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***Idaho Community Foundation Announces \$47,760 in Grants for
Southeastern Idaho***

POCATELLO, Idaho – The Idaho Community Foundation is pleased to announce \$47,760 in grants from the F.M., Anne G., and Beverly B. Bistline Foundation to support arts-focused projects and programs in southeastern Idaho.

The Bistline Foundation supports arts activities that provide entertainment or art-related education to the public, as well as education, skills training, performance and display opportunities for local artists in Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida and Power counties.

The recipients are:

Bannock County

- **Bridges Idaho** – \$3,000 to expand and sustain a free World Refugee Day community event featuring local musicians, dancers and artists from diverse cultural backgrounds.
- **Empower Humanity** – \$10,000 to expand access to arts education through scholarship support to be applied toward community programs that benefit youth and families.
- **Musicians West, Inc.** – \$4,220 to support two scholarship benefit concerts featuring renowned singers Caryn and Phillip Marlowe in Idaho Falls and Pocatello.
- **Snake River New Horizons Band** – \$2,300 to purchase a mallet station, accessories and drum heads for rehearsals and live performances.



- **The Comedy Project, Inc.** – \$3,000 to provide discounted or free improv workshops for performers and community members during the Idaho Improvathon Festival.
- **University Department of Theatre and Dance** – \$10,000 to hire a professional guest scenic designer for Idaho State University mainstage productions.

Bingham County

- **Idaho Falls Arts Council Inc.** – \$4,540 to support transportation, staffing and supplies for school field trips to ARTitorium on Broadway from southeastern Idaho schools.

Caribou County

- **Grace Joint School District No. 148** – \$4,500 to upgrade lighting in the Performing Arts Center and add a fog machine.

Oneida County

- **Malad Valley Welsh Foundation** – \$3,000 to fund stipends for musicians, dancers and choirs performing at the Malad Valley Welsh Festival, as well as costumes for festival personnel.

Power County

- **Music in the Park** – \$3,200 to support live music and professional sound production for the 3rd Annual Red, White & Boom Fourth of July celebration in American Falls.

"This grant helps support transportation and staffing for school field trips to ARTitorium on Broadway," said **Georgina Goodlander**, Idaho Falls Arts Council Fine Arts Director, "making it possible for more students, especially those traveling from rural communities more than an hour away, to experience art in a meaningful way. With rising costs for travel, supplies and staffing, every dollar helps us keep these opportunities low- or no-cost for schools and organizations. We truly appreciate the support that allows us to reach so many kids across rural southeast Idaho."

"One of the most impactful things we do is help young people experience the arts." said Idaho Falls Arts Council Executive Director **Gray Augustus**. "Support for



school trips has a lasting effect, opening doors for students whose exposure to art may otherwise be limited. Every contribution to our youth programs helps more kids connect with creativity, community and the well-being that comes from having art in their lives.”

The F.M., Anne G., and Beverly B. Bistline Foundation was founded by Beverly Bistline of Pocatello to honor her parents’ commitment to the arts and further her own support of the field. Beverly believed the artistic growth of a community was as important as its economic growth, and the foundation continues that legacy by supporting arts opportunities throughout southeastern Idaho.

For more information about the Bistline Foundation grant program, visit idahocf.org or contact the Idaho Community Foundation at info@idahocf.org.

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