

**Josh Groban's *Find Your Light Foundation*
Announces New Leadership**

**Reports Over \$915,000 in Grants Awarded
in 2023**



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(February 28, 2024) **Los Angeles, CA** – The Find Your Light Foundation (FYLF), founded by global superstar Josh Groban, announced that in its most recent grant cycle it awarded over \$915,000 to 116 nonprofit organizations in 26 states and helped provide arts education to over 160,000 K-12 youth. It also announced new additions to its staff as it seeks to grow its impact on arts education across the nation.

Jeffrey Dollinger was named Executive Director. He comes to FYLF with nearly three decades of nonprofit leadership and fundraising experience in organizations that encourage and celebrate artists, creativity, and arts education. Most recently, he was Executive Director of the LACHSA Foundation which provides support for the LA County High School for the Arts, the #1 arts high school in the nation. Previously, he was Executive Director of Art in Action in Menlo Park, CA which delivers visual arts programs to schools nationwide. Dollinger also held leadership and fundraising roles at the Autry Museum of the American West, the National Inventors Hall of Fame and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He holds an MA in Arts Administration from Indiana University.

Jake Goldbas was named Deputy Director. Goldbas was most recently Director of Education Programs at the Kupferberg Center for the Arts at Queens College where he developed and grew programs like *The Mosaic Project*, *CuBop to Hip Hop* and the *Power of the Pit*. He also served as Artistic Director of Programs for the Louis Armstrong House Museum. For many years he was a teaching artist at Jazz at Lincoln Center and has been the Creative Director

for events at Americans for the Arts and the National YoungArts Foundation. As a performer, Goldbas has performed or recorded with the O’Jays, Ariana DeBose, Renee Fleming, Aloe Blacc, Joshua Henry, Louis Cato, and Miho Hazama. Goldbas was also the principal drummer for the Tony Award-winning Broadway show Dear Evan Hansen. Goldbas holds an MFA from the Manhattan School of Music.

Dollinger and Goldbas join Grants Manager **Carol Mollett** who served the Find Your Light Foundation as Executive Director for the past five years.

“I couldn’t be more pleased and excited to welcome Jeffrey Dollinger as our new Executive Director and Jake Goldbas as our Deputy Director,” shares **Josh Groban**. “Their combined experience and passion for arts education shepherds in a new era for Find Your Light Foundation. I can’t wait to work with them as we tirelessly continue our mission to provide arts education to young people everywhere.”

Groban also announced the grants awarded by the Find Your Light Foundation in late 2023 to arts education non-profits across the country. The full list of Grantees is attached and includes organizations working with youth in theatre, dance, music, visual art, and literacy. Grants are selected through a competitive review process and funding comes from the Foundation’s charitable contributions from supporters across the nation. “These Grantees reflect the incredible work being done by teaching artists and educators everywhere to inspire students to explore their creative talents and dreams – especially in neighborhoods and cities where arts funding doesn’t always reach those students with the greatest need,” Groban said.

About The Find Your Light Foundation

The Find Your Light Foundation is dedicated to ensuring that each child has the opportunity to experience a quality arts education. It does this through direct support of exceptional arts programs combined with education, advocacy, and outreach. The Foundation focuses support where the need is greatest to inform and inspire others in recognizing arts education as a critical component of a young person’s development. For more information on the Find Your Light Foundation and its work, visit www.fylf.org.

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**Find Your Light Foundation
2023-2024 Grantees**

4CLab, Azusa CA
826 Boston, Boston MA
826 DC, Washington DC
826 NYC, New York NY
A Child's Song, Thornton CO
Academy of Music for the Blind,
Monrovia CA
The Advot Project,
Los Angeles CA
American Festival for the Arts,
Houston TX
**Angelica Center for Arts &
Music**, Los Angeles CA
Art of Elan, San Diego CA
Artists for Humanity,
Boston MA
Arts Center, The, Anthony KS
ArtsUP! LA, Los Angeles CA
Band of Angels,
Overland Park KS
Bloomingdale School of Music,
New York NY
Boston Music Project,
Boston MA
Broadway for Arts Education,
New York NY
Broadway Bound Kids,
New York, NY
Buffalo Strings Works
Buffalo NY
Carnegie Picture Lab,
Walla Walla WA
Cathedral Arts Project,
Jacksonville FL
Center Theatre Group,
Los Angeles CA
Center for Music Education,
Chicago IL
CITYarts, New York NY
Civic Ensemble, Ithaca NY
Community Word Project,
New York NY
StageDoor Theatre,
Conifer CO
Conservatory Lab Charter,
Dorchester MA
Count Basie Theatre,
Red Bank NJ
Creative Art Works,
New York NY

