



FOUR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE ART VENTURES GRANTS FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2014 awards build on capacity-building effort

Jacksonville, FL – September 5, 2014 – Four area small arts organizations are reaping additional benefits of a concerted effort by The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (www.jaxcf.org) to expand their capacity and strengthen their support, and two of them will also receive grants for strategic planning.

Friday Musicale, Opera Jacksonville, Riverside Fine Arts Association and Fernandina Little Theater will receive grants of up to \$5,000 each for their grant proposals to the Foundation's Art Ventures Fund. The opportunity to apply for the 2014 grants was limited to small arts organizations that participated in Foundation-sponsored capacity-building workshops held in 2013.

"The Art Ventures Fund invests in ways for organizations to fulfill their missions, establish goals and work towards them in the face of market challenges," said Amy Crane, program director for The Community Foundation. "When they are successful, everyone benefits through a robust arts sector."

Recipients of the 2014 Art Ventures awards to small arts organizations are:

- Friday Musicale (Duval County)
 - To launch a Summer Concert Season to broaden its audience and donor base, and a grant for strategic planning.
- Opera Jacksonville (Duval County)
 - To develop a website which will act as a portal to the Metropolitan Opera educational curriculum for teachers and the public, showcasing this unique partnership for Jacksonville.
- Riverside Fine Arts (Duval County)
 - To expand Project Listen master classes to meet strategic goals of increasing arts education offerings for public school students, and a grant for strategic planning.
- Fernandina Little Theatre (Nassau County)
 - To increase administrative staff in order to develop donor, volunteer and audience base.

The Art Ventures Fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida also supports individual artists. These grants will be announced in the fall.

For more information about arts funding at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, go to www.jaxcf.org/the-arts.

About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

Now celebrating its 50th anniversary, The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (www.jaxcf.org) is Florida's oldest and largest community foundation. The Foundation works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community – helping donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helping nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helping people come together to make the community a better place. The Foundation has nearly \$297 million in assets and has made grants in excess of \$278 million since 1964.

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