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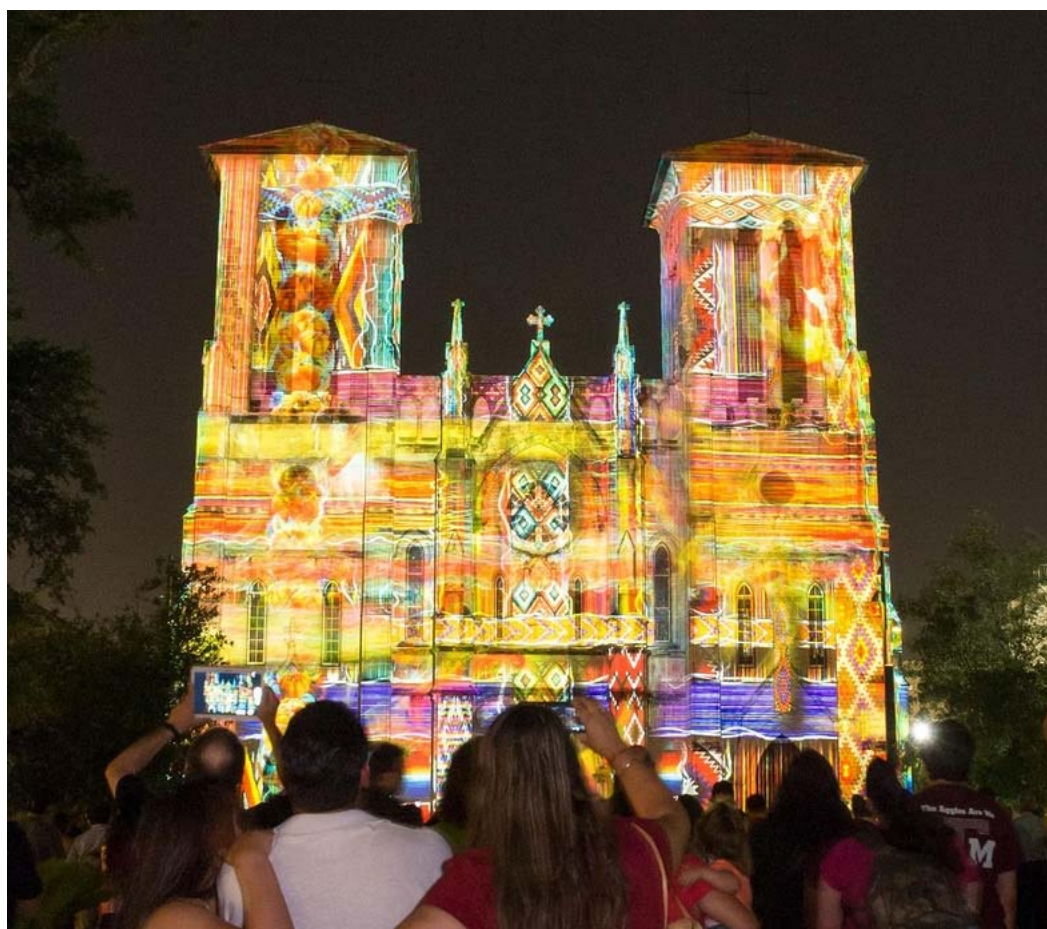
Investing in a Creative Texas

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A scene from San Antonio's Zona Cultural, one of two new cultural districts in Texas. Xavier de Richemont's video projection "San Antonio|The Saga" illuminates San Fernando Cathedral.

New Grants and Cultural Districts Approved

On September 2, TCA Commissioners approved funding 901 grants in the first funding round for fiscal year 2016. The grants total over \$4.4 million and will go to nonprofits and units of government in 112 cities. These grants include the Arts Create program, which provides operational support to established arts organizations; the first of two funding rounds for the Arts Respond Project program; the quarterly Arts Respond Performance Support program; and the quarterly Commission Initiatives and Designated Funding category. TCA's full list of fiscal year 2016 grants is [here](#).

