



# Funds Distribution Report

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**Theatre Puget Sound**

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**Organization's General Goals:**  
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<b>Date of Award:</b>	<b>Level:</b>
2022 Q3	\$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Theatre Puget Sound.

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## Theatre Puget Sound 2022 Final Report to the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions

Theatre Puget Sound (TPS) is grateful for the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions' [REDACTED] grant (Q3 2022 14.2) for our Space 4 Arts program. It is through supporters like you that we were able to relaunch this program after the many challenges caused by the pandemic and provide access to affordable rehearsal and performance spaces for more than 6,100 local artists, performance groups, arts organizations, and creatives. We are thrilled to share more about the impact of your grant in this 2022 Final Report.

### **Mission & History**

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Theatre Puget Sound (TPS) is a leadership and service organization founded in 1997 to advocate for the region's growing theatre community's causes and administer much-needed services. TPS is the Northwest's premiere arts advocacy and leadership organization, providing programming and services that benefit both the theatre community and the larger regional arts community.

Throughout our history, we have built and maintained programs and services that serve to promote, strengthen, and unify the regional performing arts community. However, beginning in 2020, our organization and community faced some of the greatest challenges to date as a result of the pandemic. Despite many challenges, TPS continued to progress with the dedication of the involved board, staff, and volunteers. We developed new online initiatives, moved memberships to a pay-what-you-can model, expanded internal and external anti-racist work, and more.

In 2023, we are embarking on the next chapter of TPS with the hiring of our new Executive Director Crystal Yingling. Along with our team and community, they are developing a strategic plan that strengthens our anti-racist activities, revitalizes paused programs, reimagines our services, and deepens our impact for Seattle's artistic sector. All of this advances our mission to foster and advocate for a robust and equitable theatre community.

### **Space 4 Arts Activities & Outcomes**

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Theatre Puget Sound fills a great need for affordable, equipped rehearsal and performance spaces in Seattle. As Seattle real estate prices and cost of living skyrockets, TPS helps ensure that artists and arts companies have the space to create and present the work to our community. We do this through the Space 4 Arts program.

Because of supporters, like the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions, we were able to reopen our doors in 2022 and provide access to 25,000 square feet of affordable rental space in the heart of Seattle Center. The Space 4 Arts rates are \$13 - \$15 per hour for our Theatre4, Black Box Theatre, and eight Rehearsal Studios, including 2 new spaces that were added in 2022. We also create access to rehearsal and performance space within our Center Theatre and Conference Room. Our rates are far below other venue rates,



especially within the Lower Queen Anne neighborhood, where comparable rental venues range from \$20 - \$100 per hour.

With the help of your grant, Space 4 Arts made the following impacts on our community:

- Offered 25,000 square feet of affordable rental space for theatre artists and companies.
- Rented out thousands of hours of rehearsal and performance space to more than 6,000 artists.
- Welcomed 20,000+ audience members to theatre performances in our Center House and Black Box theaters.
- Created access to affordable rehearsal and performance space for 6,100+ artists.
- Increase our staff capacity to manage and revamp our programs with the hiring of our Executive Director.

Your grant helped to make this possible by covering staffing costs to manage our 25,000 square feet of rental space and serve thousands of artists and audience members who benefitted from this program in 2022. This helped support our vision to create a more visible, thoughtful, articulate and engaged arts community with clearly communicated values, evolving anti-racist and inclusive practices, and dedication to community investment.

### **Community Served**

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In 2022, TPS provided public benefit to more than 140 performing arts organizations and 1,700 practitioners through programs like Space 4 Arts. Members include companies of all sizes, as well as actors, directors, choreographers, designers, playwrights, technicians, and administrative staff. Our membership and program participants span the region, from Olympia to Everett and the Eastside to the Peninsula.

We strive to create a public that feels more invited, informed, and educated, while simultaneously fostering healthier, more vibrant arts organizations that are deeply engaged with their neighbors and community. We hope to see a fusion of shared interests between our arts organizations and their communities, creating a sense of ownership that propels our arts venues to become true communal hubs where both residents and artists gather to share stories and experiences. The community of individual artists we serve has traditionally been white-centered. TPS is working to ensure that this is not the case in the future and is supporting organizations that are also working to broaden their own diversity without tokenization. These efforts are part of our larger plans to become a more anti-racist organization. We are proud to serve thousands of art practitioners who create Seattle's rich cultural ecosystem. And we will continue to serve this community, advancing our mission to foster and advocate for a robust and equitable theatre community.

### **Conclusion**

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Once again, we would like to extend our gratitude towards the Tulalip Tribe Charitable Contribution for your ██████ grant in 2022. Your support and encouragement impacted our organization and the greater arts community. If you have any questions or wish to visit us at the Seattle Center, please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director Crystal Yingling at [crystal@tpsonline.org](mailto:crystal@tpsonline.org).