

Council Priority Funds – Application

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PRIORITY FUND INFORMATION – Completed by ApplicantOrganization name SCA FINE ARTSAddress 1011 Clover Bar Rd
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Brief description of request

See attached Letter.CYNTHIA FOSTER
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SignatureNov 25, 2015
Date**Collection and use of personal information**

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Please remember to attach a proposed budget and request letter to this request.

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Strathcona County Priority Funds

Our SCA Fine arts program is a performing arts class within the Strathcona Christian Secondary School. SCA Fine Arts has performed world class theatre productions since 2000, within our Sherwood Park community. In 2013 we were selected by the American High School Theatre Festival (AHSTF) to perform at the World Renowned Fringe Theatre Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland! The program creates a collaborative environment made up of local community arts & professionals, students and volunteer parents. Our program focuses on developing leadership and confidence in our students, challenging them to excel in their acting, singing, dancing, orchestral, technical, interpersonal and personal skills.

This year our Musical Theatre students under the thoughtful direction of Ms. Cynthia Foster will be performing Disney's 'Little Mermaid', during 8 shows, February 9-12, 2016.

The students not only sing & collaborate in dance sequences, they are involved with every aspect of the production process! As an example, prior to this year's production a senior student, took it upon themselves to contact Disney directly, requesting that they release the script early to our school so that this production could be considered by the the Director and School Administration for this year! The students spend their own time and resources to research and build their own props to be used during the show. A team of theatre students (with assistance) create & construct the backdrops & staging, design and sew the costumes to be worn on stage. This event is not just about a single production, this is an opportunity for our students to learn real life skills while together creating beautiful art!

We are currently asking for your kind consideration to assist with funding our Musical Production for the following areas:

1. Programs that expand the development of students in the areas of Choreography/Dance
-Miss. Victoria Waslen - Dance/Choreography
2. Programs that further develop students vocal expertise
-Ms. Rachel HaverKamp - Music
3. Programs that build upon our current fashion design program to include Costume Design and Construction
- Ms. Lola Davies - Costume Design
4. Lighting Design prior to production
- Mr. Jonathan Reid - Lighting Design

Due to privacy laws we are unable to list the contracts individually, however the budgeted costing for these areas is a total of \$11,500.

For each of these programs we have hired local professionals, who are expert in their given fields. Not only will this be an opportunity for our students to learn more about these important aspects of Musical Production,(beyond what a single instructor could provide), it will encourage & foster relationships with local professionals who have perfected their crafts and are thrilled to share this knowledge with our young adults right here in Strathcona!

These funds be used in the creation of a production that will be performed within Sherwood Park at Sherwood Park Alliance Church to an audience of over 4,000, your funds will be supporting local experts who live & work within our community! Supporting our youth & our local arts professionals is investing your funds within our Strathcona Community twice!

None of these funds are needed to cover an operational deficit, travel expenses. Thanks to our wonderful Marketing team (which does consist of Volunteer Parents as well at a student), over 2,600 tickets have already been purchased.

Our goal is to enhance the learning environment for our students, while increasing the calibre of our final production. All of the professionals above have offered their time & talents at a fraction of actual cost to themselves and their companies, because they are passionate about investing in Strathcona's future!

Thank you for your consideration! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this application.

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SCA Fine Arts

Disney's Little Mermaid

February 9th-12th, 2016



'Around here, we don't look backwards for very long...We keep moving forward, opening new doors and doing new things, because we're curious, and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.' - Walt Disney

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2015 our class performed 'Annie' the Musical to an audience of over 3500 people within our community! We received 16 Cappies nominations, walking away with awards for Best Supporting Actress Kendra Benterud & Choreography Kaylin Schenk!

2014 saw the fine arts students perform 'Shrek' the Musical to an audience of over 4000 adoring fans! Receiving 9 Cappies nominations, Winning - Technical Theatre - Student Team, Outstanding Performance by a Comic Actor in a Musical - Bretton Theune,

2013 our class performed "Seussical the Musical" which thrilled an audience of over 3300 fans! Not only were we nominated for 11 Cappie Awards & winning Comic Actor in a musical as well as Props; our performers were selected by the American High School Theatre Festival (AHSTF) to perform at the World Renowned Fringe Theatre Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland! In 1947, the Edinburgh International Festival was formed as an event to promote peace and unity in the world after World War II. With nearly 3,000 productions, 40,000 performances and thousands of performers from across the globe, the Edinburgh Festival Fringe is the largest performance arts festival in the world!

It was a honor for us to represent our Strathcona County and Canada on the Global stage!

This year we are excited to 'share the LOVE' with our Strathcona community by performing Disney's 'Little Mermaid'! Under the skilled and thoughtful direction of our Director Mrs. Cynthia Foster we look forward to sharing the gift of theatre with over 4000 of our fellow Edmontonians!

We hope to see you there!!