

ATTACHMENT D

Cultural Arts Grants Application Form

Reference #	17702076
Status	Complete
Login Username	emeraldmagicevents@gmail.com
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Popular Name of Organization	Emerald Magic Events
Legal Name (if different)	Emerald magic Events inc
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Contact Name	Elena Otto
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Website	https://www.emeraldmagicevents.org
Geographical Area Served	Orange County CA
Have you received a City of Newport Beach Cultural Arts Grant before?	Yes
If so, what year did you receive a grant?	2025
Year organization was founded:	2024
Number of paid staff:	2
Number of active volunteers:	7
Total amount requested: (from request line of project budget):	5000
Estimated number of people in Newport Beach that the proposed project(s) will serve:	500
1. Briefly describe below your organization's purpose, mission, and goals.	Our mission is to preserve and share the rich cultural heritage of our civilization through the

beautiful art of classical music. Our mission focuses on engaging and inspiring the younger generation by organizing distinguished concerts, events, and festivals that highlight this genre.

2. Identify and describe why there is a need in the Newport Beach Community for your proposed project/program. Include a quantitative description of the need and on what you based your findings (i.e. “Based on a study done by the PTA, there are one hundred children in the 4th-6th grades at Newport Elementary who have had no training with musical instruments.”) Describe how you have determined that your organization is the best organization for the proposed project/program.

The Impact of Early Music Education on Child Development

Recent research from Oxford University highlights the profound influence of early music education on children’s cognitive, emotional, and aesthetic growth. Studies show that learning instruments such as the violin and piano enhances attention, memory, perception, and language skills.

Music education also nurtures creativity, social adaptability, and psychological well-being, supporting overall development and mental health. The use of technology and gamified learning tools further strengthens children’s emotional connection to music, making the learning process more engaging and impactful.

Classical in the Park – A series of two Educational Events

“Classical in the Park” is a series of two outdoor educational events celebrating the history and heritage of classical music. Held in open spaces across Orange County, such as parks and school playgrounds, each event combines live performances, storytelling, and multimedia presentations.

Using a live-to-headphones format, professional musicians and teachers from local music schools will introduce children and families to the great composers—Mozart, Bach, Beethoven, Vivaldi, and others—through engaging stories and live

renditions of their masterpieces.

Young performers will have the chance to join professionals on stage, while families can discover opportunities to enroll their children in local classical music programs.

3. Describe the specific project/program that will be funded by a cultural grant. Include how the proposed project/program will be implemented and outline a schedule or project timeline, with planned dates and locations. Identify individuals and groups involved, particularly artists and performers, and describe their roles and responsibilities. Describe the background and qualifications of your organization and key personnel to be involved in the program. Remember: the City funds only projects and programs- not operating expenses. These projects and programs must promote community involvement and awareness of the arts in Newport Beach.

Classical in the Park – Event Details

The Classical in the Park project will take place at two locations in Newport Beach, California:

1 Bonita Greek Community Center

3010 La Vida, Newport Beach, CA

Date: August 15, 2026

2. Newport Beach Junior Lifeguard Building

901 E. Oceanfront, Newport Beach, CA

Date : September 20,2026

The project will feature highly professional classical music teachers, including Lucy Lu (Violin) — Founder of Violinbaby Music (www.violinbaby.com) and Conductor of the Orange County Youth Symphony String Ensemble (www.philharmonicsociety.org/ocys). Roger Wrigth -(piano) tiacher from Music School at Foothill 323 e.Foothill Blvd ,Arcadia ,CA 91006

Children from the Orange County Youth Symphony will also participate as performers, showcasing their talent alongside professional musicians

Is this a new or existing project/program?

New program

4. Define or describe the segment of the population in Newport Beach that you intend to serve by your project/program. Include such things as age, location, numbers served, etc.

The project is designed for school-aged children between 6 and 15 years old, aiming to foster a love for classical music and inspire them to learn classical instruments. Parents and children from Newport Beach will be invited to attend.

The two events are expected to welcome around 500 attendees, with free tickets provided to all children to encourage participation and community engagement.

