



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Managing Director, Cultural Services
SUBJECT: 2005/06 Theatre Rental Grants

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT Council confirm its previous approval in principle of rental grants to 13 organizations for use of the Civic Theatres in Spring 05, including adjustments to four grants to reflect reduced actual use, for a total of \$903,910, as listed in Table 1; source of funds to be the 2005 Theatre Rental Grants budget.
- B. THAT Council approve 11 rental grants totalling \$744,690 for uses of the Civic Theatres in Fall 2005, within base levels or reserve uses, as listed in Table 2; source of funds to be the 2005 Theatre Rental Grants budget AND THAT subject to approval of the 2005/06 Theatre Rental Rates Report (RTS#5275), an additional \$51,525 be provided in grants to offset the cost of the increase rental rates; source of funds to be the 2005 Theatre Rental Grants budget.
- C. THAT Council approve, in principle, 12 rental grants totalling \$1,067,763 for uses of Civic Theatres in Spring 2006, within base levels or reserve uses, as listed in Table 2, subject to the 2006 Operating Budget Review process.
- D. THAT Council approve a grant of \$100,000 to the Vancouver Symphony Society to offset the rent payable under the lease with Civic Theatres for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2005; source of funds to be the 2005 Theatre Rental Grants budget.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of Community Services recommends approval of the foregoing.

COUNCIL POLICY

In 1979 and again in 1983, City Council affirmed the principle that Theatre Rental Grants are available to cultural organizations that use the Civic Theatres annually and have been assigned annual "base level" uses of the Civic Theatres by Council.

Council approved the current process for Theatre Rental Grants in 1995, providing for seasonally based grants allocated in July of each year for the coming "Fall" (the second half of a given year) and "Spring" (the first half of the following year). Recommendations for Spring of the following year are approved in principle, subject to the Operating Budget Review for that year:

Council policy provides for an increase in the annual Theatre Rental Grants budget to accommodate the impact of increases in the Civic Theatre rental rates on rental grants provided after September 1st, when new rates go into effect.

On September 12, 2000, Council approved the establishment of a "reserve pool" of theatre rental uses to assist established performing arts organizations that do not have designated "base level" uses of the Civic Theatres. Reserve uses may also be applied to additional uses by regular Theatre Rental Grant applicants.

Approval of grant recommendations require eight affirmative votes.

PURPOSE

In accordance with the process Council established in 1995, this report recommends:

- confirmation of Spring 2005 rental grants approved in principle on July 20, 2004;
- Theatre Rental Grants for the 2005/2006 season; and
- a grant to cover the Vancouver Symphony Society's lease of office space in the Orpheum.

BACKGROUND

Spring 2005 Grants

The Theatre Rental Grants budget for 2005 is \$1,892,000 which includes the \$100,000 annually designated for the VSO's office space rental in the Orpheum. From this budget, staff recommend that the 13 Theatre Rental grants for Spring 2005, which were approved in principle by Council last year, be formally approved in the amount of \$903,910. This amount provides for decreases in the grants to the Vancouver Bach Choir, the Vancouver Opera, the Vancouver Playhouse and the Vancouver Symphony to reflect actual uses (Table 1).

Table 1 - Spring 2005 Theatre Rental Grants

Organization	\$ Approved in Principle	\$ Final Recommended
Academy of Music	24,900	24,900
Ballet British Columbia	63,350	63,350
Coastal Jazz & Blues Society	18,100	18,100
Friends of Chamber Music	9,560	9,560
Holy Body Tattoo	4,780	4,780
Van. Bach Choir	32,910	28,410
Van. Chamber Choir	13,575	13,575
Van. New Music Society	2,390	2,390
Van. Opera Association	126,700	117,650
Van. Playhouse Theatre Co.	237,275	199,730
Van. Recital Society	27,660	27,660
Van. Symphony	419,720	387,005
Van. Youth Symphony Orchestra	6,800	6,800
TOTAL	987,720	903,910

Confirmation of these grants will leave an unallocated balance of \$888,090 in the 2005 Theatre Rental Grants budget, the allocation of which is discussed later in this report.

Reserve Uses

While the core group of not-for-profit organizations with base level uses has remained stable in recent years, their actual uses of the Civic Theatres varies. In 2000, Council approved the transfer of "surplus" base uses to a "reserve pool" of rental grant uses for performances by frequent users of the theatres that have not been assigned base uses because they have not had a long-term, consistent level of annual performances. As a second priority, the reserve may also be used to provide regular Theatre Rental Grant applicants with additional performance uses over their base levels.

The reserve pool gives the City greater flexibility in responding to shifting patterns of use among applicants. Grants from the reserve are subject to available funds, and do not cover rehearsal uses. At present the reserve provides for up to four uses of the Orpheum or Queen Elizabeth Theatre, and up to seven uses of the Vancouver Playhouse Theatre.

Requests for 2005/06

For the 2005/06 season, 14 theatre rental grant requests totaling \$1,776,135 have been received, as listed in Appendix A. These include a request over base levels from Ballet BC, the Vancouver Opera, a request for a "holdover" week from the Playhouse Theatre Company, and requests for reserve uses from two applicants without base levels.

DISCUSSION

Vancouver Symphony Society Lease

On October 24, 1989, Council approved the lease of the Orpheum basement to the VSO for offices. The annual rent was set at \$100,000, to be offset by a City grant in the same amount. This arrangement allows the society to use the City contribution as leverage in its fund-raising efforts. The lease has been renewed annually, subject to approval of the grant from the City.

Staff recommend that this lease be renewed for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2005 inclusive, and the rent for the period be set at \$100,000. It is further recommended that a grant of \$100,000 be approved to cover the lease cost; the source of funds to be the Theatre Rental Grants category of the 2005 Cultural Grants budget.

