

FUNDS

Arts Credit for Touring Artist Performances

One *arts credit* per year is available for each public elementary and secondary school in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. It may be used to subsidize in part the performance fee of one or more touring companies listed in the *Arts Catalog*.

- \$200 for each Santa Barbara County school
- \$100 for each San Luis Obispo County school

Arts Credit for Resident Artist Workshops

One *arts credit* per year is available for each public elementary school in Santa Barbara County. It may be used to subsidize in part resident artist workshops conducted during school hours in the classroom.

- \$200 for Santa Barbara Co. elementary schools

The *arts credit* is provided by funds raised through the *I Madonnari* Italian Street Painting Festivals.

I MADONNARI Italian Street Painting Festival

The Children's Creative Project produces two annual *I Madonnari* Italian Street Painting Festivals to benefit its arts education programs in the schools. Held each year at the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo missions, the festivals attract more than 30,000 visitors who view more than 150 street paintings created by local artists and children. Using chalk, they transform the pavement into vibrant, large-scale street paintings.

Street painting squares range in size from 4-by-6 feet to 12-by-12 feet and are sponsored financially by schools, businesses, organizations, or by individuals to celebrate friends or family members. A special children's area provides chalk and smaller squares for young children. The festivals feature live music and Italian cuisine. The San Luis Obispo festival is co-presented with the American Institute of Architects Central Coast Chapter. Website: imadonnarifestival.com

Touring Artist Program Grants

As a non-profit arts organization, the Children's Creative Project is eligible to apply for grant support from public and private funding sources. If awarded, the grants can subsidize performances by selected touring artists. Grant funds received for the current school year are announced at the Cultural Arts Network meetings. In addition, under the *Touring Artist Performances Index*, the column titled "Funds Available" identifies the touring artists with funding to support their programs.

A collaboration of schools, school districts and libraries can work with the CCP to apply for grants to support a block-booked tour. Often the grant application must be submitted during the school year prior to the year the companies will tour. Touring artist grants subsidize, in part, the touring company fees for student performances at public and private schools, libraries and formal theater venues. The Children's Creative Project applies for grants from the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission, and other private funding sources.