

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

Round I 2016

Ray Furuta

Country of Exchange: Mexico

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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Round III 2018

Calpulli Tonalehqueh

City and Country of Exchange: Veracruz, Mexico

Award: \$5,000

Project: To broaden and deepen the bonds among native cultures of Mexico and the Americas by supporting the participation of Voladores de Papantla from Veracruz City, Mexico at Aztec New Year Ceremony to be held in San Jose, California.

Future Arts Now

City and Country of Exchange: Hà Nội and Hồ Chí Minh, Việt Nam

Award: \$5,000

Project: To explore the progress hip hop culture has made in Việt Nam, exchange ideas with the dance community through workshops, and document the journey so that it can be shared with the current hip hop generation of Vietnamese Americans in San Jose.

Opera Cultura

City and Country of Exchange: Guadalajara, Mexico

Award: \$4,300

Project: To collaborate with Guadalajara's Camerata Ensemble in exchanging ideas and best practices for engaging new audiences for Latino inspired classical music.

San Jose Jazz

City and Country of Exchange: Koblenz, Germany/London, England/Montreal, Canada

Award: \$4,000

Project: To bring three acclaimed guitarists to San Jose for a performance and educational workshop during the two-week period of San Jose Jazz's Winter Fest programming.

San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles

City and Country of Exchange: Tainan, Taiwan

Award: \$5,000

Project: To bring Wu Yu Jung, a Tainan textile artist, to San Jose for a citywide arts outreach project where she bikes around and mends people's clothing with a sewing machine and hand-stitching, and exhibits her experiences and interactions as an exhibition both at the Museum and back in Tainan.

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Round IV 2019

Ray Futura

City and Country of Exchange: Guadalajara, Mexico

Recommended Award: \$5,000

Project: To collaborate with Guadalajara-based Bassist Vico Diaz on the project titled, “Pasión,” which will repurpose classic Spanish boleros and Spanish popular music covers for Flute Solo, Jazz Trio, and String Quartet.

Pantea Karimi

City and Country of Exchange: Dublin, Ireland

Award: \$3,830

Project: To teach art workshops and create a STEAM Learning Resource for Dublin teens focused on the intersection of art and science, and to share the results with San Jose educational communities using blog-posts.

San Jose Tainan Sister City

City and Country of Exchange: Tainan, Taiwan

Recommended Award: \$5,000

Project: For the one-month artist residency project, “Spread: Dialogue between Contemporary Art and Technology in San Jose-Tainan” with Taiwanese media artists Chaong-Wen Ting and Cia Hsinyuan Lee.

Sonido Clash

City and Country of Exchange: Tokyo, Japan

Recommended Award: \$5,000

Project: To explore and bridge Chicano culture and Cumbia record collecting scene from San José to Tokyo through performances, events, and documentation of the journey to share at the 4th Annual Sonido Clash Music Fest.

Teatro Visión

City and Country of Exchange: Mexico City, Mexico

Recommended Award: \$5,000

Project: To bring La Quinta Teatro, a street theater ensemble from Mexico City, to San José to do a mini-performance and workshop at which San José community members will build a large-scale puppet as an offering for La Quinta Teatro's community in Mexico.