



LOBERO THEATRE

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Lobero Theatre Foundation Awarded California Arts Council “Artists in Schools - Exposure” Grant

- **State funds support arts education field trips and assemblies for Santa Barbara students**

Santa Barbara, CA, June 26, 2017 – [The California Arts Council](#) announced its plans to award \$13,448 to the Lobero Theatre Foundation as part of its Artists in Schools - Exposure program.

As an offshoot of the Council’s signature arts education grant program, one of the agency’s longest running, the new Artists in Schools - Exposure program offering supports attendance at professional performances and exhibitions for students who may otherwise have limited access to these experiences. The impact of student attendance at these events is complemented by pre- and post-attendance activities that align to National Core Arts Standards, VAPA Standards, and/or Common Core Standards of education.

[Boxtales Theatre Company](#) is partnering with the Lobero Theatre to create a new original program of multicultural myths and folktales. The Lobero and Boxtales have partnered in serving youth for more than 20 years and both have strong relationships with local schools. A Boxtales play is a strong draw for teachers since the plays work well with curricula.

[Stand Up Stories! Multicultural Tales to Live By](#) will be the newest Boxtales production, and is a collection of multicultural folktales that offer valuable messages and cultural wisdom that students can discuss and learn from. This show will be actively marketed as a way to help meet school districts’ goals in the social development of students. **School shows will be provided free of charge on Thursday & Friday, September 28 & 29 at 10 a.m., and public performances will held on Friday, September 29 at 8 pm and Sunday October 1 at 2 pm.**

“The Lobero’s Youth & Community Outreach programs are all about creating a performing arts experience for local students, seniors and families. Whether on the stage, in the classroom or in the audience, we bring the arts alive for thousands each year.” – Marianne Clark, Lobero Theatre Foundation Administrator

The Lobero Theatre Foundation is one of just 71 grantees chosen for this highly competitive program, which received applications from 108 organizations statewide. The news of the Lobero Theatre Foundation’s grant

was featured as part of a larger announcement from the California Arts Council, which can be viewed at <http://arts.ca.gov/news/pressreleases.php>

“We know the benefits of arts education—to improve test performance, reduce dropout rates and increase participation in higher learning,” said Donn K. Harris, California Arts Council Chair. “The Lobero Theatre Foundation’s collaboration with Boxtale Theatre Company through our Artists in Schools - Exposure program allows students to step outside the classroom for real-life arts immersion. Opportunities like these help fuel the fire and drive necessary within our youth to prepare them for success in school, in the workforce, and in their communities.”

- To view a complete listing of all Artists in Schools - Exposure grantees, visit http://arts.ca.gov/programs/files/CAC_AIS_Exposure_Grantees_2016-17_FINAL.pdf

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The mission of the Lobero Theatre Foundation is to maintain and operate the historic Lobero Theatre as a performing arts center and cultural asset to the community of Santa Barbara, and to present the highest quality productions in music, dance, and theatre.

The mission of the California Arts Council, a state agency, is to advance California through the arts and creativity. The Council is committed to building public will and resources for the arts; fostering accessible arts initiatives that reflect contributions from all of California's diverse populations; serving as a thought leader and champion for the arts; and providing effective and relevant programs and services.

Members of the California Arts Council include: Chair Donn K. Harris, Vice Chair Nashormeh Lindo, Larry Baza, Phoebe Beasley, Christopher Coppola, Juan Devis, Kathleen Gallegos, Jaime Galli, Louise McGuinness, Steven Oliver, and Rosalind Wyman. Learn more at www.arts.ca.gov.