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**Bedford, Texas - Arts Council Northeast awards grants totaling \$40,000 for 2014.**

Arts Council Northeast hosted a luncheon on March 21st to celebrate the 2014 Arts Council Northeast grant awards to 20 deserving arts-related organizations and individuals in our area and to acknowledge the generous supporters who made this possible. Special thanks go to Tarrant County College - Northeast, Bates Container, City of Bedford, Cook Children’s Hospitals, City of Haltom City, City of North Richland Hills, and The Arts League. Music at the luncheon was provided by Philippe Baugh and the Tarrant County Northeast Jazz Band.

One of the missions of Arts Council Northeast is to provide annual grants to worthy arts-related organizations and individuals to assist in keeping the arts alive in our 16-city service area. With the continuing reductions in State funding for the arts, this is becoming more and more challenging. However, despite further State funding reductions last year, they have been able to make grants totaling \$40,000 to 20 deserving arts-related organizations and individuals.

A total of 20 applications were received by Arts Council Northeast. The average grant amount awarded was \$3,000.

Through this grant program, offered yearly to schools, cities, libraries, municipalities, and other nonprofit organizations, as well as to individual artists, Arts Council Northeast is able to offer financial support for arts-related programs. Since 1997, they have partnered with the Texas Commission on the Arts in generating over \$1.4 million in funds spent in support of the arts in North Tarrant County.

Raising money for the arts is an ongoing commitment and service that Arts Council Northeast provides through matching grants from the Texas Commission on the Arts and fundraising events that occur throughout the year.

Grants were awarded to:

<b>Organization/ Individual</b>	<b>Projects</b>
Onstage in Bedford	Onstage presents Xanadu
Snow Heights Elementary PTA	Fine Arts Day 2014
Trinity Arts Guild	TAG Shows & Art Activities
STARS Theater Company	20th Annual Summer Musical
The End of the Runway Players, Inc.	2013 - 2014 Main Season
City of Haltom City	Tap; an American Art Form

Ft Worth Symphony Orchestra	Southlake Family Concert
Community Storehouse	Reading Improvement, Health & Cultural Awareness Art Program
Regal Opera Company	The Mikado by Gilbert & Sullivan
City of Keller Public Arts Program	2014 Ft Worth Symphony Orchestra Concert
Avant Chamber Ballet	Avant Chamber Ballet in Southlake
Recovery Resource Council	Teen L4 Project
Northeast Orchestra	2013-14 Concert Season
Imagination Celebration of Fort Worth	Fred Bean & Wild Zappe
Symphony Arlington	Young Peoples Concerts – HEB ISD
Colleen Mallette	Vocal Wellness & Empowerment & Finding the "Dance" in Classical Music
Metro Praise Youth Orchestra	Youth Orchestra
HarpEssence	Live Concert!
Christopher Blay	Oral History Project
Boitumelo	Continental Journey - World Music & Songs

Details on this and other Arts Council Northeast programs are on their website – [www.artscouncilnortheast.org](http://www.artscouncilnortheast.org).