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Mesa Arts Center Foundation is Accepting Applications for Arts at the Center Grants Supporting Educational and Non-Profit Organizations

Mesa, AZ - The Mesa Arts Center Foundation's Arts at the Center grant program is accepting applications for the 2025–2026 season. Arts at the Center grants support educational and non-profit organizations' use of Mesa Arts Center spaces, including its world-class theaters.

Now accepting applications for performances between January–June 2026.

Applications are due Sept. 26, 2025. Conditional award notifications will be sent on or before Oct. 17, 2025, with final award confirmation by Oct. 31, 2025.

"With a vision to ignite creativity, these grants ensure more organizations can bring their work to our stages," said Mandy Tripoli, executive director of Mesa Arts Center. "We are proud to support organizations that use the arts to inspire, connect and engage people of all ages across our community."

Up to six Arts at the Center grant recipients are chosen each year to present a performance or activity on one of Mesa Arts Center's stages or in one of its other spaces. Theater seating can accommodate 100 to 1,500 attendees, depending upon the selected space and the type and size of the presentation.

An Arts at the Center grant allows presenters to waive the facility's rental fee and receive up to \$1,000 in financial support to offset Mesa Arts Center labor costs. Last season's grant recipients include Arizona Opera Company, Grey Box Collective Foundation, Oakwood Creative Care, Mesa Arts Academy and Bharathakshetra School of Dance.

Learn more and apply at mesaartscenter.com/foundation. If you have any questions, please email Natalie Booth at azmacfoundation@gmail.com.

About Mesa Arts Center Foundation

The mission of Mesa Arts Center is to create meaningful arts experiences in Mesa for everyone. The non-profit Mesa Arts Center Foundation is a community-driven, volunteer-run fundraising organization for Mesa Arts Center. Mesa Arts Center Foundation's mission is to engage with Mesa Arts Center to support the arts through

community advocacy, philanthropy and service. For more information, visit mesaartscenter.com/foundation.

About Arts at the Center

The mission of Arts at the Center is to foster broader community access to Mesa Arts Center, through annual targeted grants of free single-day use of Mesa Arts Center's world-class facilities, that will inspire participants, positively impact and connect the community, and excite the public to the value of the arts. We will provide Mesa Arts Center facilities and services to a variety of thoughtfully selected arts and educational groups, including: (i) groups without the necessary facilities to stage their cultural events; (ii) groups around the county and state that may not consider the Mesa Arts Center as a venue option; and (iii) specific arts groups that the committee and Mesa Arts Center identify as desirable collaborators.

About Mesa Arts Center

Mesa Arts Center, owned and operated by the City of Mesa, is a unique, architecturally stunning facility located in the heart of downtown Mesa. Arizona's largest arts center is home to four theaters, five art galleries and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment and performances, world-class visual art exhibitions and outstanding arts education classes. Mesa Arts Center's mission is to create meaningful arts experiences in Mesa for everyone. For more information, visit mesaartscenter.com.

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