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**The Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County
Heralds the New Year with \$123,100 for Local Arts & Culture**

The Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County has opened 2010 by awarding \$123,100 in grants to 18 local arts and cultural organizations in the General Support category. "These grants are much needed unrestricted monies for our local arts organizations," said Michelle Williams, Executive Director of the Cultural Council. This year's Cultural Council grant recipients in the General Support category are:

Actor's Theatre	Santa Cruz Art League
Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music	Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre
KUSP – Pataphysical Broadcasting	Santa Cruz Baroque Festival
Kuumbwa Jazz	Santa Cruz County Symphony
New Music Works	Santa Cruz County Youth Symphony
Market Street Theatre	Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center
Musical Arts of Santa Cruz Chorale	Shakespeare Santa Cruz
Pajaro Valley Arts Council	The Museum of Art & History
Pajaro Valley Performing Arts Association	Watsonville Taiko Group

In June 2009, the Council awarded \$39,500 to 28 individual artists and arts groups for arts and cultural projects. This action brings the Council's combined financial support for the arts in FY 2009-10 to a total of \$162,600. 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.

The Cultural Council provides financial support for individual artists and arts organizations, technical assistance through arts seminars, grant writing workshops, the ArtE-Newsletter (a quarterly technical assistance publication,) Open Studio Arts Tour, grants to schools, and a calendar of performances and cultural events.

About the Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County

Our Mission: The Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County leads and advances the Arts by providing funding, advocacy, and support to artists and arts organizations.

For information on the awarded organizations or the Cultural Council Grants Program, please visit <http://www.ccsc.org/index.php/grants.html> or contact Nabil Ghachem at grants@ccsc.org or (831) 475-9600 x 16. For more information on Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County programs, visit www.ccsc.org.

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