
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 20, 2007
File No.: 0230-20
To: City Manager
From: Cultural Services Manager
Subject: Professional Arts Grants Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: THAT City Council approves \$18,500 for the Alternator Gallery, \$23,500 for Ballet Kelowna and \$48,000 for the Okanagan Symphony available in the 2007 Cultural Services budget for professional arts organizations.

BACKGROUND:

On December 4, 2006 Council approved moving the administration and funding for professional arts organizations from the Kelowna Arts Foundation to the Cultural Services Department. Council also approved the creation of a new peer review jury led by Cultural Services to adjudicate the 2007 professional arts grants.

In January 2007 the following individuals were chosen from the community for their professional expertise to adjudicate the professional arts grant applications: (Biographies are attached)

Manuela Ungureanu	Associate Professor, UBC Okanagan
Mary Smith McCulloch	Artist – Professor Emeritus, UBC Okanagan
Karl Hourigan	Academic Program Mgr., Centre for Arts & Technology
Earla Henderson	Kelowna Arts Foundation Director
Kevin Santos	CA, Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants

On March 14th the jury met to deliberate the applications and funding recommendations were made based on available budget.

Overall the peer review jury was extremely impressed with the artistic quality of all three organizations and their individual service to the community. All three applicants were applauded for their ability to produce such high quality professional product on extremely limited resources.

Some specific comments were:

Ballet Kelowna – high artistic standards and great vision for a young professional Ballet Company.

Alternator Gallery – well respected nationally with a very solid philosophy in supporting emerging artists, offering creative artistic programming with high intellectual standards.

Okanagan Symphony – audience attendance is on the rise, excellent board and staff and we're excited about the upcoming season under the leadership of a new conductor.

Both the Symphony and Ballet Kelowna were acknowledged for their excellent efforts in establishing endowment funds for their organizations.

FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:

The existing base budget in Cultural Services for professional arts organizations for 2007 is \$130,000 and these recommendations would use \$90,000 of that total amount.

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Approved for Inclusion:



David Graham, Director

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Attachment – Bio's of Peer Review Jury