



Koch Cultural Trust™

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**Koch Cultural Trust awards \$19,420 in grants
to Kansas artists, Summer 2017**

The Koch Cultural Trust (KCT) has awarded 7 summer grants totaling \$19,420 to Kansas artists. KCT awards quarterly grants through the Fred and Mary Koch Foundation.

Since 1986 the KCT has awarded more than \$2.3 million dollars in grants to nearly 800 recipients in the areas of dramatic arts, vocal, dance, fine arts, visual arts and instrumental music. The KCT works to identify and reward talent, helping to provide opportunities for recipients to grow, learn and pursue their dreams.

Summer 2017 award winners are:

Emma Blakley, Dance, Hutchinson

\$5,000 grant to attend the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre Training Program

Ricardo Cavalcante de Oliveira, Instrumental, Wichita

\$2,500 grant to attend Campus do Jordao Festival in Sao Paulo, Brazil

Rachael Schlosberg, Instrumental, Leawood

\$2,500 grant for private lessons/training with James Buswell

Sable Strout, Voice, Wichita

\$1,000 grant for audition expenses

Emily Sternfeld-Dunn, Voice, Wichita

\$5,000 grant for recording CD expenses with PARMA



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Carter Tholl, Voice, Wichita

\$1,420 grant to attend the Early Summer School at the Conservatory of Amsterdam in the Netherlands

Allen Zhang, Instrumental, Manhattan

\$2,000 grant to attend Vianden Music Festival in Luxembourg

For more information about the Koch Cultural Trust, visit www.kochculturaltrust.org.

Elizabeth B. Koch founded the Koch Cultural Trust in 1986 to help visual and performing artists in Kansas overcome financial obstacles. Grants are funded quarterly by the Fred and Mary Koch Foundation. Deadlines are Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 of each calendar year, and applications are available at www.kochculturaltrust.org.

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