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GWINNETT CREATIVITY FUND AWARDS \$50,000 IN OPERATING GRANT FUNDS TO LOCAL NON-PROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Explore Gwinnett aims to help Gwinnett arts and culture organizations recover from the pandemic

(Gwinnett County, GA) Explore Gwinnett is pleased to award a total of \$50,000 in grants to 8 Gwinnett County non-profit arts and culture organizations through the Gwinnett Creativity Fund. These awards will assist organizations in to continue and grow their operations, as well as supporting continued post-COVID recovery.

“These organizations have showed true resilience and creativity through their continued programming,” says Lisa Anders, Explore Gwinnett executive director “Explore Gwinnett is proud to facilitate the Gwinnett Creativity Fund and continue to award grants that help spread art and culture throughout Gwinnett County.”

Organizations receiving grants from the Gwinnett Creativity Fund Operations Grant include:

1. **Aurora Theatre** (\$14,000) – Founded in 1996, Aurora Theatre houses 2 performance spaces, boasts 5,000 season ticket holders, produces over 850 events annually and entertains 80,000 visitors. More information about Aurora Theatre can be found [here](#).
2. **The Hudgens Center for Art & Learning** (\$11,500) – The Jacqueline Casey Hudgens Center for Art and Learning, founded in 1981, brings art lovers, leaders, and learners together through quality programs and exhibitions. More information about The Hudgens Center for Art & Learning can be found [here](#).
3. **Gwinnett Ballet Theatre** (\$7,000) – Gwinnett Ballet Theatre was founded in 1977 and is one of the oldest non-profit arts organizations in Gwinnett County. More information about Gwinnett Ballet Theatre can be found [here](#).
4. **Suwanee Arts Center** (\$5,000) – Established in 2010 with the purpose of bringing artists and art lovers to promote the appreciation of local art through arts education, exhibition, festivals, and art events. More information about SAC can be found [here](#).
5. **Suwanee Performing Arts** (\$5,000) – Founded in 2007, SPA is a nonprofit community arts organization providing quality performance opportunities to, and by, the citizens of Gwinnett County. More information about Suwanee Performing Arts can be found [here](#).
6. **Live Arts Theatre Inc.** (\$2,500) – Founded in 1993, Live Arts Theatre is a teaching theatre, where professional and amateur artists join to further develop the skills necessary to be successful in the field of professional theatre. More information about Live Arts Theatre can be found [here](#).

7. **Norcross Gallery and Studios** (\$2,500) – Previously known as Kudzu Art Zone and founded in 2006, they are an organization of volunteer artists whose focus is the support and advancement of local art and artists throughout the community. More information about Norcross Gallery and Studios can be found [here](#).
8. **Southeastern Railway Museum** (\$2,500) – Southeastern Railway Museum, which has been Georgia’s official transportation museum since 1970, provides an educational atmosphere bringing to life the cultural, technological, and historical importance of transportation to our region. More information about Southeastern Railway Museum can be found [here](#).

Gwinnett Creativity Fund is now accepting applications for Project Grants through July 30, which offers funding for project based arts initiatives in Gwinnett County such as festivals, exhibits, performances or public art. Organizations can view eligibility requirements and apply for the Project Grant [here](#).

More details can be found at GwinnettCreativityFund.com.

Photography of grant awardees can be found [here](#).

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ABOUT EXPLORE GWINNETT

Explore Gwinnett, the marketing brand for the Gwinnett Convention and Visitors Bureau (GCVB), is Gwinnett County's official tourism organization and is dedicated to strengthening Gwinnett County's economy by marketing the county as a destination for conventions, film, sporting events, meetings and leisure travel through sales, marketing and promotion. Explore Gwinnett also houses the Gwinnett Sports Commission, and oversees and administers the Gwinnett Creativity Fund.

ABOUT GWINNETT CREATIVITY FUND

Gwinnett Creativity Fund is a pilot program for arts grants in Gwinnett County. Gwinnett County recognizes the inherent value of the arts to a community’s success and seeks to increase the County’s profile as a cultural, inclusive destination where the arts educate, elevate, and inspire. This grant program is funded by Gwinnett County and administered by Explore Gwinnett.