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**Koret Foundation Announces New \$10 Million Arts and Culture Initiative  
Initiative Supports Bay Area Cultural Institutions, Local Arts, Music,  
And Culture Ecosystem**

SAN FRANCISCO (December 13, 2017) -- The Koret Foundation has established a \$10 million multi-year Arts and Culture Initiative. Continuing its longstanding support of innovative and dynamic cultural organizations making an essential contribution to a vibrant Bay Area, the foundation established the new initiative to better address the changing landscape of cultural participation.

Through the initiative, the foundation will fund programs and strategies that expand opportunities for students to participate in arts and music education (both in-school and at the arts institutions), enable new and diverse audiences to access the arts, and build organizational capacity, stability, and resilience.

“We are delighted to announce the grantees for our new Arts and Culture Initiative,” said Dr. Michael J. Boskin, President of the Koret Foundation. “We believe that in a time of great change in the nonprofit cultural sector, it is important to support bold ideas that catalyze innovation and build the next generation of artists and art enthusiasts.”

Grantees include San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco Symphony, SFJAZZ, San Francisco Ballet, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Oakland Museum of California, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco (de Young Museum), Cal Performances, San Francisco Opera, Stanford Live, The Contemporary Jewish Museum, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

The initiative will also support a group of 43 small to mid-sized nonprofit arts and culture organizations throughout the Bay Area. These organizations, as well as all included in the initiative, play a critical role in the Bay Area's vibrant arts ecosystem and offer a variety of programs that are rooted in their respective communities.

A main focus of the initiative is to help these organizations pilot and expand arts education programs. "Koret's visionary support was integral to the creation of San Francisco Opera's new Opera ARIA Music Performance Residency," said the Opera's General Director Matthew Shilvock. "The program, which gives students the opportunity to rehearse and perform side-by-side with members of the SFO Orchestra, is one of the first of its kind for an opera company."

"Increasing access to culturally relevant, participatory, and welcoming experiences that attract diverse, local community members is part of our DNA," said Lori Fogarty, Oakland Museum of California's Director and CEO. "Koret's support of these types of programs, like the weekly Friday Nights @ OMCA, helps to advance our strategic goals by bringing new audiences to the museum."

Details about each grantee and the purpose of each grant follows below:

- **Asian Art Museum of San Francisco** will receive \$2,000,000 for the new Koret Education Center capital campaign as part of the museum's larger renovation and expansion.
- **Berkeley Repertory Theatre** will receive \$225,000 to pilot a new drama and civics-based curriculum in select Alameda County elementary schools.
- **Cal Performances** will receive \$620,000: \$225,000 to expand the Cal Performances classroom program in Oakland Unified School District, \$120,000 for co-presentation support with Stanford Live, and \$275,000 to support the organization's new programming stream to engage new and existing audiences both inside and outside of the theater.
- **The Contemporary Jewish Museum** will receive \$750,000 to support designated Jewish Peoplehood exhibitions for young adults and families.

- **Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco** will receive \$600,000: \$525,000 to pilot a new children’s learning exhibition at the de Young that helps the museum better understand the role of arts in the development of creativity and problem-solving, as well as \$75,000 to support the Friday Nights program, which helps to develop new audiences.
- **The Oakland Museum of California** will receive \$225,000 to support free community and family programs that reach new audiences, specifically those in the local neighborhoods.
- **San Francisco Ballet** will receive \$750,000: \$375,000 to support the expansion of the Dance in Schools and Communities (DISC) program, and \$375,000 for audience development initiatives, including the new Unbound: A Festival of New Works, Sensorium, and various engagement programs and tactics.
- **San Francisco Conservatory of Music** will receive \$150,000 to support expansion of its Conservatory in the Schools program, which provides mentoring and music education to San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) students.
- **San Francisco Museum of Modern Art** will receive \$1,000,000: \$850,000 to support the museum’s K-12 arts education programs in the Koret Education Center and \$150,000 to develop a new partnership and intern program with City College of San Francisco as part of a large Diego Rivera exhibition in 2020.
- **San Francisco Opera** will receive \$990,000: \$600,000 to support core opera revival and \$390,000 to develop and pilot an innovative new music residency and mentorship program with SFUSD that utilizes San Francisco Opera Orchestra musicians.
- **San Francisco Symphony** will receive \$1,000,000 to expand the Music and Mentors program, increasing both breadth and depth by growing the number of SFUSD students that receive music education as well as developing a group of music educators and mentors.
- **SFJAZZ** will receive \$150,000 to support School Day Concerts, a free student matinee series, as well as the Koret Discover Jazz series, a jazz appreciation course for adults.
- **Stanford Live** will receive \$750,000: \$270,000 toward headliner artist support, \$195,000 to expand K-12 arts education programming in the Ravenswood City School District, \$165,000 toward the Koret Jazz Project, Stanford Live’s jazz programming stream with performances in the new, intimate Bing Studio, and \$120,000 toward co-presentation support with Cal Performance.

Additionally, grants totaling \$1,000,000 were awarded to the following organizations:

42nd St. Moon Theatre Company	Marin Symphony
Alonzo King LINES Ballet	Marin Theatre Company
Arts Loan Fund of Northern California Grantmakers	Music in Schools Today
UC Berkeley Arts Museum and Pacific Film Archive	Music@Menlo
Bayview-Hunters Point Center for Arts and Technology	ODC/San Francisco
The UC Theatre	Performing Arts Workshop
Brava! For Women in the Arts	PlayGround
California Jazz Conservatory	Portola Valley Theatre Conservatory
Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University	San Francisco Art Institute
Classical KDFC	SFFILM
Community Arts Stabilization Trust	San Jose Museum of Art
CounterPulse	San Francisco Performances
Dancers' Group	San Francisco Shakespeare Festival
Diablo Ballet	Smuin Ballet/SF
East Bay Center for the Performing Arts	Stanford Jazz Workshop
Gray Area Foundation for the Arts	Stern Grove Festival
Galería de la Raza	The Crucible
Headlands Center for the Arts	TheatreWorks
Joe Goode Performance Group	Women's Audio Mission
La Peña Cultural Center	Yerba Buena Center for the Arts
MACLA/Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana	Youth Speaks
Magic Theatre	

### **About the Koret Foundation:**

Based in San Francisco, the Koret Foundation is committed to strengthening the Bay Area community and nurturing the continuity of the Jewish people worldwide. Since its founding in 1979, Koret has awarded over \$500 million in grants to an array of outstanding organizations doing important work in these areas.

For more information about the Koret Foundation, please visit <http://www.koret.org>

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