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EXPLORE GWINNETT AWARDS NEARLY \$100K THROUGH GWINNETT CREATIVITY FUND

(Gwinnett County, GA) Explore Gwinnett reaffirms its commitment to the arts by awarding a total of \$97,400 in grants to 10 Gwinnett County nonprofit arts organizations through the Gwinnett Creativity Fund. Gwinnett Creativity Fund Project Grants provide financial support for Gwinnett County arts and cultural initiatives taking place from August 2021 throughout the first quarter of 2022.

“We were highly impressed with the quality of projects for this grant cycle and we were pleased to grant more funds than this time last year,” says Lisa Anders, Explore Gwinnett executive director.

Non-profit organizations receiving project grants through the 2021 Gwinnett Creativity Fund Project Grant include:

- **Spectrum Autism Group:** \$3,000 grant to support “Women on the Spectrum” monthly arts workshop for adult women with Autism.
- **Atlanta International Night Market:** \$10,000 grant to support art, dance and performance initiatives the September 2021 International Night Market in downtown Lawrenceville.
- **Artworks! Gwinnett:** \$15,000 grant to support the 2022 Artworks Strategic Master Plan which will identify arts needs in the community.
- **Hudgens Center for the Arts:** \$12,500 grant to support a landmark public art mural on the Hudgens campus.
- **Live Arts Theatre:** \$2,000 grant to support “My Shot”, a dance workshop for underserved audiences featuring an acclaimed professional “Hamilton” touring show ensemble member.
- **Suwanee Performing Arts:** \$4,900 grant to support “Bard at the Barn,” a multi-day, outdoor Shakespeare production at Gwinnett’s bluegrass mecca, Everett Brothers Music Barn in Suwanee.
- **Gwinnett County Public Library:** \$15,000 grant to support a first-time photography exhibition, open to all library members. Juried exhibition, with curatorial support from the High Museum of Art.
- **Button Art:** \$2,500 grant to support a new signature button, a public sculpture along Buford Highway.
- **Suwanee Public Arts Commission:** \$15,000 grant to support their “Amphitheater Stage Wings”, accessible and functional public art.
- **Aurora Theatre:** \$15,000 grant to support their production of “Song and Dance,” one of the region’s first major post-COVID productions.

Individual organizations' budgets range from \$30,000 to over \$3 million.

“I am so proud that we were able to financially support some arts initiatives that cater to special needs adults, underserved schools, first responders. As an organization, we are committed to pushing the arts forward in Gwinnett,” says Anders.

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More details can be found at GwinnettCreativityFund.com. Logos can be found [here](#).

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ABOUT EXPLORE GWINNETT: Explore Gwinnett, the tourism marketing brand for the Gwinnett Convention and Visitors Bureau (GCVB), is Gwinnett County's official tourism organization and is dedicated to strengthening Gwinnett County's economy by marketing the county as a destination for conventions, film, sports, meetings and leisure travel through sales, marketing and promotion. Explore Gwinnett also houses the Gwinnett Sports Commission and oversees and administers the Gwinnett Creativity Fund.

ABOUT GWINNETT CREATIVITY FUND: Gwinnett Creativity Fund is a pilot program for arts grants in Gwinnett County. Gwinnett County recognizes the inherent value of the arts to a community's success and seeks to increase the County's profile as a culturally inclusive destination where the arts educate, elevate, and inspire. Gwinnett Creativity Fund is funded by Gwinnett County and administered by Explore Gwinnett.

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