



# Oregon Culture: Made Possible by Donors Like *You*

If you've attended Third Rail Repertory Theatre (Portland) or Eugene Ballet, visited the Pendleton Center for the Arts or the Oregon Caves Chateau (Cave Junction), attended performances at the Liberty Theater (Astoria) or Columbia Center for the Arts (Hood River), you've experienced Oregon culture made possible, in part, by donors to the Oregon Cultural Trust. That's also true of exhibits at the Oregon Historical Society (Portland), free lectures from the Oregon Council for the Humanities and episodes of "The Oregon Experience" on OPB-TV (both statewide).

RANKED WITH THE BOTTLE BILL AND VOTE-BY-MAIL  
AS AN IMPORTANT OREGON INNOVATION

So said the Eugene *Register-Guard* in a 2006 editorial endorsement of the Cultural Trust. The Trust is a forward thinking public-private partnership. Since December 2002, the Trust has raised more than \$17,000,000 to build a permanent endowment for Oregon culture that supports 1,200 arts, humanities and heritage nonprofits, statewide. Contributors to the

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LEFT: Lane Community College's ArtsWork in Education (AWE) is bringing arts learning and higher academic achievement to hundreds of students in Lane County. A \$10,000 FY 2010 Cultural Trust grant will extend the program for six years in three middle schools and three high schools. This is the second consecutive year that AWE has been funded by the Trust. Photo: Rick Williams © 2009

MIDDLE: The Cultural Trust's FY 2010 \$5,000 grant to Salem's Mission Mill Museum will make it easier for visitors to find and learn about the three historic houses on the museum's property, including the 1841 Jason Lee House, above. This is the third Trust grant to Mission Mill Museum. Photo, courtesy Mission Mill Museum

RIGHT: A playwright responds to an audience question at Portland Center Stage's JAW: A Playwright's Festival. The Festival develops new work for the theater that has been produced not only at PCS but at theaters across the U.S. The staged readings and dozens of other activities offered in conjunction with JAW are free. The 2010 Festival will be funded with a \$10,000 grant from the Cultural Trust, the fourth consecutive grant to this highly successful and popular creative enterprise. Photo: Owen Carey © 2005

Trust are eligible to claim their *entire* donation as a refund on their Oregon taxes, as long as they've made equal or greater donations to cultural nonprofits.

YOU GIVE TWICE BUT IT ONLY COSTS YOU ONCE ...  
AND YOU DOUBLE YOUR SUPPORT OF OREGON CULTURE

When you join OPB, Coos County Historical Society (North Bend) or Friends of the Multnomah County Library (Portland), why not make a matching gift to the Trust? Or make a matching gift when you donate to Fishtrap (Enterprise), Portland Center Stage, Lake Arts Council (Lakeview), or any number of the Trust's 1,200 eligible cultural nonprofits. Make both gifts by December 31, then claim the cultural tax credit on your Oregon return.

Your matching gift to the Trust of up to \$500 for individuals, \$1,000 for couples filing jointly or \$2,500 for Oregon corporations *costs you nothing*. You save money on your Oregon state income taxes *and* provide the fuel that keeps Oregon culture diverse, alive and accessible to the community.

#### WHERE THE TAX CREDIT GOES

The Oregon Cultural Trust recently announced \$1.45 million in grants to 39 county and tribal coalitions; five statewide cultural partners, and 48 cultural nonprofits in 17 counties. Every organization mentioned in this article received a grant this year. The cultural nonprofit grants fund projects such as arts education programs, a statewide writers' tour, an exhibition on the scandalous side of life in the Old West, new performing arts facilities, and many others.

Coalition grants allow Cultural Trust funding to be deep as well as broad since each coalition redistributes Trust money to county community projects. Cultural Trust grants often aid cultural nonprofits in offering programs that are entirely free or at very low cost to the community.

All that, and more, made possible by generous Oregon donors, like *you*.

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