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## **Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo Announces 2021 Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Minigrant Awards**

**KALAMAZOO, Mich.**— The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo (ACGK) has announced the recipients of the first round of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) minigrants for projects and the completed round of grants for professional and organizational development.

MCACA coordinates grants to arts and culture organizations, cities and municipalities, and other non-profit organizations to encourage, develop, and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative, and cultural activity in Michigan. The ACGK serves as the regranting agency for Region 8, which includes seven counties in Michigan's Southwest Prosperity Region: Berrien, Branch, Cass, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren. The minigrant applications are reviewed by a panel of artists, residents, and organizational leaders from the region using criteria set by the MCACA.

Minigrants provide up to \$4,000 for locally developed, high-quality arts and cultural projects as well as up to \$1,500 for professional and organizational development. These are special opportunities to address local arts and cultural needs, as well as increasing public access to arts and culture. Minigrants support a broad range of artistic expression from all cultures through projects which preserve, produce, or present traditional or contemporary arts and culture and/or arts education.

Round II Region 8 funding will be available for projects only. The application deadline for Round II funding is January 15, 2021. For additional information please visit MCACA's website: [michiganbusiness.org/industries/mcaca](http://michiganbusiness.org/industries/mcaca) or ACGK's website: [kalamazooarts.org/grants](http://kalamazooarts.org/grants).

### **Professional & Organizational Development Minigrant Recipients**

#### **Evgeniya Kozhevnikova – \$1,500**

*Development Project: Consultation with Dr. Harold Rosenbaum and attending Choral Composers' Workshop*

#### **Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival – \$1,500**

*Development Project: Fund professional Diversity Consultant*

#### **Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center – \$1,500**

*Development Project: Hire Marketing Consultant*

#### **Adam Schumaker – \$1,056**

*Development Project: Attending Society of Arts Entrepreneurship Education and New Music Gathering 2021 Conferences*

**Glass Art Kalamazoo Inc. – \$1,054**

*Development Project: Glass Arts Society Conference and Board of Directors Training*

**Performing Arts Workshops - Paw Inc. – \$1,054**

*Development Project: Summer Instructional Staff Professional Development*

**Binder Park Zoological Society Inc. – \$336**

*Development Project: Planned Giving: Getting the Proper Start course*

**Project Minigrant Recipients**

**Coastline Children's Film Festival – \$4,000**

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**New Territory Arts Association – \$4,000**

*Project: Benton Harbor Arts Association Mural*

**Performing Arts Workshops - Paw Inc. – \$4,000**

*Project: PAW Jr. and PAW Sr. Workshops*

**Bloomington Public School District – \$3,600**

*Project: Bloomington Steel Drum Program*

**International Society of Experimental Artists (ISEA) – \$2,000**

*Project: ISEA Symposium*

***About the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo:***

*The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo exists to infuse arts and culture into the commercial, educational, and creative economies of our region. The ACGK provides access to a broad range of artistic and cultural opportunities through grants, promotion, advocacy, and free programming to the seven-county region which it serves. For more information visit the ACGK website at [www.kalamazooarts.org](http://www.kalamazooarts.org).*

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