

**City of San Jose Office of Cultural Affairs
Arts and Cultural Exchange Grants Awarded**

Round I 2016

Ray Furuta

Country of Exchange: Mexico

Recommended Award: \$5,000

Project: To embark on a two-week long tour in Mexico with performances, school visits, outreach and master classes, culminating in a week-long artist/teacher-in-residence position with the Orquesta Sinfónica Juvenil de Guadalajara.

San Jose Jazz

Country of Exchange: Mexico

Recommended Award: \$5,000

Project: To bring jazz artists, Troker, from Guadalajara, Mexico to perform at San Jose Jazz Winter Fest with an outreach activity at Santee Elementary.

San Jose Okayama Sister Cities

Country of Exchange: Japan

Recommended Award: \$3,750

Project: For the San Jose Okayama Sister City 60th Anniversary Celebration signature event, which will include a dramatic Storytelling Performance of the Ancient Okayama Foundation Legend “Kibitsu-hiko and Ura”.

San Jose Stage Company

Country of Exchange: Ireland

Recommended Award: \$3,750

Project: To collaborate with the Dublin City Arts Office in a co-production of Irish playwright Donal O’Kelly’s commissioned play, “Mummers Rising,” in commemoration of Ireland’s 1916 Easter Uprising’s centennial.

Works San Jose

Country of Exchange: United Kingdom, Japan, Australia, Canada, Korea, Portugal

Recommended Award: \$2,500

Project: For Inter/Action: Digital Art that Responds, a month-long international exhibition presented as the official art exhibit of the Computer Human Interaction (CHI) conference at the San José McEnery Convention Center.

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Round II 2017

Alum Rock Educational Foundation

Country of Exchange: Ireland

Recommended Award: \$5,000

Project: For “Unraveling the Knot”, a series of workshops led by artist/educator Corinne Okada Takara in Dublin and San Jose, which will re-interpret Celtic Knots forms through the lens of modern technology tools and traditional Japanese knot cording, to explore the bonds and stories that form as cultures connect.

Cashion Cultural Legacy

Country of Exchange: Mexico

Recommended Award: \$3,000

Project: For legendary folk dance researcher José Luis Cárdenas, from Sister City Guadalajara, México, to complete a 10-day residency in San José where he will share his five decades of research, as well as expose the community to the folk dance product of his investigation.

Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra (FYCO)

Country of Exchange: China

Recommended Award: \$5,000

Project: For the “Bright Bamboo Flute” project, which will bring Dizi (bamboo flute) virtuoso Li Zengguang and his daughter Li Jifan from Beijing to give master classes to FYCO musicians, hold a workshop for promoting both Western and Eastern flutes, and perform at the 2nd International Aimusic Festival.

San Jose Pune Sister City Organization

Country of Exchange: India

Recommended Award: \$4,150

Project: To photograph Pune, India, a San Jose Sister City, through the services of a professional photographer from Pune and introduce the city and residents of Pune to the people of San Jose via photography exhibits and presentations.

San Jose Stock

Country of Exchange: Ireland

Recommended Award: \$5,000

Project: For a traveling photography exhibition that will include a juried selection of images showcasing San Jose by professional San Jose photographers, shared for the first time with the residents of our Sister City in Dublin, Ireland.