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## **The Holland Area Arts Council**

The Holland Area Arts Council has been awarded a grant of \$15,000 from the State of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA). The grant was awarded through the MCACA peer review process and was one of 575 applications to compete for *MCACA fiscal year 2017 funding*.

*“This year, with support from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Holland Area Arts Council will continue to encourage community engagement in the arts and inspire the creative thinkers of tomorrow”. ~Senator Gary Peters*

Organizations receiving a MCACA grant award are required to match those funds with other public and private dollars. Local support of the Arts Council’s operations included Howard Miller Co., Herman Miller, Haworth, Inc., Padnos, The Community Foundation of Holland/Zeeland, The Woman’s Literary Club of Holland, The Holland Junior Welfare League, Patricia Flynn, Robert and Debora Sterken and the Holland Sentinel. The Holland Arts Council also receives significant volunteer support from the community.

The Holland Area Arts Council, (HAAC) has spent 50 years focusing on three main areas to achieve its mission to engage, educate and challenge the community through the arts: 1) community involvement 2) art and cultural exhibitions & performances, and 3) high quality arts education and outreach programming.

Our goals are to challenge our community with exceptional experiences while creating accessibility for any level of ability or interest. Because the HAAC is a community-based art center, we are committed to maximizing the benefits and impact of our arts programming for everyone involved. We do this by providing education and exhibition opportunities for local emerging, recreational and working artists, while, at the same time, maintaining a flexible attitude towards engaging the community in different and exciting forms of artistic expression.

The MCACA peer review process allows for each grant application to be competitively considered by a panel of in-state and out-of-state arts and culture professionals. This ensures the taxpayers, who support our programming through legislative appropriations, and all other visitors or residents in Michigan will have access to the highest quality arts and cultural experiences.

A complete list of grant awards around the state is available by contacting MCACA at (517) 241-4011, or by visiting the MCACA website by clicking [here](#).