

GRANT APPLICATION

Name of Arts or Educational Organization or Individual Artist: Ocala Steel Orchestra Inc.

Name of Program or Project: International Jazz, Art & Blues Festival Ocala

Grant Amount Requested \$ 2,500

Application for:

- ☒ Arts Organization Must provide copy of IRS letter or Tax Exempt Certificate.
☐ Educational Institution Must provide copy of IRS letter or Tax Exempt Certificate.
☐ Individual Artists Must provide Social Security # _____.

Has the Art Organization, Educational Institution, or Individual Artist previously received funds from the Ocala Municipal Arts Commission? If so, provide the below listed information regarding the last project/program for which funding was received from the Arts Commission.

Date: _____ Amount \$ _____

Name of Program/Project: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

Discipline Category: ☒ Performing Arts (i.e., dance/drama)
☒ Visual Arts
☐ Literature
☒ Music
☐ Other _____

Recipient, individual or authorized agent of the designated organization warrants and guarantees to the City of Ocala that the funds will be used only for the purpose herein specified, at and on the time, dates and location as herein specified, or, if not so used, will be returned to the City of Ocala.

Recipient also agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless, the City of Ocala and all officers and employees of the City of Ocala from and against loss, damage, demand, liability or expense by reason of any damage or injury to property or persons which may be claimed to have arisen as a result of or in connection with these services.



Applicant Signature

Print Name: Sean Thomas

Print Title: CEO/Musical Director

Applicant Name: Sean Thomas

Program Name: Free Music Literacy for All on Steelpans & Percussion

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Application Received _____

If this organization/individual previously received OMAC funding, has all follow-up documentation been received? ☐ Yes ☐ No, Explain _____

OMAC Action:

☐ Approved Date of Approval _____ Amount Approved \$ _____
☐ Not Approved for Funding

Date Paid _____ Check # _____



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

OCALE STEEL ORCHESTRA INC
C/O SEAN R THOMAS
1901 EAST SILVERSPRINGS BLVD 1048
OCALA, FL 34470

Date:
02/28/2023
Employer ID number:
92-2025131
Person to contact:
Name: Customer Service
ID number: 31954
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending:
December 31
Public charity status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
January 16, 2023
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053453001283

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

INTERNATIONAL JAZZ, ART & BLUES FESTIVAL OCALA 2024



Ocala Steel Orchestra Inc.
1901 East Silver Springs Blvd #1048, Ocala, FL 34470
Ph: 352-201-3397
Email: oso@ocalasteelorchestra.org
Website: www.ocalasteelorchestra.org

Festival Location: Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place

Event Description:

The International Jazz, Art & Blues Festival in Ocala, Florida is an annual event that celebrates the rich culture and diversity of jazz, art, and blues while also supporting local music education. The festival features a lineup of local and internationally acclaimed jazz, blues, and R&B musicians, as well as a variety of visual and performing artists. Attendees can expect to enjoy a wide range of performances, including solo acts, duos, trios, and full bands.

The festival also features local art, where visitors can browse and purchase works from local and regional artists, including paintings, sculptures, pottery, jewelry, and more. Food vendors will be on-site offering a selection of delicious cuisine to enjoy while enjoying the music.

Proceeds from the festival benefit the Ocala Steel Orchestra Inc, a nonprofit organization with a mission to empower individuals from all backgrounds with the opportunity to learn and appreciate the art of steelpan and percussion music, fostering creativity, self-expression, and community building through free, accessible educational programs.

By supporting the festival, attendees are not only enjoying a day of great music, art, and food, but also helping to promote cultural awareness and education in the community.

The festival is held at the Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place, providing a perfect setting for locals and visitors to relax and take in the ambiance and sounds of the festival while supporting a good cause. With so much to see and do, the International Jazz, Art & Blues Festival is the perfect way to spend a summer afternoon and evening with friends and family while giving back to the community.

Please contact us if you have any questions. We appreciate your time and consideration.

Kind regards

Sean Thomas
CEO/Musical Director
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INTERNATIONAL, JAZZ, ART & BLUES FESTIVAL OCALA 2024

April 30 2024

Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place

1821 NW 21st Ave, Ocala, FL 34475

Free Event

OUTFLOWS:

Video & Photography

Julie Mancini Photography

Sound Engineer

Oniram Productions Inc.

Set Design & Decorations

2 Banners 10x16, table cloths, photo booth etc.

Musicians Fees:

Act1-Adriel Vincent Brown Trio

Act2-Ocala All Stars Blues Band

Education Workshop

General Administration:

Event Director/Producer/Coordinator Fees, Marketing, Promotions etc.

Advertising:

Posters (50)

Transportation:

Transporting of musicians from airport and back, sound check etc.

Refreshments:

Artistes' / Volunteers Refreshments etc.

Miscellaneous:

Miscellaneous Expenses (damaged instruments/property etc.)

TOTAL OUTFLOWS:

\$7,306.00



Ocala Steel Orchestra Inc.
presents

INTERNATIONAL Jazz Art & Blues Festival Ocala

TUE APRIL
30

MARY SUE RICH
COMMUNITY CENTER at
REED PLACE

1821 NW 21st Ave, Ocala, FL
34475

Featuring:

- OCALA ALL STARS BLUES BAND
- ADRIEL VINCENT-BROWN TRIO
- OCALA STEEL ORCHESTRA
- HOSTED BY: LAKESA DENNISON

4:00PM FREE

to benefit
Ocala Steel Orchestra
Non-Profit

BLUES ART JAZZ MERCH

**VIBES FOOD
GAMES MUSIC**

KIDDIES & ADULTS DRUMMING