Culture For One,
New York NY
Dancewave,
New York NY
Developing Artists,
New York NY
Dream A World Education,
Los Angeles CA
Education Through Music,
New York NY
Education Through Music,
Denver CO
**Educational Theatre
Foundation**, Cincinnati OH
Elemental Music,
Santa Monica CA
EPIC Players, New York NY
Fiji Theater Company,
New York NY
**Frank Sinatra School of the
Arts**, New York NY
GetLit, Los Angeles CA
Girl Be Heard, New York NY
Amplify Arts Project,
Santa Barbara CA
Girls Write Now,
New York NY
Global Arts, Los Angeles CA
Guitars Antiqua,
Gardena CA
Harmony Foundation,
Nashville TN
Harmony Project Bay Area,
San Francisco CA
Harmony Project Hudson,
Rhinecliff NY
Harmony Project LA,
New York NY
Harmony Project Phoenix,
Phoenix AZ
Hear Your Song,
New York NY
Hope Stone, Houston TX
**House of SpeakEasy
Foundation**, New York NY
**Indianapolis Children's
Choir**, Indianapolis IN
**Inner-City Neighborhood
Art House**, Erie, PA

Inside the Orchestra,
Denver CO
**Institute of Arts, Music &
Science**, Bellflower CA
Intempo, Stamford CT
Internal Creations,
New York NY
Keep Rising to the Top,
New York NY
Key to Change, Renton WA
Kids Excel, El Paso TX
Koats for Kids,
New Orleans LA
LACHSA, Los Angeles CA
LAMusArt, Los Angeles CA
Lincoln Arts Council,
Lincoln NE
Living Arts, Detroit MI
Los Angeles Drama Club,
Los Angeles CA
Make Music NOLA, New
Orleans LA
**Mosaic Youth Theatre of
Detroit**, Detroit MI
**Music Conservatory of
Sandpoint**, Sandpoint ID
Music in Schools Today,
San Francisco CA
Music Workshop,
Portland OR
MusicianShip,
Washington DC
Musicipia, Philadelphia PA
Naked Angels, New York NY
National Queer Theater,
New York NY
**NY Community Organizing
Fund**, New York NY
Noel Pointer Foundation,
New York NY
North Valley Music School,
Whitefish MT
**Northeast Community
Center**, Kansas City MO
NYCSalt, New York NY
Oaktown Jazz, Oakland CA
Opening Act, New York NY
People's Theatre Project,
New York NY
Project STEP, Boston MA

RAW Art Works, Lynn MA
Rejoice School of Ballet,
Nashville TN
Renzi Education & Art Center,
Shreveport LA
Rock n Roll Camp for Girls,
Encinitas CA
Rock To the Future,
Philadelphia PA
Rosie's House, Phoenix AZ
**San Fernando Valley Youth
Chorus**, Canoga Park CA
Savannah Music Festival,
Savannah GA
Settlement Music School,
Philadelphia PA
SPARC, Richmond VA
STEM From Dance, New York NY
Story Pirates, New York NY
**Stuttering Association for the
Young**, New York NY
Superhero Clubhouse,
New York NY
**Teachers & Writers
Collaborative**, New York NY
Theater at Boston Court,
Pasadena CA
Unusual Suspects, Pasadena CA
Uptown Stories, New York NY
Urban Arts Partnership,
New York NY
Urban Word NYC, New York NY
**Wharton Institute for the
Performing Arts**, Paterson NJ
Worcester Chamber Music,
Worcester MA
WriteGirl, Los Angeles, CA
Young Audiences of Houston,
Houston TX
**Young People's Chorus of NY
City**, New York NY
Young Playwrights Theater,
Washington DC
Young Shakespeareans,
Los Angeles CA
Young Storytellers,
Los Angeles CA
ZUMIX, Boston MA