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MEDINA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL (MCAC) AWARDS OVER \$5,000 TO ARTS PROGRAMS AND \$4,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

MEDINA COUNTY, Ohio. – Medina County Arts Council (MCAC), a non-profit organization committed to advocating for, supporting, and nurturing the arts in Medina County is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2023 organization grants. Eight recipient organizations were awarded with grants ranging from \$500 – \$700, totaling \$5,025.

“MCAC is proud to support deserving organizations which present impactful visual and performing arts programs in Medina County,” said Kelly Parks, president of MCAC. “We thank our loyal supporters who make these grants possible and share in MCAC’s belief that art and culture bring the community together and positively impact our quality of life.”

MCAC’s 2023 grants were awarded to the following organizations and each grant represented a unique upcoming program.

- *Buckeye Community Theatre* – to cover the cost of musical scripts for actors and directors for the production of “Legally Blonde” - open to all county students.
- *Hope Recovery Community*- funds used to hire a Peer Recovery Art Specialist to oversee Art of Recovery programming for adults and children impacted by addiction.
- *Integrated Community Solutions* – to pay for guest artist instructor once a month for one year for this organization that provides programming for children, teens and adults living with developmental disabilities.
- *Main Street Wadsworth/Downtown Wadsworth* – to secure the services of a professional artist who will design and create an art mural in downtown Wadsworth.
- *Medina Chorus, Inc.* - operating expenses to include purchase of music, director and accompanist fees, rehearsal and performance hall rental.
- *Medina Community Band* – to provide operating expenses for the costs of presenting 8-10 free concerts a year.
- *Planet Joy Studio/Peaceworks* - to support operating costs such as supplies to help empower artists to expand their creativity skills and art mediums.
- *Wadsworth Community Radio* – for production and airing of Wadsworth schools and Wadsworth Community Band Christmas programs.

In addition to awarding organizations funding for arts related projects, MCAC is honored to award scholarships to Medina County 2023 graduates who have been actively involved in the arts during high school and are continuing their education at a technical school, 2-year, or 4-year institution.

Thanks to the generosity of our Friends of the Arts donors, we were able to grant six scholarships totaling \$4,000. Here are our scholarship recipients:

- *Abigail Huml* – Highland High School (\$1,000) Abigail will be attending Kent State University to major in Graphic Arts. She intends to pursue a career in graphic design or a related field.
- *Adam Kennedy* – Brunswick High School (\$1,000) Adam will be attending the Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Music to study Music Education. He plans to teach choir or orchestra to grade levels 6-12 in a public school.
- *Christina Chen* – Wadsworth High School (\$500) Christina will attend Boston University to major in Advertising and Marketing. She plans to blend the creative fields of art and design with psychology, which is another one of her interests. In the same way people are moved by viewing artwork, she wants to move or persuade others with ads.
- *Faith Rawlins* – Medina High School (\$500) Faith plans to attend Baldwin Wallace University and plans to study Music Composition. She wants to be a music composer for movies, television shows, and any other media that contains music. She hopes to work with computer technology and live orchestras and bands to create music pieces that bring her creative ideas to life.
- *Nicole Rawlins* – Medina High School (\$500) Nicole will be attending Baldwin Wallace University and will be majoring in both Theater and Psychology in hopes of acting and directing her own productions in the future. She also wants to be able to help others with her degrees and continue her study of the arts in the future.
- *Sara Render* – Cloverleaf High School (\$500) Sara will attend the Cleveland Institute of Art where she will study Illustration. She plans to share her art and story around the world with commissions and merchandise.

The Board of Trustees of Medina County Arts Council is dedicated to upholding its mission of advocating for, supporting, and nurturing the arts in Medina County by providing scholarships to deserving seniors like these. We wish them the best in their education and future careers!

For more information about MCAC including how to get involved, please visit our website at <https://www.medinacountyartscouncil.org/> or email us at MedinaCoArtsCouncil@gmail.com

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