Theatre Rental Grant Recommendations

As summarized in Table 2, 11 grants totaling \$744,690 are recommended for Fall 2005, and 12 grants totaling \$996,605 are recommended in principle for Spring 2006, subject to an additional \$51,525 for Fall 2005 and \$71,158 for Spring 2006 being provided if the proposed 2005-06 Theatre Rental Rates are approved by Council. These recommendations are within base levels and utilize 5 of the 11 reserve uses available.

Details on each application are provided in Appendix B which consists of the front pages of the applications, with staff comments and recommendations.

Table 2 - 2005/06 Theatre Rental Grant Recommendations

Organization	\$ Fall 05	\$ Spring 06	\$ Total	Uses	Base
Academy of Music	9,050	24,900	33,950	4	4
Ballet B.C.	53,850	69,700	123,550	17	14
Coastal Jazz & Blues Society	0	18,100	18,100	2	2
Dancing on the Edge Festival	4,780	0	4,780	2*	-
Friends of Chamber Music	7,170	9,560	16,730	7	7
Music in the Morning	-	-	-	-	1
Van. Bach Choir	19,925	32,550	52,475	11	11
Van. Chamber Choir	22,625	13,575	36,200	5	6
Van. New Music Society	0	2,390	2,390	1*	-
Van. Opera Association	158,375	144,800	303,175	46	46
Van. Playhouse Theatre Co.	173,150	219,590	392,740	201	230
Van. Recital Society	11,580	15,025	26,605	7	9
Van. Summer Festival Society	18,100	0	18,100	2*	-
Van. Symphony Society	266,085	439,615	705,700	97	100
Van. Youth Symphony Orchestra	0	6,800	6,800	1	1
TOTAL	**744,690	**996,605	1,471,295	403	431

*Covered by reserve uses (reserve allocation is 4 Orpheum/QET, 7 Playhouse)

**An additional \$51,525 for Fall 2005 and \$71,158 for Spring 2006 in grant funding will be required to offset the increase rental rates if the proposed 2005-06 Theatre Rental Rates are approved by Council. Therefore the total requirement for Recommendation B for Fall 05 is \$796,215 and Recommendation C for Spring 06 is \$1,067,763, subject to Council Approval.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council policy provides for an increase in the annual Theatre Rental Grants budget to cover the impact of increases in the Civic Theatre rental rates on rental grants for Fall of a given year, when the rates are implemented. The adjustment is only made if the request level in any given year requires a budget increase.

The approved 2005 Theatre Rental Grants budget was \$1,892,000, and following Council confirmation of Spring 2005 grants (Recommendation A), and approval of the lease-related grant to the VSO (Recommendation D), the balance in the 2005 Theatre Rental Grants budget will be \$888,090. For Fall 2005, the cost implications of the proposed 2005/06 rental rates increase on the rental grants is \$51,525 and staff propose that this increase be absorbed within the existing grants budget, due to an unusual year for some of the Prime Performers where fewer than normal uses were used. Therefore the total Fall 2005 allocation is \$796,215 (Recommendation B) leaving an unallocated balance of \$91,875.

The proposed rental rate increase has a cost impact of \$71,158 on the Spring 2006 grant allocation and therefore Staff are recommending that \$1,067,763 be approved in principle for Spring 06, subject to the 2006 Operating Budget Review process.

A balance of \$91,875 in Fall 2005 could accommodate the rental rate increase impact of \$71,158, however these funds cannot be carried forward to offset the shortfall. Instead, staff are proposing to re-allocate on a one-time basis, up to \$75,000 of the remaining balance of the 2005 Theatre Rental Grant budget to a new theatre rental grant program to replace the now defunct Baxter Fund which is detailed in a companion report *City Creative Task Force Planning Process & Allocation of Increase to 2005 Cultural Grants Budget* scheduled for Council Committee on City Services and Budgets July 21st.

CONCLUSION

In keeping with the process approved by Council in 1995, this is one of two reports dealing with Theatre Rental Grants for the 2005/06 season. Recommendation C, which relates to Spring 2006 grants, will need to be reconfirmed by Council next year after the 2006 Theatre Rental Grants budget is approved and the actual uses are confirmed.

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Theatre Rental Grant Requests

Fall 2005/Spring 2006

Organization	\$ Fall 05	\$ Spring 06	\$ Total	Uses Requested	Base Level
Academy of Music	9,050	24,900	33,950	4	4
Ballet B.C.	53,850	89,600	143,450	27	14
Coastal Jazz & Blues Society	0	18,100	18,100	2	2
Dancing on the Edge Festival	5,975	0	5,975	3*	-
Friends of Chamber Music	7,170	16,730	23,900	10	7
Music in the Morning	-	-	-	-	1
Van. Bach Choir	19,925	34,350	54,275	12	11
Van. Chamber Choir	22,625	13,575	36,200	5	6
Van. New Music Society	0	2,640	2,640	2*	-
Van. Opera Association	158,375	149,325	307,700	47	46
Van. Playhouse Theatre	173,150	219,590	392,740	201	230
Van. Recital Society	11,580	15,025	26,605	7	9
Van. Summer Festival Society	18,100	0	18,100	2*	-
Van. Symphony Society	266,085	439,615	705,700	97	100
Van. Youth Symphony Orchestra	0	6,800	6,800	1	1
TOTAL	745,885	1,030,250	1,776,135	420	431



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1. Applicant

Ballet B.C. (Pacific Ballet B.C. Soc.)		Society No. S-9052
Organization Name		Society No.
677 Davie St., 6th Floor, Vancouver, BC V6B 2G6		www.balletbc.com
Mailing Address		Website Address
Jennifer Johnstone, Executive Director	604-732-5003 x201	604-732-4417
Contact Person & Title	Telephone	Fax
		E-mail Address

2. Financial Summary

Fiscal Year (mm/dd)	<u>7/1</u>	to	<u>6/30</u>
Last Actual Operating Budget (Expenses)	<u>\$ 2,141,528</u>		
Current Operating Budget (Expenses)	<u> </u>		
Theatre Rental grant approved for 2004/05	No. of Uses <u>14</u>	Dollar Amt.	<u>\$ 110,875</u>
Theatre Rental grant used in 2004/05	No. of Uses <u>14</u>	Dollar Amt.	<u>\$ 110,875</u>
Other Civic Grants (specify)	<u>Operating</u>		

3. Summary Description

Briefly describe your organization and its artistic role in the city. Type directly on this form. (A copy of this page is given to Council.)

