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***CITY OF SANTA BARBARA GRANTED \$300,000+ FOR ARTS INNOVATION IN 2016***

**(Santa Barbara, Calif.)** – The Santa Barbara County Office of Arts & Culture is pleased to announce that the City of Santa Barbara disbursed more than \$305,000 in grant funding to local arts and cultural practitioners and organizations. The Community Arts Enrichment, Organizational Development and Events and Festivals Grants programs are a demonstration of the city’s remarkable commitment to supporting local artists and cultural organizations.

Each city grant program is designed to address specific needs of the greater Santa Barbara community. The Organizational Development grant helps nonprofit organizations to cover basic administrative costs and make improvements that increase organizational efficiency and sustainability. The Community Arts grant supports programs that benefit city residents through arts education and outreach. The Events and Festivals grant program is focused on activities occurring during the Santa Barbara shoulder season to increase tourism and catalyze economic growth.

Per a 2016 National Endowment for the Arts study, Santa Barbara ranked 9 out of 367 metropolitan areas studied across the country, largely due to the continued support of the City of Santa Barbara and the continued partnership between the city and County to share resources to benefit all residents. The 2016 arts grants supported 41 exceptional and diverse programs, events and offerings that range from large-scale productions in the Downtown Cultural District to vital artist-based community programs in neighborhoods throughout the City.

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Organizations requested more than \$700,000 in funding support, demonstrating that even with city and county support, many local arts organizations still need additional funding to sustain operations. The city's arts symposium held this past October presented regional and statewide sources for additional financial aid to help close the gap.

Santa Barbara Mayor Helene Schneider strongly believes in the city's commitment to this program, stating that, "City funding towards various arts and festivals throughout the year builds a strong foundation for Santa Barbara's cultural economy. These grants help arts organizations and cultural practitioners grow their vision and attract community support."

Award recipients include: Children's Creative Project, Friends of the Eastside Library, PARC Foundation, Museum of Contemporary Art, Performing and Visual Arts Camp, VADA, Nebula Dance Lab, Santa Barbara Vocal Jazz Foundation, Viva el Arte, Solstice, Inner Light Choir, the William Sansum Diabetes Center, the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Barbara, the Pacific Pride Foundation, the Latin American Art Museum, Explore Ecology, DANCEworks, Ensemble Theatre Company, Goleta Valley Historical Society, Jewish Federation, Lobero Theatre Foundation, New Noise Festival, Opera Santa Barbara, Museum of Art, Revels, Trust for Historic Preservation, UCSB ArtAbounds, Slingshot Alpha Art Forum, the Maritime Museum, Drama Dogs, Lit Moon Theatre, Fishbon, the Historical Museum, the Outrageous Film Festival, the Arts Fund, the Flamenco Arts Fest, the Santa Barbara Symphony and Teen Star.

The Santa Barbara County Office of Arts & Culture serves under the County's Community Services Department as the local governmental umbrella for arts and culture projects and programs within Santa Barbara County. The Office represents a longstanding partnership between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Santa Barbara. For more than 30 years, both governments have shared resources and staff to maximize support for Santa Barbara arts and culture institutions, programs, initiatives and projects.