

ARCS Arizona

Location: Majestic Neighborhood Cinema in Tempe

Date: November 4 and 5, 2023

Description: American Romanian Cultural Society (ARCS) Arizona aims to weave the Romanian cultural spirit into the fabric of the Greater Phoenix artistic life by engaging communities in collaborative events and programs. This is the third Arizona Romanian Film Festival and is a part of a larger festival that occurs virtually and in person. ARCS Arizona will feature new Romanian movies that have been presented this year in major European festivals. There will be 4 showtimes at Majestic Neighborhood Cinema in Tempe on November 4 and 5, 2023. Screenings will include a pre-event introduction and a post-event discussion with the audience, involving a film essay competition with two awards.

Website: www.azarcc.org

Little Somethings Press

Location: Tempe Public Library, Tempe History Museum

Date: August 2023 – June 2024

Description: Little Somethings Press amplifies the power of micro-literature and handmade books by publishing high-quality poetry, flash fiction, flash memoir, and art. Each book is hand-bound and made from upcycled materials. LSP will create a call for literature artists, and 30 submissions will be selected to be fully printed and published with a goal of 50% of these works being created by Tempe-based artists. This year's issue theme will be deserts, and a total of 120 books will be made by hand. In partnership with the Tempe Public Library, Little Somethings Press aims to continue sharing the crafts of brevity and bookmaking within the literary and arts communities through two workshops and a launch event.

Website: www.littlesomethingspress.com

MAC & Company

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts (Studio Theater)

Date: August 12, 2023

Description: MAC & Company was founded from a shared passion for dance education and performance between Micaela Church and Li Pei Khoo in 2014. While being full time dance educators, Church and Khoo continue to be committed to the creative process and practice of dance as a performing art. With the help of this grant, MAC & Company will present their 9th annual concert at Tempe Center for the Arts, titled "PHASE 9", where eighteen new dance works will be presented as part of this 90 minute showcase. The first half will feature work by MAC & Co's members, and the second half will feature works by members of Friends in Dance. The showcase will include a wide array of styles, including modern, ballet, jazz, hip hop, and more.

Website: www.macdance.org

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Mix Mix Tayo Collective

Location: Unity Through Community

Date: October 21, 2023

Description: Mix Mix Tayo Collective is led by Coley Curry and Alicia Yurong with the intention of bringing Filipinx arts and culture programming to the community. With a collective name and mission rooted in Filipinx culture, Mix Mix Tayo Collective will present an event during Filipino Heritage Month that is open to the public and highlights Filipinx culture, featuring arts activities, an art gallery, movement workshops, karaoke, open mic performances, and dance performances. Some workshops will require pre-registration and others are free, making this event accessible to all. Mix Mix Tayo Collective provides Filipinx artists opportunities to share their work while bringing together Filipinos and non-Filipinos to connect, learn and enjoy.

Website: linktr.ee/cocurry.net

New Style Hustle Phoenix

Location: Unity Through Community

Date: October 3 – November 4, 2023, January 15 – March 18, 2024

Description: New Style Hustle Phoenix (NSHP)'s mission is to teach the local community about the dance form of New Style Hustle via free, weekly classes for a total of 4 months while connecting participants to the wider New Style Hustle dance community, which has chapters all over the U.S. and abroad. The purpose of this collective is to honor and highlight American Black Cultural dances, while providing access to dance education to the Tempe community. New Style Hustle Phoenix creates truly inclusive programming that is intergenerational, multicultural, and socio-economically accessible. Classes will take place on Tuesdays from 7pm-9pm at Unity Through Community in Tempe.

Social Media: @smurfzation

Pocket Change Crew

Location: Escalante Multigenerational Center

Date: February 12, 2024

Description: Pocket Change Crew aims to nurture and inspire different communities to involve themselves in multiple styles of street dance. This grant will be used to present a Hip Hop dance tournament (also known as a battle), featuring live music by renowned Phoenix DJ DeeJay Panic, at the Escalante Center in Tempe. There will be 2 categories in this competition; footwork and all-style. Judges in each category will send deserving competitors on to the next round until a winner is named, who will be awarded with an original visual art piece created by local artist Adrian Garcia. The battle will also feature dance breaks, where participants and viewers alike are invited to come into the space to dance to live music and connect.

Social Media: n/a

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The Sacred G's

Location: Galvin Plaza on ASU Campus (behind Art Museum)

Date: October 29, 2023

Description: The Sacred G's is an artist collective dedicated to conceiving, creating, and presenting dance and performance art-based works grounded in bridging the gap between communities and the street arts. With the help of this grant, The Sacred G's will host Arizona's 2nd annual experimental open styles dance battle and platform; a free, public, outdoor, family-friendly event. Through carefully curated verbal prompts and music choices, each participant in this competition gets to embody a particular human experience unique to the prompt, music, and how they feel in that moment. The event will also feature DJs, MCs, a Native Hip Hop hand artist, cyphers, knowledge sharing segments, and cash prizes for select winners.

Website: www.thesacredgs.com

Tranze Danza Contemporánea

Location: Escalante Multigenerational Center

Date: October 27-29, 2023

Description: Tranze Danza Contemporánea, a dance company born in Mexico, shares knowledge, experiences, and culture through movement. Blending sound, movement, theatre, and poetry, they foster open dialogue on social issues. With this grant, they will host the Mitote Dance Intensive; a three-day workshop for contemporary dancers seeking to expand their skills and network. The intensive will consist of six classes at the Escalante Center and a final choreographic showing on the basketball court, which features a mural by a local Mexican artist. Each day, two 75-minute classes will be conducted, followed by a 2.5-hour choreographic process led by members of Tranze Danza Contemporánea where participants will partake in a collaborative exchange to create a unique choreography for the final showing.

