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Koch Cultural Trust awards $35,765 in grants to Kansas artists, Winter 2018

The Koch Cultural Trust (KCT) has awarded 15 winter grants totaling $35,765 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.

Winter 2018 award winners are:

**Margaret Andriani**, Dance, Leawood
$2,000 grant to attend the Arts Umbrella International Summer Intensive - British Columbia

**Gabriel Czepiel**, Instrumental, Wichita
$1,750 grant to refurbish oboe

**Angela Evans**, Visual Artist, Wichita
$2,000 grant to attend the SuperFine NYC Exhibit

**Toni French**, Instrumental, Hutchinson
$1,500 grant to attend the 2018 National Flute Assoc. Convention

**Tatsuya Hidano**, Instrumental, Wichita
$1,000 grant to host and perform International Jazz Day 2018 at Fisch Haus
Zakayo Kapten, Instrumental, Wichita
$2,000 grant to purchase cello

Susan Mayo, Instrumental, Peabody
$3,000 grant to perform concerts in Europe

Bonnie McLarty, Instrumental, Lawrence
$3,600 grant to attend and perform in Cortona Sessions for New Music

Alexandra Owens, Dance, Wichita
$2,500 grant to attend the Pacific NW Ballet Intensive

Emma Piazza, Instrumental, Lawrence
$2,000 grant to attend and perform in Cortona Sessions for New Music

Jennifer Kate Rackley, Dance, Wichita
$4,350 grant to attend the Joffrey Summer Intensive

Leah Rosales, Instrumental, Wichita
$4,565 grant to attend the Saarburg Festival in Germany

Anne Schneller, Instrumental, Lawrence
$2,000 grant to attend a summer festival

Marissa Shell, Visual Artist, Lawrence
$2,500 grant to attend the Fashion Institute of Technology

Rhiannon Vieyra, Dance, Hutchinson
$1,000 grant to attend a summer dance intensive

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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