

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks requesting approval of 2025 Fund for the Arts ("CAMPAC") allocations, by recommending **REJECTION** of the following:

### AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 2025 Adopted Budget provided Milwaukee County (the County) funding for the arts; and

WHEREAS, adopted File Nos. 86-466 and 86-463 established guidelines and criteria for awarding County arts funds; and

WHEREAS, adopted File No. 87-732 approved policy guidelines and funding criteria for arts program funding; and

WHEREAS, adopted File No. 21-90 approved updated policy guidelines and funding criteria for arts program funding, in accordance with 2021 Adopted Budget Amendment 1A020; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural, Artistic, and Musical Programming Advisory Council (CAMPAC) has reviewed and evaluated applications and comments, and has made recommendations for awarding grants through the County arts program; and

WHEREAS, the recommended 2025 CAMPAC allocations were based on the format established in adopted File No. 21-90; and

WHEREAS, CAMPAC met on August 1, 2025, and recommended allocations for approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of September 2, 2025, recommended **REJECTION** of File No. 25-552 (vote 4-2); ~~now, therefore, and~~

WHEREAS, in rejecting the file, members of the Committee on Parks and Culture raised concerns regarding the equity and sustainability of the current "one-size-fits-all" funding model; and

WHEREAS, while acknowledging the concerns raised by committee members, the Board recognizes that qualified arts organizations submitted applications for 2025 CAMPAC grants in accordance with the requirements and distribution formula established in adopted File No. 21-90, and that CAMPAC has recommended awarding the funds accordingly; now, therefore,

45 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
 46 authorizes the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), to  
 47 award the following agencies funding in 2025, in the manner prescribed by the Cultural,  
 48 Artistic, and Musical Programming Advisory Council:  
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Organization Name	Grant Award
Aperi Animam	\$6,413
Arts at Large	\$6,413
Bel Canto Chorus of Milwaukee, Inc.	\$6,413
Black Arts MKE, Inc.	\$6,413
Boulevard Ensemble, Inc.	\$6,413
Civic Music Association of Milwaukee	\$6,413
Concord Chamber Orchestra	\$6,413
DanceCircus, Ltd.	\$6,413
Danceworks, Inc.	\$6,413
Early Music Now, Inc.	\$6,413
Ex Fabula	\$6,413
Festival City Symphony	\$6,413
First Stage Milwaukee, Inc.	\$6,413
Florentine Opera Company	\$6,413
Forte Theatre Company, Inc.	\$6,413
Frankly Music, Inc.	\$6,413
Haggerty Museum of Art at Marquette University	\$6,413
Joy Engine	\$6,413
Ko-Thi Dance Company (Ko-Thi, Inc.)	\$6,413
Latino Arts, Inc.	\$6,413
Lynden, Inc. (doing business as Lynden Sculpture Garden)	\$6,413
Marcus Performing Arts Center	\$6,413
Milwaukee Ballet Company, Inc.	\$6,413
Milwaukee Chamber Theatre	\$6,413
DPRC Summer Concerts	\$6,413
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design	\$6,413
Milwaukee Opera Theatre	\$6,413
Milwaukee Repertory Theater	\$6,413
Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra	\$6,413
Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, Inc.	\$6,413
Next Act Theatre	\$6,413
Optimist Theatre	\$6,413
Present Music	\$6,413
Quasimondo Physical Theatre	\$6,413
Radio Milwaukee	\$6,413
Renaissance Theaterworks	\$6,413
RUACH, Inc.	\$6,413

Skylight Music Theatre	\$6,413
Summit Players Theatre	\$6,413
TBEY Arts Center, Inc.	\$6,413
The Milwaukee Choristers, Inc.	\$6,413
Theatre Gigante, Inc.	\$6,413
Walkers Point Center for the Arts	\$6,413
Washington Park Neighbors	\$6,413
West Side Arts Un, Ltd. (doing business as The New State)	\$6,413
Wild Space Dance Company	\$6,413
Wisconsin Conservatory of Music	\$6,413
Woodland Pattern Book Center	\$6,413
TOTAL	\$307,825

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is authorized to revise the proposed funding amounts, pending ongoing eligibility verification; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC, the Department of Administrative Services, and the Office of the Comptroller are authorized to execute any contracts and/or documents necessary to disburse funding to the awarded organizations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the current distribution model shall be deemed null and void upon completion of the 2025 grant allocations; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is requested to collaborate with CAMPAC to develop a new funding formula, in consultation with the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF), and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the new distribution formula shall take into account the track record and performance of each applicant, the size of each arts organization, and its inclusiveness in serving the residents of Milwaukee County; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CAMPAC and DPRC are requested to present their recommendations for revised grant criteria to the County Board by the June 2026 meeting cycle for review and approval.**

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