



THE BELLE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2018 GRANTS

Our mission is to actively support the arts, humanities and education through recognition of creative efforts and visionary ideas demonstrated by individuals in these fields.

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Jennifer Myhre
Visual Arts
Los Altos Hills, CA

"The subject matter of this project is incredibly timely. It documents an important social issue facing our country. The potential for her and this project are endless!"

Jennifer's current undertaking, "1500 Stories," is a large scale cooperative art and digital storytelling project about economic inequality in the U.S., beginning in Silicon Valley. The project will culminate in a five mile long public art installation and civic engagement experience.

<http://www.jennifermyhre.net>

Amy Richter
Education
Portland, OR



As a mother of two elementary school students, Amy became fed up watching music disappear from her children's school curriculum due to budget cuts and decided to do something about it by developing Music Workshop, a program aimed at bringing music appreciation and study to public schools in the Portland area completely free of charge.

<http://www.musicworkshopedu.org>

"A Belle grant is a wonderful way to honor Amy for her vision and dedication to finding a creative way of bypassing the hurdles of budget cuts and promoting the musical arts to a new generation."

Karina Cervantes
Dance
San José, CA



As a dance student, Karina was full of ideas about dance and wanted to change the expectations of what a dancer should look like, what body type they should have, and how they should move. The result? Cypher Dance Company - created as a welcoming and inclusive group, regardless of a dancer's background, body type, race, or gender.

<http://www.cypherdancecompany.com>

"She is a very self aware and determined young lady who has put her ideas of how individuals should be regarded and honored into action through her grass roots productions"

Alyssa Teixeira
Theatre
San José, CA

"Each time her character was on stage, you simply could not take your eyes off her."



A riveting young acting talent, Alyssa possesses natural timing, charm, and stage presence that doesn't come along often. Her ability to elevate every nuance, gesture, and line delivery promises an exciting future in theatre.

Joshua Curry
(aka Lucidbeaming)
Visual Arts
San José, CA

"Joshua is first and foremost interested in art as a way to build connections between people in the community."



Described as "experimental electronic music and explorations of interactive art and technology," Joshua's vision of tech-art is refreshing in that it extends beyond what we've come to classify as new media arts. Most of his technologies incorporate hardware and software that has been discarded, broken, or has glitchy behaviors.

<https://lucidbeaming.com>

Justin Chance
Fiber Arts
Los Angeles, CA

In his Los Angeles exhibit "Long Distance," Justin used materials such as wool, dyed and burned silk, cotton balls, graphite, paper, and embroidery to explore the idea of distance from different perspectives and the resulting violence, romances, and grace. He is a talented, creative thinker producing interesting and complex work.

<https://justinchance.com>



"Justin appears to jump in, get involved, and create community wherever he goes."



Collaborative Grant

Zoë Charlton and Tim Doud
Art Activists
Baltimore, MD

Zoë and Tim created I 'sindikit I, a project space in the Baltimore area that supports experimental work, promotes practice-based research, and fosters art-centered conversations. They have worked with dozens of artists over the years and masterfully paired artists who are at different stages in their career to create magic and interest in this creative space.

<http://www.sindikit.net>

"Zoë and Tim carefully cultivate a group of artists to present in this space, which is part energetic think tank and workshop. They find artists both emerging and established and bring them together to do something unusual, raw, different."