Website: www.zarinamendoza.com ; www.tranzedc.com

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Asociacion de Peruanos en Arizona

Location: University Presbyterian Church

Date: May 4, 2024

Description: Asociación de Peruanos en Arizona aims to promote the different aspects of Peruvian culture within the Arizonan community. The organization will host an event with traditional Peruvian cuisine, dance and music. The culinary aspect of the event will include causa, pollo a la brasa, alfajores, and various other dishes. Movement artists will perform dances such as the marinera and the modern huaylas. Additionally, singers and musicians will perform classical Peruvian Andean music. The event will also include traditional Mexican artforms; creating space to celebrate more than one culture.

Social Media: Facebook - @ASPEAZ

CaZo Dance Theatre

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts Studio Theatre

Date: April 25, 26 and 27, 2024

Description: CaZo Dance Theatre will present a third installment of their fully interactive show, Once Upon a Bachelor. As a fun and comedic commentary on reality TV, this theatrical dance piece takes the audience through a season of The Bachelor, in which the participants are Disney characters. The audience votes for their favorite character throughout the show, ultimately deciding who wins the last rose. This changes the outcome of every show, making it truly unique and immersive. Local High Schools are also invited on a field trip to the matinee performance for a discounted ticket price to inspire students to continue dance as a career.

Website: www.cazodance.com

Community Choir of Arizona

Location: Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church

Date: April 14, 2024

Description: The Community Choir of Arizona will have weekly rehearsals from January 9th – April 9th, 2024 and will hold their concert on April 14th at 1pm. The performance is open to the public and will feature choral music ranging from current popular songs to classical standards. As a non-auditioned choir, The Community Choir of Arizona is open to adults of all backgrounds, with provided scholarships to those who need financial assistance with the membership fees. The Choir's mission is to make choral music fun and accessible for the community while offering an inclusive atmosphere to those who want to sing in a group.

Website: www.communitychoirofarizona.com

Driftwood Quintet

Location: The Dark Side; The Beast (Behind Cornish Pasty)

Date: April 18 and May 30, 2024

Description: For this project, Driftwood Quintet will curate a new concert series titled “Classical Underground”, which involves producing free/low-cost chamber music concerts at venues where chamber music does not normally occur. The series will include two performances that both take place at speakeasy-style venues in downtown Tempe: The Dark Side on April 18th and The Beast on May 30th. The April concert will also feature a collaboration with local poet Sean Avery. Driftwood’s goal is to expand the appreciation and growth of chamber music through socially relevant and exciting performances in non-alienating spaces for young adult audiences.

Website: www.driftwoodquintet.com

Resale Therapy

Location: Resale Therapy

Date: January 13, 2024

Description: Resale Therapy aims to make the world a better place by reducing waste through sustainable fashion. With this grant, they will produce an event with art, poetry, and fashion called Fulfilling the Dream at Resale Therapy. The event will serve as an ode to Martin Luther King Jr. by highlighting different mediums of artwork by local artists of color and hosting a Tempe-specific black history trivia game. There will also be live painting by Sarah Clayborn and Zybrena, DJs, vendors, henna artists, live poetry readings by Wisdom Soul and Jason Lalli, a wellness seminar by Pure Juice and Joy, food, and raffles.

Website: www.resaletherapyusa.com

Tempe Artist Guild

Location: Tempe History Museum; Friendship Village Senior Living Center

Date: January 1 - June 30, 2024

Description: Tempe Artist Guild will utilize this funding to enhance and expand their Speaker Series, Exhibitions, Art Workshops, and Outreach Projects. The programs are offered to adults of all backgrounds who are interested in artistic growth and development. The Speaker Series will invite a professional artist to speak each month between January-June 2024. The first of the two workshops at Friendship Village will occur on January 13th from 10am-4pm. The second workshop will focus on Plein Air Painting and will take place on April 12th and 13th. TAG’s exhibition will run in the Tempe History Museum from November 28th– January 27th, 2024.

Website: www.tempeartistsguild.org

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Tempe Community Chorus

Location: Friendship Village Skirm Auditorium

Date: May 2024

Description: This grant will help fund Tempe Community Chorus' 2024 Spring Season Public Concert as well as their concert at Friendship Village on May 21, 2024. TCC's joyous and uplifting program includes a variety of accessible musical genres. Concerts follow a general format of the full chorus performing, interspersed with three to four smaller audition groups singing additional tunes and often including an audience sing-along. The chorus is open to any adult skilled in matching pitch. It is directed by Cary Burns and accompanied by pianist Mary Sievert, with occasional accompaniment by drummer Ben Adams.

Website: www.tempecommunitychorus.org

Third Space Dance Project

Location: Escalante Multigenerational Center

Date: May 17-19, 2024

Description: One of the ways that Third Space Dance Project facilitates connection and inclusion in the dance community is by creating financially accessible classes that allow dancers to train, network, and advance their artistry. This grant will fund the 2024 AZ Dance Professionals Workshops in May 2024. The workshops include fifteen total hours of free drop-in classes and seminars for local dance professionals. The three-day event will incorporate three to four technique/physical practice classes per day, followed by a sixty-minute seminar or workshop relating to topics in the industry. Classes in various dance forms will be offered.

Website: www.thirdspacedanceproject.org
