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Michigan Opera Theatre receives \$150,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts as part of the American Rescue Plan

[Detroit, MI] – Michigan Opera Theatre (MOT) is pleased to announce we have been approved to receive an American Rescue Plan grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to help the arts and cultural sector recover from the pandemic. MOT is recommended to receive \$150,000 and may use this funding to save jobs and to fund operations and facilities, health and safety supplies, and marketing and promotional efforts to encourage attendance and participation. In total, the NEA will award grants totaling \$57,750,000 to 567 arts organizations in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington, DC.

“Our nation’s arts sector has been among the hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. The National Endowment for the Arts’ American Rescue Plan funding will help arts organizations, such as Michigan Opera Theatre rebuild and reopen,” said Dr. Maria Rosario Jackson, chair of the NEA. “The arts are crucial in helping America’s communities heal, unite, and inspire, as well as essential to our nation’s economic recovery.”

“All of us with MOT are once again appreciative to the National Endowment for the Arts for its support and recognition that the retention of key personnel is essential to maintain the vibrancy of arts and cultural organizations, especially during this period of abbreviated programming,” MOT President and CEO Wayne S. Brown said. “The Greater Detroit community will be the beneficiary of the investment made possible through this recent grant award.”

With the assistance of ARP funds, MOT will retain key individuals spanning from the production, artistic, and marketing departments to facilitate opera operations.

The American Rescue Plan was signed into law in March 2021 when the NEA was provided \$135 million for the arts sector. The funding for organizations is the third installment providing more than \$57.7 million for arts organizations. In April 2021, the NEA [announced](#) \$52 million (40 percent) in ARP funding would be allocated to 62 state, jurisdictional, and regional arts organizations for regranteeing through their respective programs. The second installment in November 2021 [allocated](#) \$20.2 million to 66 local arts agencies for subgranting to local artists and art organizations.

For more information on the NEA's American Rescue Plan grants, including the full list of arts organizations funded in this announcement, visit www.arts.gov/COVID-19/the-american-rescue-plan.