Ballet British Columbia (BBC), established in 1986, is a contemporary ballet company of professional, soloist-caliber dancers. BBC commissions, purchases, and remounts ballets that it performs to a consistently growing audience in the city. In addition BBC is a presenter of dance in Vancouver through its danceAlive! series. danceAlive! is comprised of four or five programs that include 3 Ballet British Columbia presentations and one or two other presentations featuring national and international ballet companies of artistic excellence. BBC is also engaged in collaborations with several other arts organizations, participates in community and school outreach performances and programs, provides a unique educational opportunity for professional ballet dancers through its mentor programme and new Summer Dance Intensive, which is run in collaboration with Arts Umbrella. Beginning in 2000, BBC has increasingly invested in the creation process by commissioning full-length and theme ballets with extensive, quality production values for its audiences. Our subscription numbers have consequently increased and we consistently exceed our single ticket sales and revenue goals for the company's fall, winter and spring performances at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

4. Requested Civic Theatre Uses

September - December 2005	No. of Uses <u>8</u>	Dollar Amt.	<u>\$ 53,850</u>
January to August 2006	No. of Uses <u>14</u>	Dollar Amt.	<u>\$ 89,600</u>

Civic cultural grant history	2002	2003	2004	2005
Operating	82,000	82,000	82,000	83,000
Theatre Rental	124,350	91,350	91,025	63,350
Diversity Initiatives	5,000			
POD		3,000		

Comments & Recommendation

Staff recommend a grant of \$123,550 to cover the company's rehearsal and theatre rental needs to accommodate additional Saturday matinee performances at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, as well as supporting 1 performance of *The Nutcracker*.

Cultural Planner	Grant Recommended	Type	Approved by Council
DD/CM	\$123,550	Theatre Rental	\$



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1. Applicant

Coastal Jazz & Blues Society

Organization Name		Society No.	
316 West 6th Avenue Vancouver BC V5Y 1K9		www.coastaljazz.ca	
Mailing Address		Website Address	
Robert L. Kerr, Executive Director	604-872-5200	604-872-5250	robert@coastaljazz.ca
Contact Person & Title	Telephone	Fax	E-mail Address

2. Financial Summary

Fiscal Year (mm/dd)	08/01	to	07/31
Last Actual Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$4,022,091.00		
Current Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$ 4,112,400		
Theatre Rental grant approved for 2004/05	No. of Uses	2	Dollar Amt. \$18,000
Theatre Rental grant used in 2004/05	No. of Uses	2	Dollar Amt. \$18,000
Other Civic Grants (specify)	2005 Operating Grant \$15,000		

3. Summary Description

Briefly describe your organization and its artistic role in the city. Type directly on this form. (A copy of this page is given to Council.)

Coastal Jazz and Blues Society is one of Vancouver's most active arts presenters and the producer of internationally acclaimed music festivals and events. We are dedicated to the development of artists and the art form(s) that fall under the general description of jazz, blues, world & improvised music. We are also committed to furthering arts education for youth through creative music workshops, clinics and the development of new initiatives.

Our activities for the upcoming season include:

- 21st Annual Vancouver International Jazz Festival, June 23 - July 2, 2006.
- 18th Annual Time Flies Improvised Music Festival, Feb. 8-11, 2006
- 40+ concert presentations in various Vancouver venues between September 2005 and May 2006.
- Co-producer of the 6th Annual Burnaby Blues & Roots Festival, with the City of Burnaby, August 13th, 2005 at Deer Lake Park, Burnaby. An outdoor Blues festival featuring blues artists from Vancouver, Canada and the US.
- a variety of education and outreach initiatives including the VIJF High School Jazz Intensive, Jazz Festival "Sessions" at the Vancouver Public Library, a live artist "Blindfold Test"/Public interview, artist workshops, Vancouver Creative Music Institute

4. Requested Civic Theatre Uses

September - December 2005	No. of Uses		Dollar Amt.	
January to August 2006	No. of Uses	2	Dollar Amt.	\$18,100

Civic cultural grant history	2002	2003	2004	2005
Operating	10,000	12,500	12,500	15,000
Theatre Rental	8,300	17,400	17,400	18,100
Diversity Initiatives	5,000			

Comments & Recommendation

Staff recommend a grant of \$18,100 towards 2 uses of the Orpheum during the 21st annual Vancouver International Jazz Festival next summer, equal to the society's approved base level of uses.

Cultural Planner	Grant Recommended	Type	Approved by Council
DD/CM	\$18,100	Theatre Rental	\$



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1. Applicant

The Dancing on the Edge Festival Society			S38095
Organization Name			Society No.
280 East Cordova St., Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1W8			www.dancingontheedge.org
Mailing Address			Website Address
Donna Spencer Festival Producer	604-689-0691	604-684-5841	dote@firehallartscentre.ca
Contact Person & Title	Telephone	Fax	E-mail Address

2. Financial Summary

Fiscal Year (mm/dd)	<u>December 1</u>	to	<u>November 30</u>
Last Actual Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$	<u>190,424</u>	
Current Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$	<u>207,950</u>	
Theatre Rental grant approved for 2004/05	No. of Uses	<u>2</u>	Dollar Amt. \$ <u>4,600</u>
Theatre Rental grant used in 2004/05	No. of Uses	<u>2</u>	Dollar Amt. \$ <u>4,600</u>
Other Civic Grants (specify)	<u>Operating Program \$9000</u>		

3. Summary Description

Briefly describe your organization and its artistic role in the city. Type directly on this form. (A copy of this page is given to Council.)

