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Teatro Visión Awarded 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 announced that it plans to award \$18,000 to Teatro Visión as part of its Local Impact program.

The Local Impact program fosters equity, access, and opportunity by providing project and partnership support for small 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 5th annual Día de los Muertos production, Rebecca Martinez’s *La Muerte Baila*, to be performed October 12-22, 2017 at the Mexican Heritage Plaza theater. *La Muerte Baila* follows a group of departed souls, accompanied by La Muerte herself, as they encounter trouble on their annual journey back to the earth for Día de los Muertos. In keeping with the spirit of Día de los Muertos as a celebration and a joyful reunion, *La Muerte Baila* is a colorful and energetic performance, full of humor and of traditional music and dance of Mexico. *La Muerte Baila* will be presented bilingually in English and in Spanish. Through Teatro Visión’s unique Choose-Your-Own-Price ticketing policy, ticket prices start at just \$10. Local artists, both adult and youth, will appear in the production. More information is available on Teatro Visión’s website at http://www.teatrovision.org/la_muerte_baila.

“The California Arts Council recognizes how important accessibility in the arts is 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 excited that the California Arts Council sees the value of our work.”

Teatro Visión is one of just 130 grantees chosen for this highly competitive program, which received applications from 203 organizations statewide. 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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“The Local Impact program eliminates barriers keeping low-income, rural, and historically underserved communities from equal access to arts programs,” said Donn K. Harris, Chair of the California Arts Council. Teatro Visión’s project helps to further the Arts Council’s vision of enriching the lives of all Californians through arts participation, while allowing the local community to access their own creativity.”

To view a complete listing of all Local Impact grantees, visit http://arts.ca.gov/programs/files/CAC_LocalImpact_Grantees_2016-17_FINAL.pdf.

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Teatro Visión is a Chicana theater company serving the Latinx and other diverse communities of the Santa Clara Valley and the greater San Francisco Bay Area. The mission of Teatro Visión is to create theater rooted in Chicana and Latinx experiences to inspire the people of Santa Clara Valley and beyond to feel, think, and act to create a better world. Established in 1984, Teatro Visión has commissioned, developed, and/or produced over 60 plays for audiences of more than 145,000 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.

Members of the California Arts Council include: Chair Donn K. Harris, Vice Chair Nashormeh Lindo, Larry Baza, Phoebe Beasley, Christopher Coppola, Juan Devis, Kathleen Gallegos, Jaime Galli, Louise McGuinness, Steven Oliver, and Rosalind Wyman. Learn more at www.arts.ca.gov.

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