

## 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

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**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**

OCALA 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](http://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  
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](mailto:oso@ocalasteelorchestra.org)  
Website: [www.ocalasteelorchestra.org](http://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



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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.)

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**TOTAL OUTFLOWS:**

**\$7,306.00**

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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

**4:00PM FREE**

to benefit  
Ocala Steel Orchestra  
Non-Profit

BLUES ART JAZZ MERC

**VIBES FOOD  
GAMES MUSIC**

KIDDIES & ADULTS DRUMMING

**Featuring:**

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

