



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 Tuesday, June 27, 2017

CONTACT:
 Perette Godwin at 619-533-4511 or pkgodwin@sandiego.gov

Commission for Arts and Culture Invests Millions in Local Nonprofits

133 ARTS AND CULTURE NONPROFITS AWARDED CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego’s Commission for Arts and Culture announced the award of \$11,800,936 to 133 nonprofit arts and culture contractors for Fiscal Year 2018.

“The Commission proudly supports the tremendous, high quality work of our city's arts and cultural organizations. These 133 nonprofit groups are the foundation of the arts and cultural life of our city,” said Commission Chair Larry Baza.

With the approval of the Mayor and City Council, the Commission annually funds performances, exhibits, parades, festivals and creative experiences for San Diegans through contracts with local arts and culture nonprofits. Nonprofits can apply annually through two competitive funding programs. The Organizational Support Program (OSP) provides general operating support to nonprofits whose mission is primarily arts and culture related, and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) provides funding for specific projects such as festivals and parades.

The funding for both programs comes from the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), a tax collected from visitors who stay overnight in hotels, motels and other similar accommodations.

“San Diego’s vibrant arts and culture scene results from the creative work of our local nonprofits. The tourists who enjoy the theaters and museums of Balboa Park, concerts on the waterfront and festivals in San Diego’s colorful neighborhoods bring important revenue to help our city continue to be safe, clean and beautiful,” said Commission Executive Director Dana Springs.

For Fiscal Year 2018, 88 nonprofits will receive funding from [OSP](#) and 45 from [CCSD](#).

For more information on the Commission for Arts and Culture, please visit www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture/.

###