TCA Commissioners also approved the designation of two new cultural districts. Cultural districts are special zones that harness the power of cultural resources to stimulate economic development and community revitalization. These districts can become focal points for

generating business, attracting tourists, stimulating cultural development and fostering civic pride. The new cultural districts are the Zona Cultural, in San Antonio, and the Wimberley Valley Cultural District. These designations bring the total number of [cultural districts in Texas](#) to 28.

Arts Create grants provide year-round operational support to Texas arts organizations with budgets over \$50,000. This grant category also provides funding to be subgranted on a local level by local arts organizations with a proven track record of grant making. For fiscal year 2016, 398 Arts Create grants totaling \$3.3 million are allocated to 383 organizations in 74 Texas cities.

Arts Respond Project grants fund arts-based projects that address one of the priority areas of economic development; education; health and human services; natural resources and agriculture; or public safety and criminal justice. 355 grants are approved to receive a total of \$914,476 in this program, with applications coming from 257 arts organizations in 56 cities.

Arts Respond Performance Support grants provide partial support to help applicants host an artist from the Texas Touring Roster in their community. In this quarter, 140 grants will go to 100 organizations and units of government in 66 Texas cities; these grants total \$171,559.

The Commission Initiatives and Designated Funding grants for this quarter include funding received from Target for school performances promoting literacy, and support for the Poetry Out Loud high school competition being held in Texas. The program will provide eight grants totaling \$42,500 to eight applicants in seven cities.



**Bootiful Wimberley, a project of the Wimberley Valley Cultural District.
Congratulations to Texas' newest cultural districts!**

Grant Reports and Revised Budgets Due

If your organization received an Arts Respond Project grant or an Arts Create grant for fiscal year 2016 (September 1, 2015-August 31, 2016), you will have some paperwork to do before your

new grant(s) can be paid. Please contact TCA if you have any questions or need help.

Revised Budgets: Due September 24, 2015

Each funded FY16 Arts Respond Project or Arts Create grant will have a revised budget form that should be filled out and submitted online.

Grant Reports: Due September 30, 2015

Reports are due for grant activities that ended as TCA's prior fiscal year (September 1, 2014-August 31, 2015) concluded. All Arts Create and Arts Respond Project grant report forms for fiscal year 2015 should be completed and submitted online by **September 30, 2015**. Grant reports must be submitted and complete before new grants will be paid.

Thank You, Target



Storybook Theatre of Texas

Thanks to a generous grant from Target, Texas Touring Roster artists will provide free literacy-based performances for elementary school students across the state this fall. Decee Cornish will tell tales in Abilene and Sweetwater; storyteller Eldrena Douma will entertain students in Amarillo; Carranza Puppets will perform in Beaumont and Port Arthur; singing zoologist Lucas Miller will serve young people in El Paso and Ysleta ISD; Longview and Tyler children will enjoy Drusilla Woods' stories; Mary Grace Ketner will tell stories and folktales to students in Mission and Rio Grande City; and Storybook Theatre

of Texas will perform a high-energy play for Victoria elementary school audiences.

More Programs for Students

Poetry Out Loud

As detailed in our August newsletter, TCA is signing up high schools across the state to participate in the **Poetry Out Loud** program. Interested educators should contact TCA soon to sign up and to receive materials in the mail to help them conduct the program during the fall semester. The materials are also online [here](#).

Young Masters

Now is also the time for exemplary Texas-based arts students in grades 8-11 to apply to the **Young Masters** program. Young Masters provides financial help for exceptional young artists to pursue advanced study in the areas of visual arts, literary arts, music, theater, dance, musical theater, and media arts. Applications, information and guidelines are available [online](#). Applications and required supporting materials must be postmarked by November 16, 2015.

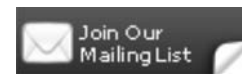


Professional Development Webinar Series

Did you miss Dayron Miles' webinar, Community Engagement: A Powerful Tool for Building Diversity, in August? If so, you can catch up on it or any other webinars you missed at our [Vimeo channel](#). Mark your calendars for TCA's next professional development webinar at 2:00 pm CDT on Wednesday, October 21. A webinar invitation will be sent out as the date approaches.



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