The Dancing on the Edge Festival is Vancouver's festival of contemporary dance. Produced annually by the Dancing on the Edge Festival Society, the festival will celebrate its seventeenth annual festival from July 7th thru 16th, 2005 with over 30 performances, ten master classes, ten Max Chats (a pre-performance informal lecture with dance journalist, Max Wyman), ten post show discussions with the artistic director/choreographer of the work, and a number of workshops and roundtable discussions focused on the subject matters relating to professional dance. The festival is committed to providing professional dance performances and ancillary activities for the public at accessible prices. Opening the festival this year is Canadian dance icon, Margie Gillis who will premiere a new evening of work, Voyages, at the Vancouver Playhouse on July 7 & 8th, 2005. These events will happen at numerous venues throughout the city including the Vancouver Playhouse, the Scotia Bank Dance Centre, the VECC, the Museum of Anthropology and the Firehall Arts Centre.

4. Requested Civic Theatre Uses

September - December 2005	<i>July 2005</i>	No. of Uses	<u>3</u>	Dollar Amt.	\$ <u>5,975</u>
January to August 2006		No. of Uses	_____	Dollar Amt.	_____

Civic cultural grant history	2002	2003	2004	2005
Operating	8,500	9,000	8,500	9,000
Theatre Rental	8,880	4,600	4,600	

Comments & Recommendation

The society requested \$5,975 to cover 2 performances and 1 rehearsal at the Vancouver Playhouse from the reserve pool. Staff recommend approval of \$4,780 for the 2 performances only, noting that reserve uses do not apply to rehearsals. The request is for the current year because the planning timelines for this summer festival are relatively short.

Cultural Planner	Grant Recommended	Type	Approved by Council
DD/CM	\$4,780	Theatre Rental	\$



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1. Applicant

Friends of Chamber Music			3787
Organization Name			Society No.
6025 Carnarvon St Vancouver V6N 1J9			www.friendsofchambermusic
Mailing Address			Website Address
Eric Wilson-Director	604-2668024	604-266-6030	ericwilson@telus.net
Contact Person & Title	Telephone	Fax	E-mail Address

2. Financial Summary

Fiscal Year (mm/dd)		5/1	to	4/30
Last Actual Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$	196,000		
Current Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$	200,000		
Theatre Rental grant approved for 2004/05	No. of Uses	7	Dollar Amt.	\$ 16,730
Theatre Rental grant used in 2004/05	No. of Uses	7	Dollar Amt.	\$ 16,730
Other Civic Grants (specify)				

3. Summary Description

Briefly describe your organization and its artistic role in the city. Type directly on this form. (A copy of this page is given to Council.)

1) Ten concerts featuring chamber music ensembles of international calibre, with local musicians when possible

2) A competition for young chamber music ensembles - prizes of \$5,000 to help them further their education.

4. Requested Civic Theatre Uses

September - December 2005	No. of Uses	3	Dollar Amt.	\$ 7,170
January to August 2006	No. of Uses	4	Dollar Amt.	\$ 9,560

Civic cultural grant history	2002	2003	2004	2005
Theatre Rental	15,860	13,800	16,370	9,560

Comments & Recommendation

Staff recommend a grant of \$16,730 for 3 Vancouver Playhouse performances in the Fall, and 4 in the Spring, equal to its base level of 7 uses.

Cultural Planner	Grant Recommended	Type	Approved by Council
DD/CM	\$16,730	Theatre Rental	\$



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1. Applicant

Vancouver Academy of Music		S-0008284
Organization Name		Society No.
1270 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, BC V6J 4R9		vam.bc.ca
Mailing Address		Website Address
Elaine Lee, Controller	(604) 734-2301	(604) 731-1920
Contact Person & Title	Telephone	Fax
		E-mail Address

2. Financial Summary

Fiscal Year (mm/dd) 7/1 to 6/30

Last Actual Operating Budget (Expenses) \$ 1,868,100

Current Operating Budget (Expenses) \$ 2,026,000

Theatre Rental grant approved for 2004/05 No. of Uses 4 Dollar Amt. \$ 33,950

Theatre Rental grant used in 2004/05 No. of Uses 4 Dollar Amt. \$ 33,950

Other Civic Grants (specify) _____

3. Summary Description

Briefly describe your organization and its artistic role in the city. Type directly on this form. (A copy of this page is given to Council.)

The Vancouver Academy of Music is a non-profit institution founded in 1969 by the Community Arts Council of Vancouver. From its inception, the Academy has had one fundamental purpose which was to improve substantially the quality of music training in Western Canada. The Academy offers a wide range of classical training for students of instrumental and vocal music and ballet. The program at the Academy is designed essentially for the students interested primarily in preparing for a professional career in performance. The Orpheum Theatre is used by the Vancouver Academy of Music four times a year to present our Academy Symphony Orchestra and Suzuki concert. The Academy Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of notable guest conductors, performing in this large professional venue is an important learning opportunity for young musicians.

4. Requested Civic Theatre Uses

September - December 2005 No. of Uses 1 Dollar Amt. \$ 9,050

January to August 2006 No. of Uses 3 Dollar Amt. \$ 24,900

Civic cultural grant history	2002	2003	2004	2005
Theatre Rental	31,525	32,625	32,975	24,900

Comments & Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of the Academy's request for a grant of \$33,950 towards 1 rental in the Fall and 3 in the Spring at the Orpheum, equal to its base level of 4 uses.			
Cultural Planner	Grant Recommended	Type	Approved by Council
DD/CM	\$33,950	Theatre Rental	\$



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1. Applicant

Vancouver Bach Choir	2052		
Organization Name	Society No.		
#805-235 Keith Road, West Vancouver, BC. V7T 1L5	www.vancouverbachchoir.co		
Mailing Address	Website Address		
Gillian Wilder, General Manager	604-921-8012	604-921-7446	bachchoir@telus.net
Contact Person & Title	Telephone	Fax	E-mail Address

2. Financial Summary

Fiscal Year (mm/dd)	_____ 1/7	to	_____ 6/1
Last Actual Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$	585,533	
Current Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$	616,700	
Theatre Rental grant approved for 2004/05	No. of Uses	12	Dollar Amt. \$ 67,490
Theatre Rental grant used in 2004/05	No. of Uses	12	Dollar Amt. \$ 67,490
Other Civic Grants (specify)	1,000 project grant		

3. Summary Description

Briefly describe your organization and its artistic role in the city. Type directly on this form. (A copy of this page is given to Council.)

