



## **The Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County**

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## **The Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County Heralds the New Year with \$136,810 for Local Arts and Culture**

The Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County has opened 2009 by awarding \$136,810 in grants to 19 local arts and cultural organizations in the General Support category. "These grants are much needed unrestricted monies for the arts," said Alberto Ráfols, Executive Director of the Cultural Council.

In June 2008, the Council awarded \$42,990 to 27 individual artists and arts groups for arts and cultural projects. This action takes the council's combined financial support for the arts in FY 2008-09 to a total of \$179,800. "Funding for small and mid-size arts organizations has increased thanks to a recent James Irvine Foundation Grant," said Nabil Ghachem, Grants Program Coordinator. Funds for the Cultural Council's Grants Program come from the fundraising efforts of the Cultural Council, and the generous support of government, foundations and individuals. In turn, arts and cultural organizations help generate \$32 million dollars for the local economy each year through tourism, employment and taxes.

This year's Cultural Council grant recipients in the General Support category are:

Actor's Theatre  
Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music  
KUSP – Pataphysical Broadcatsing  
Kuumbwa Jazz  
New Music Works  
Market Street Theatre  
Musical Arts of Santa Cruz Chorale  
Pajaro Valley Arts Council  
Pajaro Valley Performing Arts Association  
Pisces Moon Productions

Santa Cruz Art League  
Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre  
Santa Cruz Baroque Festival  
Santa Cruz County Symphony  
Santa Cruz County Youth Symphony  
Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center  
Shakespeare Santa Cruz  
The Museum of Art & History  
Watsonville Taiko

For more information on Cultural Council Santa Cruz County programs, visit [www.ccscc.org](http://www.ccscc.org).

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Further information on the awarded organizations or the Cultural Council Grants Program, please visit <http://www.ccscc.org/index.php/grants.html> or contact Nabil Ghachem at [grants@ccscc.org](mailto:grants@ccscc.org) or (831) 475-9600 x 16.

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