuque Museum of Art	\$18,239
Dubuque Arts Council	\$3,821

Fly-By-Night-Productions	\$987
Dubuque Main Street Ltd.	\$5,440
Rising Star Theatre Company	\$2,984
Dubuque Chorale	\$1,139
Julien Dubuque International Film Festival	\$4,887
Matter Creative	\$6,199
Dubuque County Fine Arts	\$2,828
Total	\$210,000

Requests for funding were reviewed by members of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission who then forwarded their recommendations for funding to the City Council for consideration. For additional information, contact Megan Starr, Economic Development Coordinator, at 563-589-4393 or mstarr@cityofdubuque.org.

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