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On Behalf Of: Oregon Symphony  
Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business  
Measure: SB1582

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Dear Oregon State Legislator,

I am writing to you as a working musician in Oregon and a member of the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada, Local 99. Please support HB 4124 and SB 1582 for Oregon arts funding. While 2023's funding will have a marked impact on the lives of artists around the state, it is not enough. Major arts organizations that shape Oregon culture—such as the Oregon Symphony, Portland Center Stage, Portland Opera and more—did not receive any of their requested funding last year. Without it in 2024, they will struggle to survive. These anchor organizations, along with dozens of smaller organizations and venues, are a significant driver of Oregon's economy and need help on the upswing of the COVID-19 crisis.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, the arts and culture sector of Oregon generated \$9.3 billion in 2021 (3.4% of the state's GDP). That's quite a contribution to Oregon's GDP given that the state ranks 41st in the nation for funding the arts. We can do better!

I feel obligated, as a voting constituent, to voice my support for the full passage of arts funding this year. It is this funding that keeps me employed, along with 62,725 other arts and culture workers (3.2% of Oregon's workforce). Oregon's music and arts culture is vibrant, diverse, and constantly evolving. Oregon should be modeling what great support of the arts looks like to other states, not the other way around. It must be protected and supported through ample state funding. I implore you to pass arts funding in February.

Thank you,

x JáTtik Clark

I have worked for the following in the last 5 years.

The Big Seven:

- High Desert Museum
- Oregon Ballet Theatre ?
- Oregon Shakespeare Festival
- Oregon Symphony ?

Portland Art Museum  
Portland Center Stage  
Portland Opera

Oregon Orgs/venues receiving state funding.

Alberta Rose  
Artichoke Music  
Ashland Armory  
Atlantis Lounge  
Barnstormers Theatre  
The Belfry  
BodyVox  
Bossanova  
Britt Festival Pavilion  
Cascades Theatre Company  
Coaster Theatre Playhouse  
CoHo Productions  
Cottage Theatre  
Craterian Performances Company  
Crystal Ballroom  
Cuthbert Amphitheater  
Dante's  
Domino Room  
Doug Fir  
Egyptian Theatre  
The Elgin Opera House  
Elsinore Theatre (Historic) ?  
45 East  
Gallery Theater  
The Goodfoot  
Hawthorne Theatre  
Headwaters Theatre  
Historic Rogue Theatre  
Holocene  
HQ LaGrande  
Hult Center for the Performing Arts ?  
Imago Theatre  
Jack London Revue  
Jazz Station/Willamette Jazz Society  
KALA  
Kelly's Olympian  
Kickstand Comedy  
Lakewood Center for the Arts

Laurelthirst  
Liberty Theater  
Lincoln City Cultural Center  
Little Theatre on the Bay/Liberty Theatre (North Bend)  
Majestic Theatre  
McDonald Theatre  
Midtown Ballroom  
Milagro Theatre  
Mississippi Studios  
New Expressive Works  
Newport Performing Arts Center  
Northwest Children's Theater  
OK Theater  
Old Church Concert Hall  
Oregon Contemporary Theatre  
Pentacle Theatre  
Portland Institute for Contemporary Art  
Pickathon  
Polaris Hall  
Portland Playhouse  
Revolution Hall  
Roseland  
Ross Ragland Theater  
Sawdust Theatre  
Shaking the Tree Theatre  
Shedd Institute for the Arts  
The Siren Theater  
Stage 722  
Star Theater  
Theatre in the Grove  
Theatre Vertigo  
Bag and Baggage  
Volcanic Theatre  
White Eagle  
Whiteside Theatre  
Wildish Community Theater  
Wonder Ballroom  
WOW Hall/Community Center for the