June 2, 2020

Like so many in this nation, we at the National Council for the Traditional Arts (NCTA) are saddened by the threats to life, justice, and human dignity that recent events have made visible in the streets of America today.

The NCTA has a long history of honoring and recognizing the diverse cultural communities who make up the complex fabric of the nation. We know that family, community, and cultural traditions connect us to each other, create value, and provide opportunities for cultural renewal. We hope these connections can lead to the healing of our nation during this time of crisis.

Now more than ever we are driven to ensure that cultural equity and justice are ideals we strive to achieve as a nation in our pursuit of life, liberty and justice for all.

Sincerely,
The National Council for the Traditional Arts
cultural bearers insight into the opportunities being made available during this pandemic. This newsletter serves as a way to highlight some of the current month's shared postings. To find complete and daily relief and recovery alerts, please make sure to follow us on Facebook or Twitter and look for #ReliefAndRecoveryResource. Please also share any new relief and recovery resources with us at support@ncta-usa.org.

Highlighted Resources

NYFA Tri-State Relief Support for Non-Salaried Workers
NYFA is opening up its third cycle for this emergency grant for non-salaried workers. The application opens June 2, and the **deadline is June 3**. The fund offers one-time grants of $2,000.

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SouthArts Relief Fund
SouthArts just announced a $5,000-$20,000 grant in support of multi-state or statewide arts service organizations. The **deadline is June 10**.

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COVID-19 Musicians' Emergency Fund
The Jazz Foundation of America has established a COVID-19 Musicians' Emergency Fund to help musicians and their families with basic living expenses. This fund has rolling deadlines, and the review process is two to three weeks long.

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Disabled Creatives & Activists Relief Fund
The Crip Camp impact campaign in partnership with Color of Change has established an emergency relief fund for disabled creatives and activists to allocate awards in the amount of $1,200.
IBMA Trust Fund

Bluegrass musicians are encouraged to apply to this one-time micro grant of $500, with a rolling application deadline.

AlternateRoots Solidarity Fund

This fund seeks to support organizations and projects that explore arts and social justice. Funds between $100 - $2,500 are allocated on a rolling basis, until funds are depleted.

VoxCorona Emergency Relief

VoxCorona is dedicated to raising money to support Washington, D.C.-area vocalists who have experienced significant loss of income due to performance cancellations from COVID-19.

Fresh From the Field

Smithsonian Folklife Festival Story Circles

Every Thursday at 12 p.m. EST, the Smithsonian Folklife Festival explores various topics and practices in conversation; from music to ginseng, audiences participate in live question and answer format. Tune in on the SFF facebook page.

COVID-19 Relief GoFundMe

New York Folklore is raising money to benefit the New York State Folklore
Covid-19 Relief Fund, and any donation will help make an impact. They hope to raise $10,000 by June 1 to assist folk and traditional artists with emergency grants.

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ACTA has a new series of live videos they are calling Shelter Together, bringing you live performances, demonstrations, and words of wisdom from traditional artists across California on their social media channels. Join them on Instagram and Facebook every Wednesday and Friday at 12 p.m. PST to witness how artists are continuing their traditional practices at home.

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Helpful Resource Libraries

State-by-State Resource Guide

Billboard has compiled a list of resources at both the national and state levels, including more than four dozen relief funds, to help music professionals navigate the COVID-19 crisis.

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Freelance Artist Resource List

This is an aggregated list of free resources, opportunities, and financial relief options available to freelance artists of all disciplines, and to those interested in supporting the independent artist community.

More here

3Arts Emergency Resources

Stay informed with 3Arts' robust list of COVID-related resources. This list includes many funding and grant opportunities for Chicago-based artists and beyond.

More here
The National Council for the Traditional Arts maintains the Relief & Recovery Resource Alert social media and email campaign. To share a resource with us, please email support@ncta-usa.org.

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