



The Original Denton District

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Gary Gibbs, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Texas Commission on the Arts
Cultural District Grant Program
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Dear Dr. Gibbs:

This letter is to express the full support of the Original Denton District (ODD) for Theatre Denton's application for the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) Arts Respond - Cultural District Project grant program in the amount of \$5,000 to support the "Voices Together" 2027 production, "The Wizard of Oz," which aims to bring together Theatre Denton Theatre School students and experienced adult performers for a shared, intergenerational musical production. The total production cost will be \$10,000. The grant application requests \$5,000 to support 50% of the productions expenses.

Theatre Denton has made its home in the Original Denton District at the historic Campus Theatre since 1995. Each year, Theatre Denton provides very high-quality musical and non-musical dramatic performances. In total, these performances bring more than 10,000 people to the Original Denton District each year. The musicals draw more the lion's share of performance visitors and if it were not for the honoraria that Theatre Denton provides to vocalists and musicians, the musicals would suffer deeply in quality or prove entirely untenable.

In addition to the 4 musicals and 4 dramatic performances provided by Theatre Denton each theatrical season, the organization also provides 2-3 children's performances. Considered all together, the mainstage performance and the children's performances bring almost 16,000 people to the Original Denton District annually.

The Original Denton District intends to promote Theatre Denton and its performances on our Original Denton District calendar and to feature the organization and its work on other City social media accounts.

We are honored and pleased to offer our support to Theatre Denton and its current grant application. We hope that you will help them to provide a wonderful season of events and to provide artists a compelling opportunity with whatever funding you can provide. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Matthew Hamilton
Chief Financial Officer
City of Denton
on Behalf of the Original Denton District