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American Baroque Opera Co: *Tier 2 Organization*

- **Project Name:** Spring virtual
- **Project Description:** American Baroque Opera Company is producing a virtual performance of Henry Purcell's Dido and Aeneas this spring. We will record the production at the newly renovated City of Dallas Hall of State at the historic Fair Park. This virtual series will bring new audience members to opera and they do not even need to leave their homes!

Anita N. Martinez Ballet Folklorico: *Tier 2 Organization*

- **Project Name:** Cinco De Parques: Celebrando a La Comunidad
- **Project Description:** Cinco De Parques will deploy simultaneous city wide, activations at 5 strategically chosen public parks throughout Dallas. Each park will be act as a performance venue featuring one of ANMBF's Performing Companies, ranging from our Mini's to our Professionals, along with accompaniment from local performers, Mariachi Aguilas de America.

Artstillery: *Tier 1 Organization*

- **Project Name:** ArtCultivation
- **Project Description:** ArtCultivation is a variety show like no other. Once a month, Artstillery opens their building to performers who have no space of their own, providing them with a stage, an audience, marketing, and payment. The line-up of performers varies each month, with acts in the past including spoken word, dance, music, fire-spinning, drag, slackline, and many others.

Cara Mia Theatre Co.: *Tier 3 Organization*

- **Project Name:** Community Tour of YOUR HEALING IS KILLING ME
- **Project Description:** CMT seeks support for the community tour of a new play titled YOUR HEALING IS KILLING ME by Virginia Grise. YOUR HEALING IS KILLING ME is a manifesto highlighting the limitations of our capitalist health care system. Told through the eyes of a Queer Chicana, the one-person performance brings clarity to the revolution that must come in order for our society to truly care for its most vulnerable.

Color Me Empowered: *Tier 1 Organization*

- **Project Name:** 5 Squared
- **Project Description:** We are enlisting the help of four local artists that have worked with our organization on multiple projects and are accomplished mural artists: Chris Bingham, Captain Casual, Acme Sencillo, and Alec DeJesus. Each artist will create a different mural reflective of our community. We'll ask for the community's input in the design of each piece. We'll also ask the community to sign up for different time slots and bring protective gear with them. Each mural will be drawn out and taped off, so, for the community it will be a lot like a paint by numbers project. The murals will then be touched up and finished by the artists to ensure that each piece is of the highest artistic quality

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Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum: *Tier 4 Organization*

- **Project Name:** Crucial Conversations: Confronting Antisemitism
- **Project Description:** Through this series of four public programs, we aim to foster an increased understanding of the origins and history of antisemitism, to discuss the recent increase in antisemitism in the United States and globally, and to identify concrete steps that can be taken to confront and disrupt antisemitism. For each session, we will convene a diverse group of experts to share their knowledge, experiences, and ideas. By learning about what antisemitism is, its history, how it is present today, and how we as a community can work to combat antisemitism, participants will be encouraged to become part of the solution.

Deep Vellum: *Tier 2 Organization*

- **Project Name:** Bringing Undertold Stories to Dallas Readers
- **Project Description:** the publication and promotion of 7 books that tell stories and share perspectives that have been historically or traditionally undertold, ignored, or non-dominant. Funding will also support 7 literary events that will bring these stories and their authors directly to Dallas readers to foster dialogue on the critical themes the books explore. Book include ELPASO: A PUNK STORY, WELCOME TO MIDLAND, THE ACCOMMODATION, THE RIVER IN THE BELLY AND OTHER POEMS, BRIGHT SPECIMEN, UNCLE RABBIT AND THE WAX DOLL, and DAYBOOK AT SHEEP MEADOW,

Echo Theatre: *Tier 1 Organization*

- **Project Name:** THE OTHER FELIX - A Virtual Regional Premiere / Online & In-Person Screenings of a new play on video
- **Project Description:** This production is an experiment in theatrical form and language. A play about compulsions - addictive gambling, obsessive love - it's a film-noir inspired road trip for two, and the story of a woman's journey to free herself from an unhealthy, paralyzing relationship. The production will be presented 16 times in April 2021 as a play on video which will be available through a ticketed online platform. Echo will also present 4 Free, socially distanced in-person screenings, partnering with Shakespeare Dallas to utilize Samuell-Grand Amphitheater for three of the public screenings.

Make Art with Purpose: *Tier 1 Organization*

- **Project Name:** Let's Talk / Out of the Box
- **Project Description:** MAP's Let's Talk is an intermittent zine, each issue themed around a different concern, this theme being mental health. The artists and writers commissioned by invitation and open call will represent the diversity of Dallas. In addition to independent artists, MAP is partnering with Evergreen Life Services' Art Program to publish art by resident IDD (intellectual and development disabilities) artists. To expand the scope and reach of Let's Talk 3, MAP will produce one virtual workshop and one virtual performance / salon that explore mental health themes.

