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Chagrin Arts opens up applications for its 2018 Performing Arts Scholarships

CHAGRIN FALLS, OHIO –For the second year in a row, Chagrin Arts will be presenting two \$500 scholarships to two high school seniors whose activities have demonstrated a passion for the performing arts.

The Chagrin Valley Times Performing Arts Scholarship is open to students who live in the following communities: Auburn, Bainbridge, Bentleyville, Burton, Chagrin Falls, Chardon, Chester, Gates Mills, Hunting Valley, Moreland Hills, Munson, Newbury, Orange, Pepper Pike, Russell, S. Russell, Solon, or Woodmere.

The Stephen G. Thomas Performing Arts Scholarship is open to students currently enrolled in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

Students must be graduating high school this spring and be able to express their passion for the performing arts. Students **do not** need to be pursuing post-secondary education in the performing arts. Applications can be completed online via ChagrinArts.org/performing-arts-scholarship/. Deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 25.

The selected recipients will be notified via email and will be presented with the scholarship at Chagrin Arts' annual "Fire Up! Performing Arts Bash" on Wednesday, May 16 at Sapphire Creek Winery & Gardens. More information about "Fire Up!" can be found at ChagrinArts.org

Last year's recipients included Vishal Sundaram from Solon High School who is now in his freshman year at Cornell University, and Nijah Holliday from Cleveland School of the Arts who is pursuing a degree in music education.

"Chagrin Arts strives to bring the power of the arts to as many as possible and the deserving recipients truly exemplify how encompassing that power is when combined with their own passion for the arts," said Karen Lazar, Executive Director of Chagrin Arts.

CHAGRIN VALLEY TIMES PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

The Chagrin Valley Times Performing Arts Scholarship was created via funding provided by the *Chagrin Valley Times*, whose staff has played a leading role in bringing arts and culture to thousands, providing cost-effective advertising, editorials, catalogs and shout-outs for every arts and culture organization in Chagrin Falls and beyond. This \$500 scholarship is open to students who live in Auburn, Bainbridge, Bentleyville, Burton, Chagrin Falls, Chardon, Chester, Gates Mills, Hunting Valley, Moreland Hills, Munson, Newbury, Orange, Pepper Pike, Russell, S. Russell, Solon, or Woodmere.

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STEPHEN G. THOMAS PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

The Stephen G. Thomas Performing Arts Scholarship is named in recognition of Steve's ongoing dedication to Chagrin Arts as one of its founding members and current Board President. Funding is provided by Chagrin Arts and is open to high school seniors currently enrolled in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information about the performing arts scholarships or Chagrin Arts, call Chagrin Arts at (440) 247-9700 or visit ChagrinArts.org.

ABOUT CHAGRIN ARTS

Chagrin Arts is a community 501(c)(3) organization whose goal is to enrich life through the presentation of inspiring performances and stimulating conversations. The organization's most visible programs are its *Chautauqua-in-Chagrin™* lecture series and the *Performing Arts Series*.

Chagrin Arts receives public support with local tax dollars from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, to preserve and enrich our region's artistic and cultural heritage. Additional sponsorship provided by the Ohio Arts Council, Huntington Bank, Chagrin Valley Times, The Inamori Center for Ethics and Excellence at CWRU, Sapphire Creek Winery & Gardens, and Electronic Merchant Systems.

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