



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 City of Denton Public Art Committee for the Theatre Denton's request for funding under the Arts Respond – Cultural District Project grant. The Foundation seeks \$18,000 to support musician honoraria during their Main Stage Musical Series. The application for this funding is fully supported by the City of Denton Public Art Committee.

This series consists of four professional musicals and will ultimately require hiring 66 musicians who will work 16 calls. The total honoraria cost will be \$36,960.

Theatre Denton has operated out of the Denton Campus Theatre – a signal cultural asset in the Original Denton District – since 1995. Their musical series, alone, is responsible for attracting more than 10,000 visitors to the Original Denton District. Overall, Theatre Denton performs 4 musicals and 4 plays a year, as well as 2-3 children's productions that, in total, bring in more than 16,000 visitors.

We are honored to support the Denton Festival Foundation's present application. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Monet Franklin
Chair, City of Denton Public Art Committee