PROJECT BUDGET: Expenses - Personnel

Artistic

Funding from the City of Newport Beach	Newport Beach
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Funding from Other Sources	3000
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Administrative

Funding from the City of Newport Beach	Newport Beach
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Funding from Other Sources	1000
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Technical Production

Funding from the City of Newport Beach	Newport Beach
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Funding from Other Sources	1500
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PROJECT BUDGET: Expenses - Operating

Facility Expense/Space Rental

Funding from the City of Newport Beach	Newport Beach
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Funding from Other Sources	3000
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Marketing

Funding from the City of Newport Beach	Newport Beach
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Funding from Other Sources	5000
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Production/Exhibition Expense

Funding from the City of Newport Beach	Newport Beach
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Funding from Other Sources	1500
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Touring/Presentation Expense

Funding from the City of Newport Beach	Newport Beach
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Funding from Other Sources	2000
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Education Materials

Funding from the City of Newport Beach	Newport Beach
Funding from Other Sources	3000

Transportation

Funding from the City of Newport Beach	Newport Beach
Funding from Other Sources	1000

Equipment

Funding from the City of Newport Beach	Newport Beach
Funding from Other Sources	3000

Other (if greater than 10% annotate below)

Funding from the City of Newport Beach	Newport Beach
Funding from Other Sources	2400

GRAND TOTAL:	26400
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6. Describe the expected quantifiable outcomes of your project/program and how you will evaluate the results. Be very specific in addressing the ways that you will determine that your project/program met the needs that you identified and accomplishes the goals you set out to achieve (i.e. you provide 50 hours of musical instruction and instruments to the 100 children at Newport Elementary school as measured by music store rental receipts and logs of instructors.)	We maintain 100% contact with all event attendees. After each event, parents will receive a questionnaire to provide feedback and share outcomes. The survey will help assess the project's impact by collecting detailed information on how many children began taking music lessons following their participation
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List of Board Members and their affiliations	<i>Document found on pages 8–10.</i>
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Recent list of individuals, corporations, and foundations that provide organizational support	<i>Document found on page 11.</i>
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IRS Determination Letter (if you are a 501(c)(3)) indicating tax exempt status	<i>Document found on page 12.</i>
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One brochure and/or one press clipping.	<i>Document found on pages 13–20.</i>
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I. Income (cash only)**Contributed**

FY 2024/25 Budget (current)	28275
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FY 2025/26 Budget (projected)	55000
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Earned

FY 2024/25 Budget (current)	3889
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FY 2025/26 Budget (projected)	20000
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Total Income

FY 2024/25 Budget (current)	32165
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FY 2025/26 Budget (projected)	75000
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II. Expenses**Program**

FY 2024/25 Budget (current)	19965
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FY 2025/26 Budget (projected)	46000
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General and Administrative

FY 2024/25 Budget (current)	7250
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FY 2025/26 Budget (projected)	9000
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Marketing and Development

FY 2024/25 Budget (current)	2469
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FY 2025/26 Budget (projected)	15000
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Total Expenses

FY 2024/25 Budget (current)	29675
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FY 2025/26 Budget (projected)	70000
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Item #49**III. Operating Surplus/Deficit (Income minus Expenses)**

FY 2024/25 Budget (current)	2490
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FY 2025/26 Budget (projected)	5000
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IV. Fund Balance at Beginning of Year

FY 2024/25 Budget (current)	2490
FY 2025/26 Budget (projected)	5000

V. Accumulated Surplus (Deficit) (Add lines III and IV)

FY 2024/25 Budget (current)	2490
FY 2025/26 Budget (projected)	5000

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VI. In-Kind Contributions (attach schedules if greater than 10% of total income)

FY 2024/25 Budget (current)	N/A
FY 2025/26 Budget (projected)	N/A

I verify the knowledge that the information submitted in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Name	Elena Otto
Title	General Manager 01.07.2026
Last Update	2026-01-07 21:52:40
Start Time	2026-01-07 21:37:41
Finish Time	2026-01-07 21:52:40

BOARD MEMBER REFERRAL FORM

Prospective Board Member Information Sheet

Name: Elena OttoTitle: General ManagerOrganization: Emerald Magic Events incAddress: 260 Newport Center Dr #100City, State, Zip: Newport Beach ,CA 92660Telephone: Day (949) 691-6524 Evening Email: emeraldmagicevents@gmail.comSource of Referral/Information: meeting of the board of directors 01/02/2025Special Skills☒ Fund-raising☒ Personnel/Human Resources☒ Finances☒ Business☒ Marketing/Public Relations☒ Technology☒ Legal☐ Other: Professional Background☐ For-profit business☐ Government☒ Nonprofit organization☐ Other: Other affiliations: Grant applications requestOther board service: general administrativeKnown levels of giving or volunteering: exceptionalOther pertinent information: valid until 01/02/2027

BOARD MEMBERS AND AFFILIATIONS

Elena Otto - General manager Emerald Magic Events

— Professional Musician & Musical Producer

Elena is a professional musician and musical producer known for her creative direction, refined artistry, and dedication to developing musical talent. She plays an active role in the artist and music teacher community of Orange County, where she collaborates with educators, performers, and cultural organizations to promote music education and performance excellence.

