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## **Rhodes School for the Performing Arts Receives Grant from Texas Women for the Arts to Expand Arts Access**

**Houston, TX** – Rhodes School for the Performing Arts (RSPA) is delighted to announce that it has been awarded a \$4,000 grant from Texas Women for the Arts (TWA), a distinguished program of the Texas Cultural Trust. This grant will bolster its efforts to expand arts access and enhance arts education and S.T.E.A.M. programs for students and the community.

This grant is crucial because it enables the charter school to offer more comprehensive arts programs, including music, dance, theater, and visual arts, to its students. By providing additional resources and opportunities, RSPA can ensure that every student has the chance to develop their artistic talents and pursue their creative passions. The funds will be used to purchase new art supplies, musical instruments, and theater equipment and to hire additional instructors for specialized workshops.

Rhodes School for the Performing Arts is committed to nurturing future leaders through arts education. Its mission is to cultivate critical thinkers with the integrity to lead and excel in a global society. This grant will significantly impact the community by allowing RSPA to offer new arts initiatives, such as after-school programs, community workshops, and performance opportunities, benefiting approximately 472 students and community members during the 2024-2025 school year.

Ashley Miller, Superintendent of Rhodes School for the Performing Arts, said, "This Texas Women for the Arts grant is extremely beneficial for our students. It allows us to provide even more upgrades to our curriculum, focusing on key disciplines such as percussion, dance, theater, visual arts, choir, violin, and piano. These experiences prepare our students for real-life challenges and equip them with the skills to impact their communities positively. With this support, we can offer more hands-on, immersive experiences crucial for developing creativity and critical thinking skills."

With a world-class education inviting real-life experiences, RSPA's curriculum emphasizes excellence across seven disciplines while preparing students to make a positive impact in the community.

TWA is a pivotal statewide giving circle and membership program dedicated to nurturing the artistic talents of Texas children. Since its inception in 2005, TWA has awarded 403 grants totaling over \$4.3 million, impacting more than 3.7 million Texas children. These grants have supported a wide range of programs, from school-based arts education to community arts initiatives, helping to ensure that all Texas children have the opportunity to explore and develop their artistic abilities.

TWA Grants are awarded annually following a rigorous review process, reflecting their commitment to fostering artistic growth statewide. The selection criteria include the quality and innovation of the proposed programs, the potential impact on the community, and the sustainability of the initiatives.

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***About Rhodes School for the Performing Arts***

*Rhodes School for the Performing Arts is a Fine Arts Magnet School of Distinction. Established in 2007 by Michelle Bonton, RSPA serves over 400 students in grades Pre-K-8 at its Houston campus location. RSPA boasts a STEAM curriculum and is home to several Fine Art ensembles such as choir, visual arts, percussion, piano, dance, violin, and theatre arts. Rhodes School for the Performing Arts is dedicated to providing students with an exceptionally well-rounded and innovative learning experience. To learn more about RSPA, visit [RhodesSchool.org](http://RhodesSchool.org).*

***About the Texas Cultural Trust***

*The Texas Cultural Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and increasing access and awareness for the arts across the state. Programs of the organization include the Texas Medal of Arts Awards, Arts Access, Art Can, Texas Young Masters, Texas Women for the Arts, and Partners in the Arts. Efforts are amplified by supporters who are instrumental in the success of leading a cohesive voice for the arts in education, advocacy, and economic impact in Texas, spotlighting the artistic excellence of the state. For more information, visit [txculturaltrust.org](http://txculturaltrust.org).*

***About Texas Women for the Arts***

*Texas Women for the Arts (TWA) is a statewide giving circle and membership program with more than 200 members from across Texas. Since its inception in 2005, this philanthropic force and champion for the arts in education has awarded 403 grants totaling over \$4.3 million to arts organizations, impacting the lives of more than 3.7 million Texas children. For more information or to join, visit <https://txculturaltrust.org/twa/>.*