Since its founding in 1930, the Vancouver Bach Choir has become one of the world's most celebrated choirs. To date, it has won top prizes in international competitions and performed with such musical luminaries as Bruno Walter, Sir Arthur Bliss, Zubin Mehta, Sir Andrew Davis and Sir Simon Rattle. The 150 voice choir specialises in symphonic choral music and presents its own season at the Orpheum. The Bach Choir has become known for presenting the Canadian and BC premieres of many major choral works in its own series, such as, Mahler's 8th Symphony, Andrew Lloyd Webber's Requiem and Paul McCartney's Liverpool Oratorio. It also frequently provides a choir for other organisations including the Vancouver Symphony and the CBC Vancouver Orchestra. It is the Bach Choir's mandate to present choral concerts of the highest possible artistic standards and to make its audience as inclusive as possible. To this end, it provides tickets for the economically disadvantaged and also gives concerts outside the Orpheum in Vancouver, most notably, performances of major choral music in Blood Alley in the Downtown Eastside. It is also part of the choir's mandate to encourage young choral musicians through the Vancouver Bach Children's Chorus and Youth choir, which includes 9 choirs and 300 young people.

4. Requested Civic Theatre Uses

September - December 2005	No. of Uses	4	Dollar Amt.	\$ 19,925
January to August 2006	No. of Uses	8	Dollar Amt.	\$ 34,350

Civic cultural grant history	2002	2003	2004	2005
Theatre Rental	39,800	50,650	64,880	32,910
Project				1,000

Comments & Recommendation

Staff recommend a grant of \$52,475 towards 4 uses of the Orpheum in the Fall and 7 in the Spring, equal to its base level of 11 uses.

Cultural Planner	Grant Recommended	Type	Approved by Council
DD/CM	\$52,475	Theatre Rental	\$



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1. Applicant

Vancouver Chamber Choir	S-9412		
Organization Name	Society No.		
1254 W. 7th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6H 1B6	www.vancouverchamberchoi		
Mailing Address	Website Address		
Violet Goosen, General Manager	604.738.6822	604.738.7832	vgoosen@vancouverchamber
Contact Person & Title	Telephone	Fax	E-mail Address

2. Financial Summary

Fiscal Year (mm/dd)	_____ 7/1	to	_____ 6/30
Last Actual Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$	813,039	
Current Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$	866,500	
<i>Theatre Rental</i> grant approved for 2004/05	No. of Uses	6	Dollar Amt. \$ 40,725
<i>Theatre Rental</i> grant used in 2004/05	No. of Uses	4	Dollar Amt. \$ 27,150
Other Civic Grants (specify)	_____		

3. Summary Description

Briefly describe your organization and its artistic role in the city. Type directly on this form. (A copy of this page is given to Council.)

The Vancouver Chamber Choir was BC's first successful professional choir and only the second permanent professional choir in all of Canada. With the demise of the Festival Singers of Toronto many years ago, the VCC became the longest-existing professional choral ensemble in the nation. Paying proper wages to our singers from our very first rehearsal in 1971, we have gained a reputation as one of the flagship professional choirs in North America, witness the major industry awards (Chorus America' Hillis and Botto awards) we have received. We have a long and outstanding history of supporting Canadian music and composers, with especial focus on BC composers. We have become major cultural ambassadors for Canada, BC, and Vancouver around the world and across the country through extensive touring. We have developed an award-winning set of educational programs, focused primarily in Vancouver. Our lifespan coincides with the explosive growth of choral activity in Vancouver and the whole province and we believe we have been a major catalyst in making Vancouver the most exciting choral centre in Canada. We've tried to contribute to our home communities in many ways, but especially by setting and maintaining a high standard of excellence and being an inspiration for many fine choral ensembles which have been established in subsequent years, many founded by past and present members of the Vancouver Chamber Choir.

4. Requested Civic Theatre Uses

September - December 2005	No. of Uses	3	Dollar Amt.	\$ 22,625
January to August 2006	No. of Uses	2	Dollar Amt.	\$ 13,575

Civic cultural grant history	2002	2003	2004	2005
Theatre Rental	38,350	26,100	26,625	13,575

Comments & Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of the Choir's requested \$36,200 grant towards 3 performances and 2 rehearsals at the Orpheum, within its base level uses.

Cultural Planner	Grant Recommended	Type	Approved by Council
DD/CM	\$36,200	Theatre Rental	\$



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OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, CITY OF VANCOUVER

1. Applicant

Vancouver New Music Society			S-10095
Organization Name			Society No.
837 Davie Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 1B7			www.newmusic.org
Mailing Address			Website Address
Drey-San Liao, Production & Tour Manager	604. 633. 0861	604. 633. 0871	dreysan@newmusic.org
Contact Person & Title	Telephone	Fax	E-mail Address

2. Financial Summary

Fiscal Year (mm/dd)	8/1		to	7/31	
Last Actual Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$	517,473			
Current Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$	377,054			
Theatre Rental grant approved for 2004/05	No. of Uses	1	Dollar Amt.	\$	2,390
Theatre Rental grant used in 2004/05	No. of Uses	1	Dollar Amt.	\$	2,390
Other Civic Grants (specify)	Office of Cultural Affairs, Operating Grant				

3. Summary Description

Briefly describe your organization and its artistic role in the city. Type directly on this form. (A copy of this page is given to Council.)

