

JCCC 2010 Grantees

The Jackson County Cultural Coalition is proud to announce the awarding of \$15,472 in grants to eleven cultural organizations in Jackson County. The funds for these grants were made possible by a *Cultural Participation* grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust. The grants were awarded at a ceremony on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 5:00 pm held in the Large Meeting Room at the Central Library in Medford. The following cultural organizations received grants for programs and projects during 2010:

Arts Council of Southern Oregon \$1,272 *The Marketing Lithia Springs Music Project* will enable students in the Lithia Springs Program to acquire the graphic design and marketing skills needed to create promotional materials geared to marketing their professionally mastered CD of original songs written and performed by Lithia Springs Music Program students.

Ballet Folklorico Ritmo Alegre \$1,000 Ballet Folklorico Ritmo Alegre will provide dance scholarships to low income children and train its Youth Performance Company members as mentors for young dancers, and adults as mentors for Performance Company dancers.

Central Point School District #6 \$1,200 *Arts in Action* will promote the teaching of visual arts and exposure to performing arts to all students in grades kindergarten through 5th at Sams Valley Elementary School.

Children's Advocacy Center \$1,500 *Freeing the Sprint Through Poetry and Painting* is a collaborative project which will offer the boys' and girls' groups of our Mentoring Program-all survivors of abuse- the opportunity to participate in poetry and art classes which offer a venues for expression of their journeys.

Dancing People Company \$1,500 DPC's full company of 7 artists will spend two weeks at Eagle Point High, teaching technique and composition, and choreographing a piece in collaboration with students.

The Imagine Project \$1,500 *Ashland Audiowalks* is a new program of interpretive audio walking tours that describe life in 19th and early 20th century Oregon using Ashland's nationally-registered historic districts.

Rogue Opera \$1,500 *Opera in the Schools 2009-2010 OperAntics!* will provide an opportunity for over 20,000 children in southern Oregon and northern California to experience the wonderful marriage of outstanding vocal performance and drama in a 40-minute production to be performed 110+times tree days a week during October-November, January and February, 2010.

Rogue Valley Symphony Association \$1,500 *The Rogue Valley Symphony Discovery Concert* on January 30, 2010 will feature Gregory Smith's Ms. Smith's Bowl of Notes, and is designed specifically for families with young children and individuals who might not be able to attend our series evening concerts.

The Siskiyou Institute \$1,500 This project brings together professional performing artists form across the country as well as southern Oregon to present workshops and master classes for students in the Jackson County School District.

Upper Rogue Community Center, Inc. \$1,500 *The Upper Rogue Drama Summer Camp Program* provides educational, cultural, and artistic activities to 20 children aged 5-12, and which will be held during a three session in July.

Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon \$1,500 Education & Outreach Initiatives, including Scholarships, Complimentary Tickets for Students, Sectional Rehearsals, Chamber Music Series and Community Outreach Concerts, help ensure training and performance opportunities for young musicians and offer accessible concerts for the public.

The Jackson County Cultural Coalition, a program of the Arts Council of Southern Oregon, recognizes the importance of all aspects of the Arts, Heritage and Humanities, and seeks to promote public and private support for each. Key needs in this rich cultural fabric of Jackson County include adequate public funding and community awareness. The goals of the Jackson County Cultural Coalition are to support participation in and access to cultural activities for all Jackson County residents; to support and promote cultural educational opportunities, especially for youth in Jackson County; to support and promote awareness in Jackson County of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

The Oregon Cultural Trust is a statewide cultural plan to raise significant new funds to invest in Oregon's arts, humanities and heritage. Funds are distributed to local communities to support their cultural priorities, through competitive grants for projects of regional and statewide significance, and through grants to Oregon's statewide cultural agencies to support their ongoing efforts.