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Stockton Arts Commission Awards Grant Applicants

Alfred H. and Camilla Muller Arts Grants to Benefit Community Youth

(Stockton, CA) - The Stockton Arts Commission has awarded a total of \$9,500 of mini arts grants up to \$1,000 each to benefit children and youth in the City of Stockton.

Applicants submitted proposals with plans to use the grants to share their artistic talents with young people. These grants are funded by Mary Muller-Niven in honor of her father and mother Alfred H. and Camilla Muller to explore, expand, introduce, and involve youth in the visual and performing arts.

The Stockton Arts Commission would like to congratulate the following recipients of the Muller-Niven grants for 2016-2017:

1. Val Acoba, TOASTCO
2. Valerie Lee Acoba, Red Dragon Youth Theater
3. David Garcia, Momentum
4. Valerie Gnassounou, Yameci Dance Company
5. Mary Little, Stockton Art League
6. Gracie Madrid, Mexican Heritage Center and Gallery
7. Therese H. Maignan-Goulart, Central Valley Youth Symphony Association

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8. Cathie McClellan, Theatre Arts Department, University of the Pacific
9. Leslie Reece, Family Resource and Referral Center -Teen Impact Center in partnership with Jagged Lines of Imagination
10. Amber Saunders, Mary Graham Children's Foundation
11. Rey Vargas, TheWerQshop
12. Ana Vera, Art Expressions of San Joaquin
13. Ephraim Machado, Go Film!

“The breadth of programs for youth and children are great. Stockton families have wonderful opportunities with this year's offerings, and we are very grateful to the Muller-Niven family for their support,” said Stockton Arts Commission Chair Joel Reyna, Jr.

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The Stockton Arts Commission serves as the arts advocacy commission for the City of Stockton – a catalyst to support and strengthen the community by increasing awareness, opportunities, and involvement in arts and culture. The Commission operates within the City's Community Services Department. Business is conducted by the arts director and a volunteer commission appointed by the Mayor and City Council.

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