

VIBRANT CITY ARTS GRANTS 2022-2023

BoxTLunch

Location: Tempe Family YMCA

Date: September 2022 – March 2023

Description: BoxTLunch provides free, weekly dance sessions held throughout Tempe to support local dance artists and to present opportunities for connection. Founded in August, 2020, BoxTLunch has offered many “Funky Mayan Sessions” and free, New Style Hustle classes in various locations. The collective honors and highlights American Black Cultural dances while providing accessible arts education to the Tempe dance community. BoxTLunch creates engaging, inclusive and intergenerational programming while bringing dance to socio-economically diverse and multicultural audiences.

Social Media: [@smurfzation](#) [@hotzone_sessions](#) [@__itsalvin](#)

Little Something Press

Location: Fine Art Complex 1101

Date: August 2022 – April 2023

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. A total of 120 books will be made by hand. Once completed, a launch event including readings and discussions from ten contributors will showcase the books.

Website: www.littlesomethingpress.com

Tempe Artist Guild

Location: Friendship Village, Tempe History Museum, Peterson House, Mirabella Senior Living

Date: September 2022 – June 2023

Description: The purpose of the Tempe Artists Guild is to: promote and advance the appreciation and practice of art; encourage and support art education through the development and cooperation of artists; and to support art-related community projects. TAG promotes artistic development by providing a Speaker Series, Art Workshops at Friendship Village, Exhibition at the Tempe History Museum, and Community Outreach projects. These visual-art-focused events will be held simultaneously in-person and via Zoom.

Website: www.tempeartistsguild.org

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The Sacred G's

Location: Tempe Town Lake

Date: December 17 and December 24, 2022

Description: The Sacred G's is a street dance art collective, rooted in conscious Hip Hop culture, that aims to catalyze social change. Fusing street dance styles and soul-inspired movement, the G's bring empowerment, inspiration, and artistic enrichment to the Tempe community. In December 2022, a team of LED-suited dancers will roam throughout the Tempe Town Lake area while they engage with passersby in a family-friendly, interactive manner. This fusion of street dance in glowing LED suits will be non-verbal and non-tactile. The theatrics feature a continuous guerrilla-style storyline and interactive performance art.

Website: www.thesacredgs.com

Vivrant

Location: Studio 7: 610 W Broadway Road

Date: August 19 and September 19, 2022

Description: Vivrant is an artist collective that has produced over 26 audience experiences, including but not limited to poetry, pottery, music, clothing, photography, paintings, pastries, and drawings. In August and September 2022, Vivrant is facilitating the *What Dreams Are Made Of* art experience at Studio 7 in Tempe. This event will provide an immersive exhibition featuring live music, an open mic session, a craft lab, a flash tattoo booth, visual art, handmade clothing and jewelry, poets, painters, sketch artists, graphic designers, and small fashion shows. Vivrant aims to showcase passion while uplifting local artists in many different fields.

Social Media: [@vivrantofficial](https://www.instagram.com/vivrantofficial)

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Asociacion de Peruanos en Arizona

Location: Shalimar Golf Course

Date: June 24, 2023

Description: ASPEAZ, 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, dances, music and poetry. The culinary aspect of the event will include ceviche, arroz con pato a la chiclayana, pachamanca, papa a la huancaína, rocoto relleno and various other dishes. There will be artists performing dances such as the marinera and huayno. There will also be singers and musicians performing El Cóndor Pasa and Música Criolla. To encourage and practice the Spanish language there will be a Poem Contest for children under 12, which will be written in Spanish. The main reason for this event is to remember and celebrate the Peruvian culture. **Social Media:** FB @ASPEAZ

Dreamocracy in America: Rudos y Tecnicos

Location: ASU Art Museum

Date: April 1, 2023 - April 30, 2023

Description: Victor Payan and Pocha Peña will partner with the ASU Art Museum and their “Lucha Libre: Beyond the Arenas” to bring the multifaceted Mexican wrestling project to Tempe for a month-long series of trainings, workshops with Tempe artists that will culminate in a transdisciplinary public performance. This grant will support a cohort of 9 Tempe artists in the creation of the Rudos y Tecnicos performance event. The local artists will receive training in the lead artists’ methodology to enact positive social change by using performance strategies to advocate for social justice and equity at the public and civic level. The workshops also include lessons on creating Mexican wrestler personas and masks and using performance and humor to participate in actual engagements. **Website:** www.dreamocracyinamerica.org

The Kiki House of Paragon

Location: Tempe Z-Room

Date: June 3, 2023

Description: The Kiki House of Paragon creates space for ballroom culture and community members to freely express themselves within the historical and cultural foundations of the underground ballroom scene. Members of The Kiki House of Paragon will be joining forces to host a Kiki ball titled "Summer Loving." This evening length competition event will include a commentator, five judges and five dance categories. Dancer expected to participate include, House of Paragon, House of Majestic, West Coast Kiki Alliance, and LGBTQ+ teens and adults. Additionally, spectators will be able to enjoy the experience by witnessing from tables and chairs arranged on the outside of the competition runway in support of those that are competing and walking. **Social Media:** IG @kikihouseofparagon