

Project Title Providing Live Theatre for Wilsonville Oregon

Applicant Name WilsonvilleSTAGE

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Project Duration

Start Date 1/21/2026

Estimated Completion Date 10/18/2026

Project Budget

Total Project Budget \$ 13,060.00

Applicant Cash Match (a) \$ 1,500.00

In-Kind Resources (b) \$ 5,000.00

Total Applicant Match (a+b) \$ 6,500.00

Grant Request \$ 3,000.00

Project Narrative Questions

Provide a project description

Since the pandemic affordable performance venues within the City of Wilsonville have been especially hard to come by. In the last two years WilsonvilleSTAGE has had to resort to ad hoc performances without the ability to book a full season of performances within city limits. The reasons for this are varied but include management and staffing changes at the library which preclude evening performances as well as management changes in booking personnel at Charbonneau which emphasize one-off performances thus eliminating multi-night bookings which are the lifeblood of theatrical performances. This inability to book multi night performances has hurt our standing in the eyes of the public as out of sight is always out of mind. To combat that phenomenon, for our 2025-2026 season WilsonvilleSTAGE has reluctantly booked a venue in Tualatin at the Tualatin Heritage Center,(THC), however we are dedicated to returning to Wilsonville which is our home. We are currently in discussions with two venues that we hope will lead to the addition of at least 2 performances to our existing

Tualatin season. These venues are the City Library where we hope to add two weekend matinees, and Meridean United Church of Christ which would also involve at least one afternoon matinee. Although these discussions are not completed as of the 11/14 filing deadline for this grant, they will be completed by the January 21st Grant review meeting. We are confident that the inclusion of these additional performances at their venues will not only assure these venue custodians that WilsonvilleSTAGE is a good partner to do business with, but also working with us is a great way to enhance their contribution to city life.

How will your project promote arts, culture, history, or heritage in Wilsonville

Funding of this grant will help bring at least one perhaps three fine plays to Wilsonville. We already have the directors approval to bring A.R. Gurney's "The Golden Age" to our Wilsonville venue for two performances. In addition we will begin discussions with the directors of two additional plays on our season about taking them "on the road" as well. These options are "Other Desert Cities", by Jon Robin Baitz, and "5 Women Wearing the Same Dress", by Alan Bell.

How will your project benefit the Wilsonville Community?

Although Wilsonville High school brings wonderful theater to their stage the citizens of the city deserve more chances to see live theater in their city. Funding of this grant will bring live performances this year and help bring live performances in future years.

What are your organization's goals for this project? (Use measurable data if possible.) How will you know that you succeeded in your goals?

Our goals are to bring live theater to Wilsonville in 2026 and beyond by proving to the venue custodians that supporting live theater is good for the community and there place in it.

If this is an annual event for which you have received Community Cultural Events and Programs Grant funding in the past, what new or expanded attractions or partners have been added? (Please note: annual events must add attractions or partners in order to be eligible for grant funding.)

Funding this grant will help bring more live theater and live performances to the citizens of Wilsonville this year and for years to come.

How are you/your organization suited to produce this project/program? Provide the community resources that will be used if applicable (volunteers, local vendors, local contributions, etc.)

WilsonvilleSTAGE has been producing live theater continuously since 2016. Our predecessor, Wilsonville Theater Company was founded in 1996 and produced plays

throughout the decades. We have local volunteers and donators who spend hours volunteering to produce these plays.