

Rivertime Players receive grant for Summer Theatre Camp

Jackson Arts Council announces Regional funding for FY2021 Arts Build Communities grant

The Jackson Arts Council has awarded \$11,866 in funding for arts projects through the Arts Build Communities (ABC) Grant Program. The ABC Grant Program is funded by the Tennessee General Assembly and is administered in cooperation with the Tennessee Arts Commission. The Jackson Arts Council serves as the designated agency to administer the ABC grants for the Southwest District, which includes Chester, Decatur, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, and McNairy Counties. As part of the funding process, a citizens' panel reviewed, ranked and rated grant applications and met with representatives from organizations requesting funding for arts projects.

The Jackson Arts Coun-

cil has awarded grants to non-profit organizations in Decatur, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, and McNairy Counties. The organizations and projects to which the grant dollars are to be applied include: Ballet Arts, Inc. of Jackson for The Nutcracker 2020, Brownsville-Haywood Arts Council for Brownsville Homecoming 2021, C-MACC Community Multicultural Art Care Center for ABC Community Self Portraits, Jackson Theatre Guild for Spring Production 2021, Keep My Hood Good for Community Mural, Lane College for RN Dett Recital Series and Masterclasses, Montgomery School Alumni Association for Montgomery Cultural Enrichment Center Mural, Renaissance on Main for Adamsville's Plein Air Art Festival and

Rivertime Players, Inc. for Summer Theatre Camp 2021. In order to receive the grants, each project was evaluated on several criteria, including: artistic merit, the value of the project to the community, and realistic practice in developing the budget. The grants also encourage the organizations to increase their funding, since all the grants require a dollar-for-dollar match. "It is clear how vital arts programming is throughout our region from the increased applicant pool we had this year," Jackson Arts Council Executive Director Melinda Hearn Reid said. "The ABC Grant Programs seeks to empower arts organizations to make an impact on their community and allows art to become more accessible to communities."

About Jackson Arts Council: The Jackson Arts Council strives to connect and strengthen the arts. More than 45,000 individu-

als are engaged by the Jackson Arts Council and the Arts Coalition – more than 50 nonprofit arts organizations and organizations that promote art events. Funding for the Jackson Arts Council is made possible by the City of Jackson, Tennessee Arts Commission and our generous donors. Find information about upcoming art events, grant opportunities, get details on the Jackson Arts Council's impact in the community, and find out how to support JAC by visiting www.jacksonarts council.tn.org.