Since 1973, Vancouver New Music (VNM) has been regarded as Western Canada's major producer of contemporary sonic art and is dedicated to the outstanding performance of the music of our time. As Vancouver's senior new music organization, VNM engages in a number of initiatives which develop the profile of new music and its practicing artists, and expand its audience. VNM is committed to pushing the boundaries of new music, expanding both the sound art genres and forms to which the term refers and the audience listening to and exploring them. Annually, VNM produces a concert series featuring a diversity of local, Canadian and international composers, styles, etc., often exploring multi-disciplinary forms; some concerts broadcast on CBC Radio (national). Artist chats and panel discussions accompany performances as appropriate. The VNM Festival is another annual commitment, each year focusing on a different theme or genre relevant to new music practice. Music theatre is offered every 2 years, as is the BC Emerging Composer / Sound Artist Competition. Free community events, artist chats and panel discussions offer audiences enhanced experiences of new music as well as attracting new audiences to sonic art. VNM maintains an extensive email list connecting the broader new music community, and has developed oscillations.ca, an online calendar and news site. VNM features interdisciplinary programming and collaborates frequently

4. Requested Civic Theatre Uses

September - December 2005	No. of Uses		Dollar Amt.	
January to August 2006	No. of Uses	1	Dollar Amt.	\$ 2,640

Civic cultural grant history	2002	2003	2004	2005
Operating	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
Theatre Rental	2,300	2,300	4,600	2,390

Comments & Recommendation

Staff recommend a grant of \$2,390, from reserve uses for 1 performance at the Vancouver Playhouse.

Cultural Planner	Grant Recommended	Type	Approved by Council
DD/CM	\$2,390	Theatre Rental	\$



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OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, CITY OF VANCOUVER

1. Applicant

Vancouver Opera Association			5553
Organization Name			Society No.
835 Cambie Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 2P4			www.vancouveropera.ca
Mailing Address			Website Address
David Shefsiek-Dir. Resource Development	604 682 2871	604 682 3981	dshefsiek@vanopera.bc.ca
Contact Person & Title	Telephone	Fax	E-mail Address

2. Financial Summary

Fiscal Year (mm/dd)	<u>7/1</u>	to	<u>6/30</u>
Last Actual Operating Budget (Expenses)	<u>\$ 6,711,183</u>		
Current Operating Budget (Expenses)	<u>\$ 7,281,644</u>		
Theatre Rental grant approved for 2004/05	No. of Uses <u>41</u>	Dollar Amt.	<u>\$ 287,350</u>
Theatre Rental grant used in 2004/05	No. of Uses <u>39</u>	Dollar Amt.	<u>\$ 276,295</u>
Other Civic Grants (specify)	<u>City of Vancouver - Operating Grant</u>		

3. Summary Description

Briefly describe your organization and its artistic role in the city. Type directly on this form. (A copy of this page is given to Council.)

The mission of Vancouver Opera is to share the power of opera with all who are open to receiving it, through superior performances and meaningful education programmes for all ages. Vancouver residents have the chance to explore the role of opera in their lives in a variety of ways:

By experiencing critically acclaimed and extremely popular performances of work from throughout the repertoire Vancouver residents have the chance to explore the artistic possibilities found in an art form that synthesizes music, drama, dance, the human voice, language, literature, poetry and history into a single new entity. Without the VO's work, residents would have no opportunity to experience fully-staged, professional grand opera in the city.

Through school education programs VO empowers individual classroom educators to use opera as a vehicle for cross-curricular study (Music!Words!Opera!) and presents subsidized performances at 100 Lower Mainland Schools each year, including 12 this season that were presented free of charge at inner city schools (Vancouver Opera in the Schools).

Through comprehensive community programming such as Opera Speaks, VO brings together leading artists, sociologists, community leaders and scholars to explore the contemporary relevance of the themes brought before the audience on the mainstage. VO also administers various Adult Education programmes, with an emphasis on seniors, through a new collaboration with UBC Robson Square.

4. Requested Civic Theatre Uses

September - December 2005	No. of Uses <u>24</u>	Dollar Amt.	<u>\$ 158,375</u>
January to August 2006	No. of Uses <u>23</u>	Dollar Amt.	<u>\$ 149,325</u>

Civic cultural grant history	2002	2003	2004	2005
Operating	16,000	17,000	18,000	18,000
Theatre Rental	272,000	274,050	321,600	126,700

Comments & Recommendation

Staff recommend a grant of \$303,175 to cover 20 performances and 26 rehearsals at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. While equal to its base level of 46 uses, the recommendation supports an increase in rehearsal allocations for the upcoming season.

Cultural Planner	Grant Recommended	Type	Approved by Council
DD/CM	\$303,175	Theatre Rental	\$



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OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, CITY OF VANCOUVER

1. Applicant

Van. Playhouse Theatre Company			S 0008383
Organization Name			Society No.
160 West 1st Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5Y 1A4			www.vancouverplayhouse.co
Mailing Address			Website Address
Dawn Brennan, General Manager	604-872-6622	604-873-3714	gm@vancouverplayhouse.co
Contact Person & Title	Telephone	Fax	E-mail Address

2. Financial Summary

Fiscal Year (mm/dd) 7/1 to 6/30

Last Actual Operating Budget (Expenses) \$ 5,694,114

Current Operating Budget (Expenses) \$ 5,255,540

Theatre Rental grant approved for 2004/05 No. of Uses 196 Dollar Amt. \$401,035

Theatre Rental grant used in 2004/05 No. of Uses 174 Dollar Amt. \$347,755

Other Civic Grants (specify) _____

3. Summary Description

Briefly describe your organization and its artistic role in the city. Type directly on this form. (A copy of this page is given to Council.)

