



TEATRO VISION

Three Decades of Celebrating Culture & Nurturing Community

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Teatro Visión Receives California Arts Council “Local Impact” Grant *State funds extend the reach of the arts to local underserved populations*

SAN JOSÉ, CA – The California Arts Council, a state agency, announced that it plans to award \$10,800 to Teatro Visión as part of its Local Impact program.

The Local Impact program is rooted in the California Arts Council’s vision to create a state where the arts are a central component of daily life and accessible to all. The Local Impact program fosters equity, access, and opportunity by providing project support for arts organizations with operating budgets under \$1 million. All projects extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations that have limited access to the arts.

This grant will support Teatro Visión’s annual Día de los Muertos production of *Macario*, an original play based on the classic Mexican novel and film, which will take place October 13 – 23 at the School of Arts and Culture at the Mexican Heritage Plaza. This uniquely San José holiday tradition, developed by Teatro Visión in collaboration with playwright Evelina Fernández and composer Dr. Russell Rodríguez, tells the parable-like story of a poor woodcutter whose sole dream in life is to experience a day without hunger, caught at a crossroads when his dream comes true. *Macario* is an exuberant celebration of Día de los Muertos full of music, dance, and spectacle – an inspiring theatrical experience for audiences of all ages and cultures. Performed in Spanish with English supertitles, *Macario* is one of the only opportunities to experience live Spanish-language theater in San José.

“The California Arts Council recognizes how important the arts are in building community and enriching lives,” said Teatro Visión’s Managing Director Leigh Henderson, “and the Local Impact program is all about supporting small, diverse organizations like Teatro Visión that are the heart and soul of San José’s vibrant arts community. We’re so proud to be part of that community and grateful to the California Arts Council for seeing the value of our work.”

The news of Teatro Visión’s grant was featured as part of a larger announcement from the California Arts Council, which can be viewed online at <http://arts.ca.gov/news/pressreleases.php>.



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“California Arts Council grants provide vital support for projects in diverse communities across our state,” said Craig Watson, Director of the California Arts Council. “This was an historic year of state arts support. We are proud to invest more than \$8.5 million in funding 712 grant projects that will stimulate local growth and prosperity, and meet the needs of our communities through deep engagement with culture and creative expression.”

The California Arts Council will continue to grow the reach of its programs in the coming year, as the result of a significant one-time state arts funding increase for 2016-17 [announced last week](#).

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Teatro Visión is a theater company committed to producing work that is infused by the voices and experiences of the Chicano/Latino community of San José and the greater San Francisco Bay Area. Established in 1984, Teatro Visión has commissioned, developed, and produced over 60 plays for an audience of more than 140,000 patrons. Learn more at www.teatrovision.org.

The mission of the **California Arts Council**, a state agency, is to advance California through the arts and creativity. The Council is committed to building public will and resources for the arts; fostering accessible arts initiatives that reflect contributions from all of California's diverse populations; serving as a thought leader and champion for the arts; and providing effective and relevant programs and services. Learn more at www.arts.ca.gov.

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