

# FUNDS

## Arts Credit for Touring Artist Performances

One *arts credit* per year is available for each public elementary and secondary school in Santa Barbara County. The *arts credit* subsidizes in part the fee of one or more touring company performances listed in the *Arts Catalog*. The *arts credit* is provided by funds raised through the *I Madonnari* Italian Street Painting Festival.

**\$200 *arts credit*—one per year for each school**

## Arts Credit for Resident Artist Workshops

One *arts credit* per year is available for each public elementary school in Santa Barbara County. It may be used to subsidize in part resident artist workshops conducted during school hours in the classroom.

**\$200 *arts credit*—one per year for each school**

## I MADONNARI Italian Street Painting Festival

The Children's Creative Project produces the annual *I Madonnari* Italian Street Painting Festival to benefit its arts education programs in public schools. Held each year at the Santa Barbara Mission, the festival attracts 25,000 visitors who view 150 street paintings created by local artists and children. Using chalk, they transform the pavement into vibrant, large-scale street paintings.

Street painting squares range in size from 4-by-6 feet to 12-by-12 feet. Street paintings are sponsored financially by schools, businesses, organizations, or by individuals to celebrate friends or family members. A special area for young children provides chalk and smaller squares. The festival features live music and Italian cuisine.

**Website: [imadonnarifestival.com](http://imadonnarifestival.com)**

## Touring Artist Program Grants

As a non-profit arts organization, the Children's Creative Project is eligible to apply for grant support from public and private funding sources. If awarded, the grants can subsidize performances by selected touring artists. Grant funds received for the current school year are announced at the Cultural Arts Network meetings. In addition, under the *Touring Artist Performances Index*, the column titled "Funds Available" identifies the touring artists with funding to support their programs.

A collaboration of schools, school districts and libraries can work with the CCP to apply for grants to support a block-booked tour. Often the grant application must be submitted during the school year prior to the year the companies will tour. Touring artist grants can subsidize, in part, the touring company fees for student performances at public and private schools, libraries and formal theater venues. The Children's Creative Project applies for grants from the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission, and other private funding sources.