Her partners and collaborations include a network of local artists, music schools, orchestras, and community arts programs, all united by a shared mission to inspire and nurture the next generation of musicians. Helen's work bridges performance and mentorship, making her a respected figure in the regional music scene.

among them are those such as (partners and collaborations)

Lucy Lu

Founder at Violinbaby Music

www.violinbaby.com

Conductor at Orange County Youth Symphony String Ensemble

www.philharmonicsociety.org/ocys

Vladimir Khomyakov (lead and teacher)

<https://www.vladimirkhomyakov.com>

Glissando 501(c)3 non-profit education center (art&culture) <https://www.glissando.org>

Roger Wrigth -(piano) teacher

from **Music School at Foothill** 323 e.Foothill Blvd ,Arcadia ,CA 91006

[THE MUSIC SCHOOL AT FOOTHILL - Updated January 2026 - 323 E Foothill Blvd. Arcadia. California - Musical Instruments & Teachers - Phone Number - Yelp](#)

Robert Medina Gonzales -CEO Emerald Magic Events

— Professional Event Organizer & Sound Engineer

Robert is a seasoned event organizer and sound engineer with extensive experience in managing and executing high-profile events. His expertise spans every technical and creative aspect of production, including lighting, audio, video, backline, staging, rigging, booking, power, and special effects.

Over the years, Robert has built strong affiliations with leading professional stage equipment companies, maintaining trusted partnerships and collaborations that ensure top-tier quality and reliability for every event he produces. His hands-on approach and technical precision make him a go-to professional for seamless, high-impact productions

among them are those such as (partners and collaborations)

[PCE \(Pacific Coast Entertainment\) - Live Event Production](#)

Rehearsal studio in Santa Ana ,OC ,CA

[Music Rehearsal and Recording Studio](#)

EMERALD MAGIC EVENTS INC

Foundation, corporate, and government support

2025-2026 Years

1. Orange county non -profit center	\$ 10000 - 2025Y -	\$ 25000- 2026Y
2. Newport design & development inc -SPONSOR	\$ 18000 - 2025 Y	\$ 15000 -2026Y
3. Government support from City of Newport Beach Cultural Arts Grant	\$2000 - 2025 Y	
4 Private personal (concerts guests) special tickets sale for sponsors and donors	\$ 15000- 2025Y	\$20000 -2026Y
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TOTAL	\$ 45000 -2025Y	\$60000- 2026Y



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

EMERALD MAGIC EVENTS INC
C/O ELENA OTTO
260 NEWPORT CENTER DR SUITE 100
NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

Date:
04/29/2024
Employer ID number:
99-2307904
Person to contact:
Name: Customer Service
ID number: 31954
Telephone: (877)829-5500
Accounting period ending:
December 31
Public charity status:
509(a)(2)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
March 21, 2024
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053516003394

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. 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



Emerald Magic Events

**CLASSICAL MUSIC
LIVE CONCERTS & EVENTS
MAGAZINE**

2026

UPCOMING



Emerald Magic Events

March 2026

CLASSICAL MUSIC LIVE CONCERTS MAGAZINE

2026

Concert -Famous Pieces of Classical Music
for Solo Piano



Bach, Beethoven, Chopin,
Debussy, Mendelssohn,
Scarlatti, Schubert,
Tchaikovsky and More
5PM -7 PM

Santa Ana College Fine and
Performing Arts
1530 West 17th Street
Santa Ana, CA 92706

UPCOMING



Emerald Magic Events

May 2026

CLASSICAL MUSIC LIVE CONCERTS MAGAZINE

2026

Musical Event -live to headphones
MUSICAL RETREAT



William R Mason Regional Park ,IRVINE

MUSICAL RETREAT violin &
piano live to headphone
,meditation ,mental yoga
5PM-7PM



UPCOMING



Emerald Magic Events

August 2026

CLASSICAL MUSIC LIVE CONCERTS MAGAZINE

2026

Musical Event -live to headphones
Classical in the Park



Bonita Greek Community Center
3010 La Vida, Newport Beach, CA
1PM - 3PM

UPCOMING



2026



Bonita Greek Community Center
3010 La Vida, Newport Beach, CA

UPCOMING



Emerald Magic Events

September 2026

CLASSICAL MUSIC LIVE CONCERTS MAGAZINE

2026 Musical Event -live to headphones
Classical in the Park



Newport Beach Junior Lifeguard Building
901 E. Oceanfront, Newport Beach, CA 1 PM - 3PM

UPCOMING



2026



**Newport Beach Junior Lifeguard Building
901 E. Oceanfront, Newport Beach, CA**

UPCOMING



Emerald Magic Events

November 2026

CLASSICAL MUSIC LIVE CONCERTS MAGAZINE

2026

The best classical pieces and
dances



ATOMIC BALLROOM 17961
Sky Park Cir Ste C Irvine, CA
92614 3PM - 6PM

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