**Pabst Steinmetz Foundation Announces Inaugural Grant Winners**

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Winter Park, FL: The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation is pleased to announce its inaugural class of grant recipient organizations. After reviewing close to two dozen applications, the Foundation’s Board of Directors has chosen to award grants to five Central Florida-based non-profits, helping them produce community-focused programming for 2020. Grants are awarded to:

* Atlantic Center for The Arts
* Central Florida Community Arts
* Cornell Fine Arts Museum
* Orlando Philharmonic
* Orlando Repertory Theatre

“We are thrilled with the calibre of the programming which organizations from across the country presented to The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation” said Margery Pabst Steinmetz, the foundation’s co-founder. “The five organizations which will receive funding for 2020 showed tremendous potential to impact community through a collaboration of arts, wellness and engagement.” Pabst Steinmetz added.

“Each recipient’s programming proposals included opportunity for replication. Programming that can become a model, and brought to scale across our community and others… that’s a key mission for our Foundation.” says Chuck Steinmetz, Foundation co-founder and Margery’s husband.

The Foundation’s mission “Inspiring and building community through innovation in arts and education” is currently placing special emphasis on wellness initiatives which have the potential to serve as a catalyst for change and impact on community. The Board found the five grant-winning programs, described below, possess the potential for sustainability and a “ripple effect” affecting more people in more places via community collaboration.

**Atlantic Center for The Arts:**  The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for ACA’s 2020 Arts & Wellness Academy and Symposium. The Arts & Wellness Academy is an immersive two-day residency experience at which participants learn about advocating for social engagement, experiential learning, creative thinking, and ways to define a holistic path to improve mental and behavioral conditions using the arts. For more about Atlantic Center for The Arts, please visit: <https://atlanticcenterforthearts.org/>

**Central Florida Community Arts:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for CFCA’s Community Arts &Wellness Collective. The Collective is designed to promote programming that provides access to the arts, and promoting the numerous emotional, mental and physical benefits that access creates. Funding from the Pabst Steinmetz Foundation will work to expand CFCA and partner organizations efforts, as we bring critical arts programming to all within the Central Florida community, regardless of age, geographic location, or physical and intellectual exceptionalisms. For more about Central Florida Community Arts, please visit: <https://cfcarts.com/>

**Cornell Fine Arts Museum:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for the ”Pushing the Envelope: Mail Art from the Smithsonian's Archives of American Art” exhibit. Curated by Professor Miriam Kienle of the University of Kentucky and her students, “Pushing the Envelope” is an innovative exhibition about a little-known artistic practice, “mail art” alternatively called “correspondence art” or “postal art.” The Foundation Board was intrigued by the potential the exhibit presented in reaching those with memory loss and the museum’s planned efforts to engage those working in that avenue in Central Florida. For more on the exhibit and Cornell Fine Arts Museum, please visit: <https://www.rollins.edu/cornell-fine-arts-museum/>

**Orlando Philharmonic:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for The Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra’s Symphony Storytime Series: STEAM Edition. The Storytime Series provides an opportunity for children to explore classical music, visual art, and children’s literature in an immersive, hands-on experience. The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) Edition will see the Phil partner with the Orlando Science Center bring science-themed stories to life through music and narration along with hands-on activities, creating a unique opportunity for children and their families to connect and learn. For more information about the Orlando Philharmonic’s Storytime Series, please visit: <https://orlandophil.org/symphony-storytime/>

**Orlando Repertory Theatre:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for the Rep’s “Engaged Learning Through the Arts: One School At A Time” pilot program. The One School program is an expansion of The Rep’s “Engaged Learning Through the Arts” professional development program aimed at strengthening literacy in young people through the arts. Funding of this pilot program will help facilitate development of model story drama lesson plans, intensive workshops for teachers, a Family Literacy Night designed to engage the full family in literacy efforts, as well as books and literacy kits for students attending a field trip at Orlando REP. For more information about the Orlando Repertory Theatre, please visit: <https://www.orlandorep.com/>

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*About The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation:
Established in 2018, the Foundation is the merger of philanthropic work of husband and wife Chuck Steinmetz and Margery Pabst Steinmetz. The Foundation’s mission “Inspiring and building community through innovation in arts and education” seeks to support organizations and individuals working to create collaboration around projects which inspire innovation in the realms of arts and wellness.*