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Regional Art and Culture Organizations Quotes

“The broad investments across Oregon Community Foundation, the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation, and the Oregon Legislature creates resiliency and stability not only for our current season, but also as a tailwind for our 2025 Season planning process. Next year, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival enters its 90th Anniversary Season, and we look forward to bringing an exciting lineup and experience to celebrate with our patrons and supporters.”

- Tyler Hokama, Interim Executive Director, Oregon Shakespeare Festival

“We are filled with enormous gratitude at the generosity of Oregon Community Foundation. This transformational gift will breathe new life into Portland Opera at an important juncture, as we search for a new artistic home and celebrate our upcoming 60th anniversary. The extraordinary support received from the Miller Foundation, the state legislatures and now OCF symbolizes a profound commitment to our mission and the significance of the arts within our community and state. It is a testament to how much we can accomplish when public and private support unite to champion the arts.”

- Sue Dixon, General Director, Portland Opera

“Oregon Community Foundation’s leadership in providing critical support to arts and culture organizations across the state, and in our case for investing in arts on the east side of the Cascades, is truly visionary. It takes decades to create the vibrant arts opportunities that exist in Oregon today, yet this sector has faced continual headwinds these last few years. The Foundation’s investment is profound and inspirational for our sector’s future.”

-Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D., High Desert Museum Executive Director

“The recent major support initiatives for the arts have been nothing short of incredible and at such a critical time for so many organizations. As we navigate current challenges and plan for the future, these funds will help to keep arts thriving in Oregon. These commitments are not only financially impactful but serve as a validation for the role that the arts play in our lives and economy.”

-Shane Jewell, Executive Director, Oregon Ballet Theatre

“This extraordinary investment comes at a pivotal moment for the Oregon Symphony, the arts and culture sector, and the state. As the communities we serve envision a brighter future, the power that arts institutions have to create connection and hope is needed more than ever. The Oregon Symphony is grateful for these remarkable grants that allow our great institution and other anchor arts organizations to innovate and serve the state in richer, more meaningful ways.”

-Isaac Thompson, President & CEO, Oregon Symphony

“Portland Center Stage has been able to weather the pandemic and subsequent years because of a diverse cross section of support. Ticket buyers, individual donors, government champions, committed public and private foundations, collaborations with local businesses and neighborhood associations, and a huge cross section of individual donors made up of the community for whom we strive to be a public good for. It's only through this kind of multi-pronged support that arts and culture in Oregon will be resilient and will thrive.”

- Liam Kaas-Lentz, Managing Director, Portland Center Stage

“Oregon Community Foundation’s major support and investment in the Museum and other arts organizations will ensure the long-term vitality and livability of our cities and state. We are most grateful to OCF leadership for their generosity and their efforts in working closely with our legislative leaders to secure resiliency funds for the cultural sector. This gift recognizes that arts and culture not only feed our spirits but also provide a critical economic boost. This synergy between public and philanthropic funding is a landmark moment and truly good for Oregon. We are optimistic that this funding indicates a sustainable commitment to supporting Oregon’s arts ecosystem that, in turn, supports our communities.

- Brian Ferriso, Executive Director and Chief Curator, Portland Art Museum

Oregon Legislators Quotes

"Throughout history, governments have recognized the value of investing in the arts. Oregon, in partnership with Oregon Community Foundation and Miller Family Foundation, continues this tradition by supporting the seven prominent institutions across the state that contribute so much to our communities and are vital for economic development locally and statewide."

-Oregon Senator Elizabeth Steiner (District 17)

“After the pandemic, it was clear that the cultural and entertainment organizations critical to our economy and sense of community needed support. I’m proud of the investments the Legislature made and thrilled to see that these critical cultural centers will be able to serve our communities for years to come with this historic partnership.”

-Oregon Senator Rob Wagner (District 19)

"I am also grateful to the nonprofit foundations who stepped up to match the state’s efforts. I am looking forward to more of this in years to come."

-Oregon Representative Rob Nosse (District 42)