

1-13-2025 Arts Commission Minutes

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Arts Commission**

6:30 PM
January 13, 2025

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Bridget Agabra (excused)
Rachel Brannon (excused)
Chris Craven
Tina Velazquez Hays
Treasure Hinds
Kimberly Kapustein
Tracie Mahadeo
Caroline Thienes
Albert Wang
Rachel Wright (excused)

Administration/Staff:

Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager

Guests:

Christina Bruning, DIA
Corby Casler, DIA
Dorothy Hay, Issaquah Singers

CALL TO ORDER

Tracie Mahadeo called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tina Hays moved to approve the minutes of January 7, 2025. Caroline Thienes seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christina Bruning and Corby Casler gave updates from DIA and expressed the need for arts grant support for 2025 programming and keeping downtown vibrant. Dorothy Hay thanked the arts commission for its support of Issaquah Singers which enables them to reach underserved populations.

CHAIR REPORT

Tracie Mahadeo thanked the group for all their time and effort to review the arts grant applications for 2025 funding.

STAFF REPORT

Amy Dukes shared a request from the Sister Cities Commission for jurors for the Young Artists and Authors Showcase annual art contest. This year's theme is Friendship – the heartbeat of global peace. Craven, Hinds and Mahadeo volunteered to help assess submissions.

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AGENDA ITEMS

A 2025 Issaquah Arts Grant Review - Part Two (D)

Arts Commissioners reviewed the 2025 arts grant applications and discussed the results of the group scoring, based on the grant criteria.

B 2025 Issaquah Arts Grant Recommendations (A)

Arts Commissioners collectively agreed upon funding recommendations as follow:

Applicant	Project Title	Funding Recommendation
Village Theatre	Arts Partnership	\$ 22,750
Issaquah History Museums	Arts Partnership	\$ 6,500
Art Commons	Issaquah Open Studio Tour - Barn Studio Project	\$ 5,000
Downtown Issaquah Association	Confluence Music Festival	\$ 5,000
Downtown Issaquah Association	Gas Station Blues	\$ 5,000
Downtown Issaquah Association	Music in the Streets	\$ 5,000
Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery	Salmon on Sunset Stage and Musicians	\$ 5,000
Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park	ArtDoors Programming	\$ 5,000
Happy Time Studio	Issaquah Open Studio Tour - Home Studio Project	\$ 5,000
Influence the Choice	13th Annual Art With Influence □PSAand 2D Art Contest	\$ 5,000
Issaquah Arts	Creative Collaboration: Opening Up the Performing Arts Center at IHS	\$ 5,000
Issaquah Cultural Circle	Day of the Dead	\$ 5,000
Issaquah Cultural Circle	Inclusive Circle	\$ 5,000
Issaquah Philharmonic Orchestra	Issaquah Philharmonic Orchestra	\$ 5,000
Literary Nights	Literary Nights Salons	\$ 5,000
Puget Sounds Piano School	PSPS' Instructor Recital Series	\$ 5,000
Seattle Shakespeare Company	Wooden O, Free Shakespeare in the Park	\$ 5,000
Tarot 77 Productions	Issaquah Film Festival 2025	\$ 5,000
Highlands Council	Blakely Hall Art Gallery	\$ 3,800
Garland, Aria	Issaquah Free Little Art Galleries	\$ 2,500
Highlands Council	Global Grub & Groove 2025	\$ 2,500
Rahrovi, Marzy	Nowruz Community Celebration & Bazaar	\$ 2,500
Sadhana	Nritya Lab Series 2025	\$ 2,500
Issaquah Singers	Free Concert for the Community	\$ 1,450
Issaquah Singers	Free Choir Concerts at Senior Living Communities	in-kind rehearsal space rental
Master Chorus Eastside	All American Independence Celebration	\$ 500
		&in-kind space rental
Art Commons	Issaquah Open Studio Tour - Community Outreach Project	\$0
Earthart International	EarthArt Workshops at the Hatchery	\$0
Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery	Earth Day: Baby Salmon Release	\$0
Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery	Hatchery Arts Creation Station	\$0
Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park	Summer "Artist in Residence" Program	\$0

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Issaquah Arts	Bringing the Nutcracker to Issaquah	\$0
Issaquah Cultural Circle	Art Classes/Art Circle	\$0
Issaquah Dance Ensemble	Issaquah Dance Ensemble: Various dance performances	\$0
Literary Nights	AMic of One's Own	\$0
Literary Nights	Let Freedom Ring	\$0
Resonance Studio Theatre	"The Golden Key, or the Adventures of Buratino"	\$0
Resonance Studio Theatre	"Threads of Time: A Journey Through Theater's Rich Tapestry"	\$ 0
Shubha Tirumale Photography	"Payana" - a journey through my eyes	\$ 0
Wong, Anita Yan	Feathered Elegance Part 2	\$ 0
		\$ 125,000

Chris Craven moved to accept the 2025 arts grant funding allocations, totaling \$125,000, as recommended by the arts commission. Tina Hays seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Allocation recommendations will be forwarded to Council Services and Safety Committee on January 28, 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.