For over forty-two season, the Playhouse Theatre Company has been a leading large scale theatre company in British Columbia producing a diverse ranage of high quality theatre for audiences throughout the Lower Mainland, in British Columbia and across Canada. The Playhouse produces a full season of 5 plays in its Mainstage Series at the Vancouver Playhouse Theatre, as well as operating a large Production Centre at 160 West 1st Avenue. This unique facility function as an important resource not only for the Playhouse but for numerous arts organizations in the Lower Mainland. The Playhouse supports literally hundreds of smaller scale productions and large not for profit organizations each season through subsidized costume and prop rentals.

In addition to this work, the Playhouse maintains an active Play Development Programme, runs a Summer Intensive Programme for Young Students, and is committed to a number of innovative Community Outreach Programmes like our Artists in the Classroom Proramme, Pay What You Can Matinees and, new this season,

4. Requested Civic Theatre Uses

September - December 2005 No. of Uses 90 Dollar Amt. \$175,540

January to August 2006 No. of Uses 111 Dollar Amt. \$217,200

Civic cultural grant history	2002	2003	2004	2005
Theatre Rental	409,850	424,925	404,685	237,275

Comments & Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of their grant request of \$392,740 for 201 uses which includes 8 holdover uses in the Fall for *Syringa Tree* and 8 holdover uses in the Spring for *I am My Own Wife*. These are within the company's base level of 230.

Cultural Planner	Grant Recommended	Type	Approved by Council
DD/CM	\$392,740	Theatre Rental	\$



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OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, CITY OF VANCOUVER

1. Applicant

VANCOUVER RECITAL SOCIETY			S-15656
Organization Name	#304 - 873 Beatty Street		Society No.
Mailing Address	Gloria M. Wong		www.vanrecital.com
Contact Person & Title	604-602-0363	604-602-0364	gloriawong@vanrecital.com
	Telephone	Fax	E-mail Address

2. Financial Summary

Fiscal Year (mm/dd)	Sept. 1	to	Aug. 31
Last Actual Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$ 985,379		
Current Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$ 1,224,312		
Theatre Rental grant approved for 2004/05	No. of Uses	8	Dollar Amt. \$ 45,760
Theatre Rental grant used in 2004/05	No. of Uses	8	Dollar Amt. \$ 45,760
Other Civic Grants (specify)	Operating Grant for Vancouver Chamber Music Festival: \$13,500		

3. Summary Description

Briefly describe your organization and its artistic role in the city. Type directly on this form. (A copy of this page is given to Council.)

Founded in 1980, the Vancouver Recital Society (VRS) is recognized as one of North America's leading independent presenters of chamber music, and vocal and instrumental recitals. The Recital Series continues to attract the finest artists of our day such as Cecilia Bartoli and Yo-Yo Ma, together with the outstanding young musicians of a new generation, and is now acknowledged world wide as one of THE launching pads for new talent in the classical music realm. Through concerts of the highest artistic calibre, the Vancouver Recital Society engages and deepens public appreciation and support for the recital and chamber music genres. To this end, the VRS builds new and diversified audiences for music through education and outreach activities, commissions new works, and nurtures a future generation of musicians through its programs and career development guidance.

Each summer since 1986, the VRS has presented the 2-week Vancouver Chamber Music Festival (VCMF). In its 20th Anniversary season, the Festival maintains its reputation as one of the premiere events of its kind in Canada by presenting Vancouver with an exuberant mix of the leading chamber musicians from Canada and abroad in adventurous programming, and an array of Community Outreach activities.

4. Requested Civic Theatre Uses

September - December 2005	No. of Uses	3	Dollar Amt.	\$ 11,580
January to August 2006	No. of Uses	4	Dollar Amt.	\$ 15,025

Civic cultural grant history	2002	2003	2004	2005
Theatre Rental	23,290	24,300	53,400	27,660

Comments & Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of the society's grant request of \$26,605 to cover 2 performances at the Orpheum and 5 at the Vancouver Playhouse, within its base level of 9 uses.

Cultural Planner	Grant Recommended	Type	Approved by Council
DD/CM	\$26,605	Theatre Rental	\$



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OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, CITY OF VANCOUVER

1. Applicant

VANCOUVER SUMMER FESTIVAL SOCIETY			S-37377
Organization Name			Society No.
Suite 400, 873 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 2M6			www.festivalvancouver.bc.ca
Mailing Address			Website Address
Morna Edmundson, Administrative Director	604-688-1152	604-688-8441	morna@festivalvancouver.bc
Contact Person & Title	Telephone	Fax	E-mail Address

2. Financial Summary

Fiscal Year (mm/dd)	_____ 10/1	to	_____ 9/30
Last Actual Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$	1,597,259	
Current Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$	1,780,869	
Theatre Rental grant approved for 2004/05	No. of Uses	1	Dollar Amt. \$ 8,700
Theatre Rental grant used in 2004/05	No. of Uses	1	Dollar Amt. \$ 8,700
Other Civic Grants (specify)	Project grant: \$9,000		

3. Summary Description

Briefly describe your organization and its artistic role in the city. Type directly on this form. (A copy of this page is given to Council.)

Festival Vancouver is an annual, two-week summer festival of classical music, world music and jazz. One of Vancouver's most significant arts events in our "City of Summer Festivals", Festival Vancouver presents its fifth spectacular array of professional musicians in concerts from morning to night in six Vancouver and three UBC venues, this time from August 1 - 15, 2005. Festival Vancouver creates a place where musicians and audiences with diverse tastes can share extraordinary and memorable musical experiences. The festival frequently works together with other Vancouver musical ensembles and organizations in unique co-productions that may be beyond the scope of either partner individually. The musical "spotlight" in 2005 is on the music and musicians of the UK, with generous support from the British Council. Festival Vancouver attracts both local audiences and tourists to its concerts. Strongly committed to accessibility, the Vancouver Summer Festival Society raises approximately \$1 million annually from the private sector to subsidize ticket prices. It donates 10% of available tickets to its church concerts to disadvantaged British Columbians and has enjoyed strong support from all three levels of government. The society also presents concerts around the province throughout the year in partnership with local music presenting organizations in a program called "Spectacular Music BC".

