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Green Room Theatre Company Awarded TWO California Arts Council Grants

State funds support a Coachella Valley tour of Gary Soto’s Novio Boy, plus site-specific performances, a new works festival, and education programs for underserved communities.

PALM DESERT, CA – The California Arts Council has announced two grant awards for a total of \$44,955 to Green Room Theatre Company in its first round of funding for 2022. The first award is an Impact Project Grant to support a touring production of Gary Soto’s *Novio Boy*; the second is a General Operating Relief Grant to help the company expand its services to La Quinta, Indio, Coachella, and Mecca.

According to President and CEO Karen Lin, “These grants hugely support our strategic plan to reshape our company around service to the central and east Coachella Valley, including productions, a new play festival, and dance classes.

Green Room Theatre Company (GRTC) was one of 26 organizations in Riverside County to be featured as part of a [larger announcement](#) from the California Arts Council, with grant awards for its Cycle A programming totaling more than \$31 million across more than 1,100 grants supporting nonprofit organizations and units of government throughout the state. The dollar amount already marks the largest annual investment in the California Arts Council’s 46-year history.

“We are elated today to be able to say that, with this first round of funds, we are placing a historic amount of money into the very worthy hands of California’s arts and cultural workforce—and with more yet to come,” said California Arts Council Chair Lilia Gonzáles-Chávez. “We have long since understood the value of our artists in this state, and we are grateful to our Governor and our Legislature for their support and sharing in a like-minded vision for a California where all people flourish with access to and participation in the arts.”

Organizations were awarded grants across seven different program areas within Cycle A, focused on the CAC's efforts to address geographic equity, enable autonomy and sustainability for smaller organizations, and grow the strength of local arts agencies and their partnerships.

To view a complete listing of all California Arts Council grantees by county, [visit this link](#). For a complete listing of grantees by organization, [go to this link](#).

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Now in its thirteenth successful season, Green Room Theatre Company creates new works, reinvented classics, touring productions, and site-specific performances for the Coachella Valley. It also administers theatre and dance education programs focused on young people and underserved communities.

The California Arts Council is a state agency with a mission of strengthening arts, culture, and creative expression as the tools to cultivate a better California for all. It supports local arts infrastructure and programming statewide through grants, initiatives, and services. The California Arts Council envisions a California where all people flourish with universal access to and participation in the arts.

Members of the California Arts Council include: Lilia Gonzáles-Chávez, Chair; Consuelo Montoya, Vice Chair; Gerald Clarke, Vicki Estrada, Jodie Evans, Ellen Gavin, Alex Israel, Phil Mercado, and Roxanne Messina Captor. Learn more at www.arts.ca.gov.

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