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PGE Foundation grants more than \$200,000 to enhance access to arts education for all Oregonians

PORTLAND, Ore. — The PGE Foundation — the corporate foundation of Portland General Electric — awarded 22 grants totaling \$211,250 in the second quarter of 2017 to arts and cultural education outreach programs. “We believe arts and culture are critical to helping all people realize their full potential,” said Kregg Arntson, executive director of the PGE Foundation. “That’s why we work with our community partners to provide young people access to arts learning opportunities in urban and rural areas across Oregon.”

Grants were awarded to programs that promote innovation, creativity, and enhance literacy and math skills. The Regional Arts & Culture Council received the largest grant of \$25,000 to support the Right Brain Initiative, which serves approximately 30,000 tri-county students.

Arts and culture grants awarded in the following key areas:

Arts and culture integrated into school curriculum

- **Arts Council of Pendleton, \$5,000:** To support arts education for young people in Pendleton and outlying cities
- **The August Wilson Red Door Project, \$10,000:** To support arts education, access and opportunity for Portland-area high school students of color
- **Confluences, \$10,000:** To support Confluence in the Classroom

- **Know Your City, \$5,000:** To support free multidisciplinary arts learning/publishing program
- **Literary Arts, Inc., \$10,000:** To support the activities of Literary Arts' Youth Programs
- **Northwest Film Center, \$8,750:** To help Title1 7th graders meet media arts and career readiness curriculum goals
- **Oregon Children's Theatre Company, \$15,000:** To support Ticket to Read, an arts education initiative for low-income students
- **Oregon East Symphony Inc., \$5,000:** To support Symphony Strings, an afterschool beginning strings program for 4th and 5th grade students
- **Oregon Black Pioneers, \$10,000:** To support curriculum development, marketing and programming for Racing to Change
- **Portland Center Stage, \$15,000:** To support free playwriting and theater fundamentals courses for teens in the Portland metro area
- **Regional Arts & Culture Council, \$25,000:** To support arts integrated learning for K-8 tri-county students
- **Salem Art Association, \$5,000:** To support free arts/history education field trips for 4th grade Title I students
- **Sisters Folk Festival Inc., \$5,000:** To support at-risk children participating in arts-based education in the Sisters area
- **White Bird, \$10,000:** To support Alvin Ailey outreach project with Portland Public Schools

Arts and culture access

- **Bag and Baggage Productions, \$5,000:** To increase access to live theater for high school students in four rural counties
- **Metropolitan Youth Symphony, \$10,000:** To support Music Equity Program, breaking down barriers to music education
- **Oregon Ballet Theatre, \$10,000:** To support the Student Performance Series, bringing world-class ballet to K-12 students
- **Oregon Council for the Humanities, \$5,000:** To support Humanity in Perspective course for adults living on low incomes without college degrees

- **Portland Art Museum, \$15,000:** To bring arts history into the classroom through the Teacher Poster Project
- **Portland Opera Association, Inc., \$10,000:** To support Portland Opera to Go's statewide educational tour
- **Portland Playhouse, \$10,000:** To support art opportunities for students, inspiring young people to discover their full potential
- **Write Around Portland, \$7,500:** To support access to creative writing for youth through creative writing workshops

The PGE Foundation works in collaboration with communities across Oregon to improve educational outcomes, inspire critical thinking through arts experiences and strengthen family stability.

The PGE Foundation, the corporate foundation of Portland General Electric, was established in 1997 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a permanent endowment. The Foundation's giving is separate from the corporate giving of PGE. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than 1,800 grants and distributed more than \$21.1 million to help improve the quality of life for Oregonians by supporting programs and services that encourage safe and healthy families, provide educational opportunities, and encourage arts and cultural diversity. Gwyneth Gamble Booth is chair, Dave Robertson is president and Kregg Arntson is executive director.

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