



## Pabst Steinmetz Foundation Announces 2023 Grant Winners

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Winter Park, FL: The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation is pleased to announce its fourth class of grant recipient organizations. After reviewing close to 30 applications, the Foundation's Board of Directors has chosen to award grants to nine Central Florida-based non-profits, helping them produce community-focused programming for 2023. Grants are awarded to:

- Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center
- Gra-V Robotics
- NOMADstudio
- Opera Orlando
- Orlando Philharmonic
- Orlando Science Center
- Orlando Shakes
- Timucua Arts Foundation
- UCF Research Foundation

"The field of programming for 2023 continues to impress" said Margery Pabst Steinmetz, the Foundation's co-founder. "The nine organizations receiving a Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grant for 2023 show incredible potential to impact our community through a focus on integration of arts, science, and wellness." Pabst Steinmetz added.

"Our Foundation's goal is to support programming that will become a model across our community." says Chuck Steinmetz, Foundation co-founder. "These nine organizations are working in new and unique ways to create wellness for diverse populations but with the same outcome: better, healthier and more enriched lives" added Steinmetz.

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

**Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for the Music Box Initiative. The Music Box Initiative provides caregivers with a toolkit that includes instruction that allows caregivers to offer music-based interactions with their loved ones living with dementia regardless of musical ability. The program brings music into the homes of people living with dementia in Orlando and provide tools and skills for caregivers to experience engagement and connection on a new level. The Music Box Initiative will encourage creativity and meaning and strengthen bonds between caregivers and people living with dementia. For more details please contact: <http://www.adrccares.org>

**Gra-V Robotics:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for Gra-V's FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC). Gra-V's mission is to unite students, mentors and sponsors in the community to develop teamwork, business, STEM, and leadership skills. Gra-V works with the global non-profit FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) to participate in a robotics challenge. These teams spend 6 weeks designing, programming, building, and testing a robot to compete in regional and global competitions. The team has taken interest in the Assistive Technology Industry, developing technology for those with disabilities. For more information about Gra-V Robotics, please visit: <https://gra-v.org/>

**NOMADstudio:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for the Justice Studio. Justice Studio is an after-school art program for youth detained by circuit courts in Pinellas, Polk, Hardee, and Highlands counties. Located inside Pinellas Regional Juvenile Detention Center (PRJDC), it's been in operation for four years and serves five of Florida's top ten highest volume zip codes. Justice Studio is a practical model of NOMAD's Theory of Change: Placed-based arts programs build trust and sense of community, and support people in self-directing their personal development. This strengthens protective factors and limits risk factors which promotes the healthy development and wellbeing of children, youth, and families. For more information, please visit: <https://nomadstudio.org/justice-studio>

**Opera Orlando:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for Opera Orlando's Frida - Into the Community programming. The Opera is planning extensive outreach around its production of "Frida" by Robert Xavier Rodriguez in late 2023. This includes production of the one-act opera "Frida Kahlo and The Bravest Little Girl in the World" by Joe Illick based on the book by the same name. "Bravest Little Girl" will be presented publicly and at elementary schools in three counties. Additional community events and efforts around "Frida" include a concert series featuring Hispanic composers, luncheons with featured artists, composer forums and lectures, and a "Frida" based curriculum packet designed to enhance literacy in public schools. For more information, please visit: <http://www.operaorlando.org>

**Orlando Philharmonic:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra Young People's Concerts. It is the OPO's largest and longest-running education program, providing concert and learning experiences for Central Florida third, fourth, and fifth graders in Orange, Osceola, Lake, Seminole, and Volusia Counties. The OPO's YPC provide critical early exposure to the arts for Central Florida children. The engaging concert introduces students to three performing arts forms: orchestra, opera, and ballet. In the foundation's continued support of Young People's Concerts, programming will be expanded to more schools and counties in Central Florida. The programming increases access to music and the arts for children, especially students from economically disadvantaged communities. For more information, please visit: <https://orlandophil.org/young-peoples-concerts/>

**Orlando Science Center:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding to KidsTown Programming at the Orlando Science Center. Within the KidsTown exhibit, young children and their caregivers explore imaginative roleplaying and creative play in seven immersive zones where daily art-infused STEM programming is hosted. This programming helps youth learn creative problem-solving, self-expression, and collaboration. OSC's KidsTown provides innovative opportunities for children and their caregivers to build confidence in a variety of skills and discover that playing can be learning. For more information, please visit: <https://www.osc.org/visit/exhibits/kidstown/>

**Orlando Shakes:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for The Shakes' Cross-Curricular Learning Tools for Arts Integration. This funding will help create a digital database of cross-curricular study guides for the classroom that correspond to the plays produced at the theatre. These lessons

become a new tool for teachers to approach core academic Standards and reach every student through our innovative and active approach to learning Math, Science, Social Studies and other core subjects, using our production as a key motivator. All curriculum will be adaptable to various grade levels and include Assessment, Bloom's Taxonomy Levels, and Evaluation. For more information, please visit: <https://www.orlandoshakes.org/>

**Timucua Arts Foundation:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for the establishment of the Artists in Resonance program at Timucua. Artists in Resonance is a new interdisciplinary residency program designed to offer comprehensive support to artists in the creation, presentation, and distribution of new work at pivotal moments in their careers. For more information, please visit: <https://timucua.com/>

**University of Central Florida Research Foundation, Inc.:** The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for the Arts in Medicine Fourth-Year Elective. The University of Central Florida College of Medicine is working with the Central Florida Community Arts to deliver an Arts In Medicine Elective course designed to provide medical students in their final months of medical school with tangible creative-arts related strategies, activities, tools, and experiences to support the patient-physician relationship. During the elective, students will participate in weekly instruction (either virtual or in-person) and on-site experiential learning with CFCArts instructors and Teaching Artists to engage in scheduled artistic experiences to deepen their understanding of the value of using art to enhance health and wellbeing. For more information, please visit: <https://www.med.ucf.edu>

Since the inception of the Pabst Steinmetz Foundation Grants in 2020, more than \$600,000 has been awarded to 19 local organizations.

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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.*

