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Humanities Council awards grants totaling \$115,565

The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) recently awarded 25 grants totaling \$115,565. The grant recipients and the amount of each grant:

Institute for Holocaust Education, Omaha, \$15,000 for performances of the children's opera "Brundibar," Nov. 2-7 at the Rose Theater in Omaha. Opera Omaha will produce the opera, pairing professionals with young musicians in a mentoring workshop process. The institute will publish study guides and train teachers to prepare some 10,000 middle school students who will attend the performances.

NET Foundation for Television, Lincoln, \$12,000 for production of video segments with humanities themes for the first year of the public television series "Nebraska Stories." The 30-minute programs will air through June 2010 on stations NET1 and NET2, online and on-demand.

Plum Creek Children's Literary Festival, Seward, \$10,000 for the 2009 festival, Oct. 1-3 at Concordia University in Seward. The festival enables children and accompanying teachers to interact with nationally known authors, illustrators and storytellers at no cost the first two days.

Board of Regents, University of Nebraska, on behalf of UNL Television Department, Lincoln, \$6,860 for the technical upgrading of the 53-minute student documentary "Paths of the Displaced" to broadcast quality to help it reach the widest possible audiences.

Homestead National Monument of America, Beatrice, \$6,818 for "President Lincoln and the Homestead Act of 1862," June 19-21 at the Homestead National Monument. Celebrating the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth, the event will feature historical portrayals and Civil War music.

Lux Center for the Arts, Lincoln, \$6,178 for "The Art of Fine Craft 2009," a conference Oct. 1-2 at the Lux Center and Nebraska Wesleyan University. The theme is "connectivity," demonstrating how contemporary craft and printmaking are built on traditions.

Mullen Public School, \$6,000 for "A World of Music," an hour-long lecture and demonstration by Todd Green, featuring more than 30 string, flute and percussion instruments from around the world performing in seven Nebraska communities in September and March.

Great American Comedy Festival, Norfolk, \$5,793 for a comedy youth camp for area high school students June 15-20 at Northeast Community College and the Johnny Carson Theatre in Norfolk. Members of Second City's Los Angeles-based education center will lead the camp.

Indian Center Inc., Scottsbluff, \$5,000 for the fourth annual Circle the Bluffs Pow Wow, June 26-28 at Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff. The emphasis is on cultural education and the participation of native American youth and non-native visitors.

Nebraska Shakespeare Festival Inc., Omaha, \$5,000 for Shakespeare on the Green pre-show seminars June 18-July 5 in Elmwood Park, a fall tour and workshops that provide access to the works of Shakespeare through performance, discussion and engaging training methods.

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Wyuka Historical Foundation, Lincoln, \$4,851 for publication of brochures for self-guided tours of Wyuka Cemetery. The tours will feature 100 points of historic, cultural or artistic interest. Historian Ed Zimmer will provide text to describe each point.

The Groundwater Foundation, Lincoln, \$4,677 for "Groundwater: A Timeless Treasure," a series of hands-on activities to teach groundwater history at several state historical museums through April 2010.

Board of Regents, University of Nebraska, Omaha, \$4,500 for "Through the Eyes of Chris and Yin Soentpiet: Immigrants and the Building of the Transcontinental Railroad," presentations by the author and illustrator Sept. 30-Oct. 3 at various locations in Omaha.

Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, \$4,000 for the 2009 Great Plains Theatre Conference, May 23-30 at several sites in the Omaha area. The fourth annual event emphasizes female playwrights with workshops, symposia, theatrical productions and panels.

Dana College, Blair, \$3,500 for "Black Elk Speaks," a living-history theater production and community outreach programs July 15-19 at Dana College.

McCook Arts Council, \$3,000 for Buffalo Commons Storytelling Festival, June 11-13 at various locations in the McCook area. Storytellers Dovie Thomason and Bil Lepp will headline the event, which will also feature workshops, concerts and a bandstand show.

Center for Health Policy and Ethics at Creighton University, Omaha, \$3,000 for the 20th annual Women and Health Lecture, Oct. 7 at Witherspoon Concert Hall at the Joslyn Art Museum. Barbara Delinsky, author of "While My Sister Sleeps," is the featured speaker.

Welsh Heritage and Culture Centre Inc., Wymore, \$2,975 for a Welsh immigration exhibit. The exhibit will be dedicated Oct. 10. The exhibit depicts the emigration of slate workers from North Wales to Vermont and from the northeastern United States to the Midwest.

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Lincoln, \$1,500 for a performance by the Larry Yazzie Dancers on May 9 at the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution, as part of the 2009 Spring Pow Wow.

Sallows Military Museum Allies and Museum Partners Foundation, Alliance, \$1,353 for local programming in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit "New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music," on display through April 24.

Platte County Historical Society, Columbus, \$1,300 for local programming in conjunction with the "New Harmonies" exhibit, on display June 12-July 24.

Homestead National Monument of America, Beatrice, \$1,000 for a presentation by Linda Lawrence Hunt on her book "Bold Spirit," Oct. 18 at the monument.

Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, Denton, \$512 for the annual Women at the Spring Workshop, Oct. 3 at the center.

YWCA of Adams County, Hastings, \$448 for "Meet Eleanor Roosevelt," a one-woman historical theater piece by Elena Dodd, April 21 in Hastings.

Saunders County Historical Society, Wahoo, \$300 for a pioneer school for fourth-graders to experience a typical school day in a one-room school house of the 1880s, through May 29.

NHC grant applications may now be submitted online at www.nebraskahumanities.org. In 2009 online submission is not required, but is strongly encouraged. Beginning Jan. 1, online submission will be required.

Major grants are for more than \$1,500 with two grant cycles a year. Application deadlines are March 1 and Aug. 1. Mini grants are for \$1,500 or less with six grant cycles. Application deadlines are Jan. 1, March 1, May 1, July 1, Sept. 1 and Nov. 1.

For details on applying for a grant, visit the website or call Mary Yager at (402) 474-2131 ext. 103 or Erika Hamilton at ext. 104.