4. Requested Civic Theatre Uses

September - December 2005	No. of Uses	2	Dollar Amt.	\$ 18,100
January to August 2006	No. of Uses	_____	Dollar Amt.	_____

Civic cultural grant history	2002	2003	2004	2005
Theatre Rental	16,600	17,400	8,700	
Project	5,000	9,000	9,000	9,000

Comments & Recommendation

Staff recommend a grant of \$18,100 from reserve uses for 2 performances at the Orpheum. The request is for the current year, since the Festival takes place in the summer and planning timelines are relatively short.

Cultural Planner	Grant Recommended	Type	Approved by Council
DD/CM	\$18,100	Theatre Rental	\$



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OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, CITY OF VANCOUVER

1. Applicant

<u>Vancouver Symphony Society</u>			<u>S-575</u>
<u>Organization Name</u>			<u>Society No.</u>
<u>601 Smithe Street, Vancouver, BC, V6B 5G1</u>			<u>www.vancouverSymphony.ca</u>
<u>Mailing Address</u>			<u>Website Address</u>
<u>Jeff Alexander, President & General Manager</u>	<u>604-684-9100</u>	<u>604-684-9264</u>	<u>jeff@vancouverSymphony.ca</u>
<u>Contact Person & Title</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Fax</u>	<u>E-mail Address</u>

2. Financial Summary

Fiscal Year (mm/dd) July 1 to June 30

Last Actual Operating Budget (Expenses) _____

Current Operating Budget (Expenses) _____

Theatre Rental grant approved for 2004/05 No. of Uses 100 Dollar Amt. \$ 726,590

Theatre Rental grant used in 2004/05 No. of Uses 97 Dollar Amt. \$ 707,480

Other Civic Grants (specify) Office Rent - \$100,000 Operating Grant - \$40,000

3. Summary Description

Briefly describe your organization and its artistic role in the city. Type directly on this form. (A copy of this page is given to Council.)

Founded in 1919, the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra is the largest arts organization west of Ontario, and the third largest Symphony Orchestra in Canada. The VSO performs over 130 concerts annually, in the Orpheum Theatre and ten additional venues throughout the Lower Mainland. It is also heard regularly from coast to coast on CBC Radio 2. Over 200,000 people hear the orchestra perform live every year. Our educational and community programs reach over 40,000 students annually. The Vancouver Symphony's mission is to enhance the quality of life in our city and region through the presentation of high quality performances of classical and popular music to a wide and diverse audience, and to offer educational and community programs, while operating in a fiscally sound manner. We are also proud of our collaborations with other local arts organizations such as the Vancouver Bach Choir, Ballet BC, Chor Leoni, Musica Intima, the Burnaby Clef Society, North Vancouver Band and Strings, Vancouver Youth Symphony Orchestra, etc.

4. Requested Civic Theatre Uses

September - December 2005 No. of Uses 38 Dollar Amt. \$ 266,085

January to August 2006 No. of Uses 59 Dollar Amt. \$ 439,615

Civic cultural grant history	2002	2003	2004	2005
Operating	43,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Theatre Rental	698,955	789,250	726,720	419,720
City Capital	0	15,000	0	

Comments & Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of the VSO's request for a grant of \$705,700 covering 93 uses of the Orpheum and 4 uses of the Playhouse Theatre, within its base level of 100 uses. Staff also recommend approval of \$100,000 for office rental costs.

Cultural Planner	Grant Recommended	Type	Approved by Council
DD/CM	\$705,700	Theatre Rental	\$



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OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, CITY OF VANCOUVER

1. Applicant

Vancouver Youth Symphony Orchestra			S2908
Organization Name			Society No.
3214 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6K 2L2			vyso.com
Mailing Address			Website Address
Mandie Lau, Office Administrator	604 737 0714	604 737 0739	vyso@telus.net
Contact Person & Title	Telephone	Fax	E-mail Address

2. Financial Summary

Fiscal Year (mm/dd)	_____ 6/1	to	_____ 5/31
Last Actual Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$	197,802	
Current Operating Budget (Expenses)	\$	244,500	
Theatre Rental grant approved for 2004/05	No. of Uses	1	Dollar Amt. \$ 6,800
Theatre Rental grant used in 2004/05	No. of Uses	1	Dollar Amt. \$ 6,800
Other Civic Grants (specify)	<u>\$2,000 Project Grant for Schipizky Commission</u>		

3. Summary Description

Briefly describe your organization and its artistic role in the city. Type directly on this form. (A copy of this page is given to Council.)

The Vancouver Youth Symphony Orchestra (VYSO) is one of the leading classical music training organizations in the city where children/young people aged 8 to 21 (in four divisions) attend regular rehearsals and perform orchestral music at various venues in the city and around the lower mainland.

The VYSO is celebrating its 75th season this year with several events including a Gala Concert on May 22nd, 2005 at the Orpheum Theatre. This event is bringing together leading musicians in the Vancouver classical music community, with Bramwell Tovey hosting and playing piano in *Pines of Rome*. The VYSO has also commissioned a piece by Fredrick Schipizky (VSO bassist and Vancouver composer) for the Gala Concert (funded in part by City of Vancouver).

4. Requested Civic Theatre Uses

September - December 2005	No. of Uses	_____	Dollar Amt.	_____
January to August 2006	No. of Uses	1	Dollar Amt.	\$ 6,800

Civic cultural grant history	2002	2003	2004	2005
Theatre Rental	4,520	2,300	4,025	6,800
Project			2,000	

Comments & Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of a grant for \$6,800 to cover 1 performance at the Orpheum, equal to its base level use.			
Cultural Planner	Grant Recommended	Type	Approved by Council
DD/CM	\$6,800	Theatre Rental	\$