



## COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT PROGRAM

### 2025 Grant Recipients (as of 8/8/25)

**Benita Bike's DanceArt (Dance), Sunland, CA | \$2,500 grant award**

PROJECT: "Explore Dance!" a dance outreach program featuring company performances and audience discussion in a studio-like setting.  
(Buena Vista Library / May 14, 2025 7pm)

**Burbank Community Band (Music), Burbank, CA | \$3,750 grant award**

PROJECT: "The Sound of Burbank - 85th Anniversary Concert" highlighting the talented musicians and its home city of Burbank.  
(Burbank High School / April 12, 2025)

**Burbank International Film Festival (Film), Burbank, CA | \$4,000 grant award**

PROJECT: "The 2025 Burbank International Film Festival" celebrating the art of cinema and showcasing a diverse array of independent films from around the world in venues across the city.  
(various Burbank locations / September 23-28, 2025)

**Colony Theatre (Theatre), Burbank, CA | \$4,250 grant award**

PROJECT: "Scripts and Sips" a staged reading program where audiences enjoy cocktails/mocktails and light snacks paired with a reading of a new play or musical.  
(Colony Theatre / November 2025)

**Conundrum Theatre (Theatre), Burbank, CA | \$4,250 grant award**

PROJECT: "New Works Festival," a showcase of original short plays by local writers and directors from marginalized communities.  
(Victory Theatre / August 29-31 and September 5-7, 2025)

**Grand Performances (Music), Los Angeles, CA | \$3,750 grant award**

PROJECT: "Overture of the Pipes," a free, live performance of organ music in cinema.  
(First Presbyterian Church of Burbank / February 2026)

**Christin Hablewitz (Music), Burbank, CA | \$2,500 grant award**

PROJECT: "Zetz Klezmer Ensemble Performance & Workshop" explores music that roots to Central and Eastern European Jewish klezmer traditions with a fun, culturally rich and engaging event.  
(Salit Conservatory of Music / November 9, 2025)

**Shenandoah Harris (Dance), Burbank, CA | \$3,750 grant award**

PROJECT: "NAMES," an exhilarating and acrobatic dance theater adaptation of the Passover story.  
(Everything Recording Studio / June 14, 2025, 7pm)

**Helix Collective (Music), West Hollywood, CA | \$3,750 grant award**

PROJECT: "Game Music Night" an original concert featuring video game music, played live to video of game play by a talented and diverse set of composers.

(The Colony Theatre / November 1 or 2, 2025)

**Brett Long (Animation) Burbank, CA | \$2,750 grant award**

PROJECT: "The Animation Station: The 26 Letters of the Alphabet," is a community-driven stop motion artist project and public screening showcasing local talent.

(Lincoln Brewery / February 14, 2026)

**Los Angeles Women's Theatre Festival (Theatre), North Hollywood, CA | \$3,750 grant award**

PROJECT: "From the Best of the Fest," a production featuring encore solo performances by top Los Angeles Women's Theatre Festival performers.

(Victory Theatre / October 11, 2025)

**Pacific Ballet Dance Theatre (Dance) Burbank, CA | \$3,750 grant award**

PROJECT: "Ballet Contemporary!" Pacific Ballet Dance Theatre's vibrant spring performance that reimagines classical ballet through a modern lens.

(Colony Theatre / March 30, 2025)

**Salit Foundation (Music), North Hollywood, CA | \$2,750 grant award**

PROJECT: "Encore Chamber Music Series" featuring world-class musicians, making classical music accessible to a wide audience.

(Salit Conservatory of Music / April 26, August 24, October 26, December 5, 2025)

**Amy Smith (Multi-Disciplinary), North Hollywood, CA | \$3,250 grant award**

PROJECT: "Textile Renewal and Sustainability Community Block Party" featuring art installations, clothing swaps, repair cafes, and sustainable fashion workshops.

(Stu Space / November 22, 2025)

**Austin Lane Walker (Comedy), Burbank, CA | \$2,750 grant award**

PROJECT: "Varietyville-O-Ween," a holiday special of the live monthly comedy show Varietyville, plus pre-show trick or treating on Magnolia Boulevard to engage businesses and the community.

(LA Connection Comedy Theatre / Friday, October 31, 2025)

**Bairton Warburton-Brown (Multi-Disciplinary) Burbank, CA | \$1,000 grant award**

PROJECT: "Afrofuturist Art Fair," a free public exhibition highlighting the book/podcast launch of "BLACKTOPIA: PART TWO" with music, visual arts, mediation, and community discussion.

(Buena Vista Branch Library / June 10, 2025)

**Socks Whitmore (Music), Van Nuys, CA | \$4,000 grant award**

PROJECT: "Inventing/Inviting: Trans Songs of Change," a concert celebration of original songs and chamber compositions by transgender musicians.

(Colony Theatre / September 12-13, 2025)