

# CARLSBAD: City hands out \$25,000 in community arts grants

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Giant puppets will appear at a Carlsbad chalk art festival and fifth-graders at Pacific Rim Elementary will make a "legacy" mosaic thanks to new grants handed out by the [Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office](#).

Sixteen nonprofits and schools will share \$25,000 in city grant money, Community Arts Coordinator Colleen Finnegan announced. Six of the grants will go to nonprofits and 10 will go to school activities.

This is the 27th year of the matching arts grant program. Successful applications included one for a giant puppetry performance at annual [ArtSplash](#) chalk painting festival in September. Finnegan said the puppets are easily 20 feet tall.

"They're very interactive, so they'll parade (about) ... they'll certainly be a big asset," she said.

The mosaic project, which received a \$690 city grant, will allow fifth-graders to leave behind a special art element at the school when they graduate, Finnegan said.

"Legacy Mosaic is the term the school's using because it will be left by the departing fifth-graders, so it's their legacy to the school," she said.

The fifth-graders will be working with first- and second-graders on the project.

Also gaining funding is the annual [Mainly Mozart](#) festival, which begins Jan. 29.

"The level of performers that they bring to our community is just internationally unsurpassed," Finnegan said, mentioning that famed pianist [John Lill](#) will be performing at the Feb. 26 concert.

The list of 2012 Community Arts Grants recipients:

## Organizations/partnerships

- Animal Cracker Conspiracy, \$1,000 for interactive performances at the ArtSplash chalk art festival in September.
- Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League, \$1,000 for nine artist workshops in Carlsbad.
- Mainly Mozart, \$2,000 for a three-concert chamber music event called the Spotlight Series, at St. Elizabeth Seaton Church.
- Museum of Making Music, \$3,000 for a Global Spotlight Concert Series, featuring six performances.
- New Village Arts, \$3,945 to help support its 2012 season, which includes six main stage productions, 12 Off Nights Series programs, a holiday event and a Shakespeare in the Park production.
- Patrons of the Arts Foundation/Carlsbad Community Theatre, \$3,000 for multiple performances of two youth productions, one family production and six workshops.

## Arts education

- Carlsbad High School Band Boosters, \$1,200 for four guest artists and coaches, particularly for the Wind Symphony.
- Carlsbad High School Choral Boosters, \$1,200 for six guest artists to work with Sound Express and Encore choirs.
- Carlsbad High School Drama Club, \$1,200 for a choreographer in residence for the May musical theater production.
- Carlsbad High School Film Academy, \$1,200 for a field trip to the Warner Bros. studio.
- Carlsbad High School Speech and Debate Team, \$1,200 for specialized textbooks and other materials.
- Calavera Hills Elementary School, \$950 for four "Meet the Masters" visual arts programs for fifth-grade students in the spring.
- Jefferson Elementary School, \$1,015 for the school's choir program.
- Montessori Arts and Sciences, \$1,200 for a 10-week theater project.
- Pacific Rim Elementary School, \$690 for an artist-led mosaic project that pairs fifth-graders with first- and second-

graders.

- St. Patrick School, \$1,200 for an artist-led, "Write-On" playwriting residency program for 100 seventh- and eighth-grade students.