

Press Release

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Sacramento Guitar Society Awarded California Arts Council “Youth Arts Action” Grant

State funds support community building and learning through youth-focused arts and culture projects

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today the California Arts Council announced a grant award of **\$5,600** to *Sacramento Guitar Society* as part of its Youth Arts Action program.

Youth Arts Action supports projects for youth from infancy through age 24 that operate outside of school time, in artistic venues and community settings as well as on school sites. This program encourages relevant, dynamic, and innovative community building and learning through youth-focused arts and culture projects.

The Sacramento Guitar Society will use the funds received from this grant, plus an equal match from the organization’s own funds, to create a new program for learning the guitar accessible to people in our communities at selected local public libraries throughout Sacramento County.

Music education is not just about the arts; it is a critical component to a well-rounded education, providing students with analytical skills that will last them a lifetime. Study after study proves this connection and we at the Sacramento Guitar Society want to bring equity and access to learning to play the guitar available at no cost to students from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Sacramento Guitar Society is one of 244 grantees chosen for the Youth Arts Action program. The award was featured as part of a [larger announcement](#) from the California Arts Council, with grant funds totaling a projected \$24,508,541 for 2018-19, the highest investment in statewide arts programming since the 2000-01 fiscal year.

“Arts and culture are inextricably linked to our humanity,” said Nashormeh Lindo, California Arts Council Chair. “They serve as a universal touchpoint for understanding and addressing our societal issues— dismantling inequity, healing trauma, reframing justice, inspiring truth and shaping futures. The Council is humbled to support the vital work of [Your organization name] and its passionate efforts to make a better California for us all.”

To view a complete listing of all Youth Arts Action grantees, visit [http://arts.ca.gov/programs/program_files/1819/CurrentGrantees/FY18-19 Project Descriptions YAA.pdf](http://arts.ca.gov/programs/program_files/1819/CurrentGrantees/FY18-19_Project_Descriptions_YAA.pdf).

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The Sacramento Guitar Society's mission is to *promote, share, and celebrate the art of the guitar and its music by providing education and performance opportunities to people of diverse cultures, ages, abilities, and economic means*. The Society operates to raise awareness and celebrate the richness and diversity of the guitar and its music through monthly meetings, concerts and workshops, special presentations, community outreach and community service. E.I.D. 59-3777305

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 Nashormeh Lindo, Vice Chair Larry Baza, Juan Devis, Jodie Evans, Kathleen Gallegos, Jaime Galli, Donn K. Harris, and Louise McGuinness. Learn more at www.arts.ca.gov.