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### **Center for World Music to Receive National Endowment for the Arts Grant Award is among 1,023 Made Nationally**

San Diego — Through its grant-making to thousands of nonprofits each year, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) promotes opportunities for people in communities across America to experience the arts and exercise their creativity.

On Wednesday, May 6, the NEA announced that it will make a \$55,000 award to the Center for World Music to implement world music and dance instruction in San Diego schools. The award was among 1,023 awards totaling \$74.3 million made by the NEA nationwide in this funding round.

NEA Chairman Jane Chu said, “The NEA is committed to advancing learning, fueling creativity, and celebrating the arts in cities and towns across the United States. Funding these new projects like the one from the Center for World Music represents an investment in both local communities and our nation’s creative vitality.”

World Music and Dance in the Schools will include hands-on performance experience of traditional music and dance from six broad culture areas of the world: South Asia, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, Africa, and Europe. It will provide fourteen native or native-trained artist-teachers in residence at ten different San Diego K-12 schools. Students will experience traditional performing arts through the interactive study of the music and dance of one or more of these regions. They will acquire culture-specific skills by learning from and engaging with distinguished artist-teachers.

In the challenging funding climate for arts education in California, World Music and Dance in the Schools is made possible through the collaborative efforts of the NEA, California Arts Council, Parent Teacher Associations/Organizations, partner schools, family foundations, and the generous support of the Center for World Music donors.

The Center for World Music is a nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is to foster intercultural awareness and understanding through in-depth encounters with the world’s performing arts traditions. The Center’s vision is a world that celebrates cross-cultural understanding, respect, communication, and healing through the performing arts traditions of cultures East and West.

For more information about the Center for World Music visit [centerforworldmusic.org](http://centerforworldmusic.org).

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