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Oak Cliff Society of Fine Arts: *Tier 1 Organization*

- **Project Name:** Art Fun at Turner House
- **Project Description:** The Oak Cliff Society of Fine Arts plans to present Art Fun at Turner House in late or early June 2021 featuring the visual art works of students from Dallas ISD public schools located in the Oak Cliff area. Art Fun is planned as a one-day event, held in the Turner House parking lot, set up as an art fair.

Prism Movement Theater: *Tier 1 Organization*

- **Project Name:** Lucha Teotl Neighborhood Workshop Tour
- **Project Description:** For this project, Prism Movement Theater will be providing 16 free classes and 3 free performances throughout the historically underserved neighborhoods of Pleasant Grove, Oak Cliff, and Webb Chapel. These free workshop performances will utilize a combination of professional actors and luchadors to perform a developmental version of a new production we are working on called Lucha Teotl. Lucha Teotl is a high energy, bilingual lucha experience where wrestlers wearing the masks of Aztec gods play out a sincere and exciting wrestling storyline

Representa Foundation Inc.: *Tier 1 Organization*

- **Project Name:** The Cultural Story of Latin America Series Project
- **Project Description:** The Cultural Story of Latin America Series Project is the first show that includes a Theater, live music and Dance component which tells the story of the evolution of a particular cultural tradition (for example cumbia) in theater form that not only tells the story of the evolution of the art form but also shows the music being played and danced to with their real representative instruments and attire by local artists. The project will recruit artists, musicians, young people and their families from the city of Dallas to form a group or team that will learn and ultimately perform a Latin folkloric.

SPARK!: *Tier 3 Organization*

- **Project Name:** SPARK!TV: Celebrating Black Culture and Creativity
- **Project Description:** SPARK!TV is an online video exploration of creativity within different disciplines. Each episode features a different artist or organization sharing their unique story of how they utilize the creative process in their work. The Office of Arts and Culture will be recognized as the presenting sponsor of this 3 episode series featuring organizations dedicated to celebrating and promoting black culture in Dallas: the African American Museum at Fair Park, Dallas Black Dance Theater, and SoulRep Theater.

Teatro Dallas: *Tier 2 Organization*

- **Project Name:** Desmodernidad
- **Project Description:** to create a local, mini-version featuring the work of young, professional local artists and musicians to create a 3-event, multi-media series across neighborhoods in Dallas outside the central core. Desmodernidad loosely translates as Modern Chaos in Spanish, and celebrates the idiosyncrasies of our unusual historical moment. Partnering with Grupo Chasquis, a local, Latinx-led music production team to create and present multi-media outdoor

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spectacles in South Dallas, South Oak Cliff and the Love Field corridor. Shows will be kept to 30 persons, be pre-sanitized and includes partnerships with local, ethnic restaurants for packaged refreshments.

Texas Ballet Theater: *Tier 4 Organization*

- **Project Name:** Texas Ballet Theater | CityDance 2020-2021
- **Project Description:** During the 2020-2021 school year, this five-week, after-school program will be offered in 50 local schools and community centers. CityDance introduces children to the art and athleticism of ballet through a standardized curriculum that offers a unique addition to extracurricular education. Students that demonstrate talent and skill are eligible for scholarships to attend Texas Ballet Theater School (TBTS) to further their ballet training.

The Artist Outreach, Inc.: *Tier 2 Organization*

- **Project Name:** The STREAMliners Arts-Integrated Academic Education
- **Project Description:** Our curriculum maintains and promotes intellectual and creative development and connections via both in-class weekly programs that teach Acute Academic Concepts and through a customized cloud-based portal that provides Arts-Based Enrichment Programming. Most importantly, STREAMliners original ideas, songs, stories, and illustrations support Science, Technology, Reading, English, Art, Math, and other key academic subjects

The Writer's Garret: *Tier 2 Organization*

- **Project Name:** Rail Writers
- **Project Description:** In small groups, participants from systemically disadvantaged communities throughout the city travel via the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) to unique neighborhoods, museums and other iconic locations. Using prompts that tie to these specific sites and their experiences at them, participants are guided through creating original poems and essays, which they are then encouraged to share via social media either in video or text

Verdigris Ensemble: *Tier 2 Organization*

- **Project Name:** 2020-21 W.E. Greiner Outreach Residency Program
- **Project Description:** The outreach commission project is for 6th-8th graders at WEGAA and includes rehearsals, performances, and free private music lessons provided by Verdigris Ensemble vocalists and educators culminating in a final online collaborative performance. This performance will include the world premiere of a choral-instrumental composition. The Dallas Symphony Young Strings within the Southern Dallas Initiative program has agreed to collaborate with the students during their online performance.