



Pabst Steinmetz Foundation Announces 2023 Grant Winners

February 12, 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Winter Park, FL: The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation is pleased to announce its fifth class of grant recipient organizations. After reviewing close to 40 applications, the Foundation's Board of Directors has chosen to award grants to 13 Central Florida-based non-profits, helping them produce community-focused programming for 2024. Grants are awarded to:

- Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center
- ArtReach Orlando
- Atlantic Center for The Arts
- Bach Festival Society of Winter Park
- Central Florida Community Arts
- Cultuvue
- Dr. Phillips Center
- Gra-V Robotics
- Hope CommUnity Center
- NOMADstudio
- Orlando Family Stage
- Orlando Shakes
- Rollins Museum of Art

"Each year we search for organizations that are innovating their programming, pushing new ways to make our communities better, healthier." said Margery Pabst Steinmetz, the Foundation's co-founder. "The 13 organizations receiving a Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grant this year show incredible potential to impact our community through a focus on integration of arts, science, and wellness." Pabst Steinmetz added.

"The organizations receiving funding for 2024 showed tremendous potential to impact community through a collaboration of arts, science, wellness and engagement." says Chuck Steinmetz, Foundation co-founder. "Arts integration in the area of wellness has the potential to change 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 13 grant-winning programs, described below, possess the potential for sustainability 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>

ArtReach Orlando: The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for ArtReach Orlando “The Healing Process of Art: Visual Art at Nemours Children’s Hospital”. In 2024, ArtReach will launch an Art Therapy program in partnership with Nemours Children’s Hospital. This new program will provide young people and their families interactive art workshops that are designed specifically with a therapeutic lens. ArtReach Orlando’s mission is to transform the lives of youth through the healing process of art. This program will inspire the creation of a comprehensive Art Therapy Guidebook which will be shared widely, helping extend the organization’s work to others through quality resources and step by step guidance. For more details please contact: <https://artreachorlando.org>

Atlantic Center for The Arts: The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for ACA’s 2024 Arts & Wellness Academy. 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/>

Bach Festival Society of Winter Park: The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for the Bach Festival Society’s Education for All programming. This consists of five projects: Bach to the Future Education Program for young people aged 6-18 is designed to engage and cultivate the next generation of classical musicians and patrons. The program targets unique age groups and demographic profiles, all contributing to greater accessibility to the arts for youth and underserved populations. Bach Festival Youth and Children’s Choirs meet weekly for instruction and rehearsals. Both choirs perform with the Bach Festival Choir and Orchestra. The Show Goes On is a Rollins College class led by a music professor and Bach’s education manager. Students learn writing, producing, rehearsing, and performing skills, and create an original musical theatre program. The Honors Choral Festival is a four-day workshop during which high school choirs are evaluated and coached by nationally recognized choral instructors. These clinicians help prepare the choirs for their annual Musical Performance Assessment. Choir of Distinction: a chosen high school choir receives workshops, open rehearsals, and joint practice sessions leading to a performance with the Bach Choir and Orchestra. For more information please contact: <https://www.bachfestivalflorida.org/>

Central Florida Community Arts: The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for CFCA’s Narrators! theatre group for older adults to address loneliness and loss of connection among older adults, as well as concerns over cognitive decline. Participants engaged in improv, played theatre games, and learned new acting skills, all while building social connections with other older adults. In just five years, the program has expanded to include more participants and incorporated research and best practices from the field of Arts in Health to the curriculum and overall program design. The Narrators! now write their own scripts, perform across our community, and conduct intergenerational programs for children in under-resourced communities. For more about Central Florida Community Arts, please visit: <https://cfcarts.com/>

Cultuvue: The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for Cultuvue’s Photography Exhibition. Cultuvue is dedicated to celebrating the rich tapestry of black culture through captivating photography exhibitions combining interactive and educational elements. The annual exhibitions aim to transform the way African Americans are perceived, countering negative cultural stereotypes prevalent in mainstream media and society. Funding enables the exhibit to remain free-of-charge while expanding to targeted satellite exhibits in multiple locations, increase school class tours and field trips as well as increasing the mobility of the projects and accessibility. For more information please contact: <https://www.cultuvue.org/>

Dr. Phillips Center: The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for STROKESTRA. The program is a pioneering stroke rehab program that uses the power of group creative music-making alongside professional musicians and clinicians to drive patient-led recovery in stroke patients and their caregivers. Funding supports Dr. Phillips Center's partnership for STROKESTRA with London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Orlando Philharmonic, and AdventHealth in a multi-year commitment with four residency programs per year. For more information please contact:

<https://www.drphillipscenter.org/>

Ga-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/>

Hope CommUnity Center: The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for The Be-Longing CommUnity Art Project. This project will produce a piece of community-inspired and created art to be located at Hope CommUnity Center's campus in South Apopka. Hope CommUnity Center fosters diverse, empowered, learning communities engaged in personal and societal transformation. Through service and advocacy, we stand together with immigrants and others who are tenacious and courageous in the face of all systems of oppression. For over 50 years, they've been the go-to place for the immigrant community in Central Florida, offering both services and working collaboratively with the people most at-risk to advocate for social change. This project uses community art as a tool for building cross-cultural understanding, compassion, and solidarity. For more information please contact <http://www.hcc-offm.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>

Orlando Family Stage: The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for research to measure the arts impact on 0-5 year olds. In 2024, Orlando Family Stage (OFS) will partner with the University of Central Florida's Department of Psychology to conduct an innovative and much-needed research project: measuring the impact of the arts on children aged 0-5. This will build on OFS' current experience as a leader in producing Theatre for the Very Young (TVY), designed to reach young children before kindergarten with the social-emotional benefits of the live performance. For more information, please visit: <https://orlandofamilystage.com/>

Orlando Shakes: The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for Shakespeare with Heart, an inclusive summer camp that brings together middle and high school students with and without disabilities over a two-week period to produce a Shakespeare play. Students are recruited with the assistance of UCP of Central Florida, UCF CARD (Center for Autism and Related Disabilities) and the

Central Florida Downs Syndrome Association. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.orlandoshakes.org/>

Rollins Museum of Art: The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation grants funding for the museum’s Pathways 2024, an exhibition and mentoring/networking platform for emerging artists living in Florida. Pathways is a partnership with the University of Central Florida Art Gallery. Three nationally recognized jurors, representing various aspects of the art world – curator, established artist, art advisor, will select the artists who respond to the open call. Pathways offers a unique opportunity to emerging artists from across the state, with support and a network of resources similar to an artist residency. The winning artist will receive a cash prize and a future solo exhibition at RMA. For more information, please visit <https://www.rollins.edu/rma/>

Since the inception of the Pabst Steinmetz Foundation Grants in 2020, more than \$800,000 has been awarded to 23 local organizations.

Press Inquiries:

info@pabststeinmetzfoundation.com

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.