

Lackawanna County is the first county in the state to officially establish a Department of Education and Culture. One of the functions of the department is to direct the 1-mill education and culture fee the Board of Commissioners issued in December 2004. The dedicated fee is expected to generate more than \$1 million in 2005.

Arts & Cultural Grants Awarded 2006

Grants Funded Project Amount Recipient

1. Mondays in Moscow Professional Chamber Music concerts with an \$ 2,741 John Andrew early spring art show for local artists.
2. Ballet Theatre of Scranton Presentation of the “Nutcracker” Ballet \$2,902 Nancy Salerno free of charge for the community
3. Catholic Choral Society Support for “Generations Sing” choral music \$1,128 Dr. Thomas Rittenhouse
4. Choral Society of NEPA Support for Children and Youth Program \$ 2,483 Alan Baker for Spring 2006/ages 5 thru high school
5. Vince Brust Studios Production of a one hour television show which \$ 2,644 Vince Brust includes students from the studio, community and schools doing ballroom, swing and Latin dancing
6. Lexington Entertainment 5 Concerts featuring Dixieland series in underserved areas of \$ 2,741 Doug Smith the County
7. Broadway Theatre League Musical theatre and dance workshops for teachers and \$2,837 Tony Nicosia of NEPA students.
8. The Lyric Consort Support of 10 concert presentations to NEPA \$2,741 Alan Baker seasonally scheduled along with a compact disc recording, “Christmas from Saint Peter’s Cathedral including a new choral work from Internationally recognized PA composer, Jackson Hill.

9. Maureen McGuigan Local playwright's works adapted from folklore \$2,579 Maureen McGuigan stories from PA's diverse heritage. Project will be in partnership with the South Scranton Renaissance Community Development Corporation.
10. PA Heritage Museum Project features PA Charter Day presentation related \$ 920 Chester Kulesa to Welsh heritage and industrial history of the local area. Includes performance by The St. David's Welsh Male Chorus/traditional songs.
11. Robert Dale Chorale Support for the 21st Annual Bach Festival consisting \$2,773 Steven Thomas of the performance of music programs over a 2 day period locations being St. Peter's Cathedral and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.
12. Scranton Public Theatre Support for the 20th annual Jason Miller Summer Theatre Festival at the newly constructed Hanlon's \$ 2,902 Bob Shlesinger Grove Amphitheatre in Nay Aug Park.
13. Scranton Tomorrow First Night Scranton artistic performances in and \$ 2,741 Paige Balitski around Court House Square providing entertainment for all age groups. Features a number of local talents.
14. University of Scranton "NEPA Regional Art 2006" display that \$ 3,000 Darlene Miller Lanning will include the galleries located within Keystone College, Marywood College, and the Artists for Art Gallery and The University of Scranton.
15. Richard Wargo Coach vocalists for "Mostly Opera" performances \$ 2,741 Richard Wargo featuring Wargo's original compositions.
16. The Northeast Theatre Support for performance of Rapunzel's Song to be \$2,579 David Zarko presented at the TNT Space at the Jermyn.
17. Actor's Circle Support for summertime series of short one-act plays \$ 2,308 Lou Bisignani to be presented at several open air venues around Lackawanna County during the summer of 2006.
18. Community Film Project Support for the development and promotion of regional, \$1,361 Jeffrey Fowler independent motion picture projects enabling area artists to share their areas of expertise or interest.
19. LRCA Lackawanna River Corridor Association. Grant money will \$ 2,579 Bernard McGurl be used in support of Riverfest, a daylong musical celebration of the Lackawanna River.
20. Devorah Namm Design and performance of a poetry and music event \$2,515 Devorah Namm to benefit middle school and senior citizens.

21. Frank Goryl Raku Ceramic Firing three seasonal \$ 2,579 Frank Gory weekends featuring the process and exhibition of the creations.
22. Scranton Local #120 Interactive concerts to be held at area venues \$ 2,902 Doug Smith American Federation to benefit area senior citizens of Musicians
23. Cheryl A. Kasuba Project to present historic scenes performed at \$ 2,902 Cheryl Kasuba various locations in Courthouse Square
24. Lackawanna Historical Support to produce a historical drama based on \$ 2,321 Mary Ann Moran Society the lives of the founders of the Scranton Century Club during Women's History Month, March 2006