



**News Release**

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## **Several Old Town Triangle Area Schools Receive Grants Awarded with Proceeds from the Annual Old Town Art Fair**

The Lincoln Park High School's Performing Arts Department was awarded \$10,115 from the Old Town Triangle Association's (OTTA) Contributions Committee, which grants money set aside from proceeds from the annual Old Town Art Fair to help non-profit organizations and schools in the Old Town Triangle area.

LPHS, 2001 N. Orchard St., will use the money to purchase a tuba, bassoon and piccolo. Currently they have 500 students in the LPHS band and orchestra program, with only 350 instruments.

OTTA also gave LPHS another grant, which would allow two English teachers to attend a summer conference in Boston by the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. The two teacher trips will be partly funded by an association grant of \$3,300, and the teachers will bring back professional development information to share with their colleagues.

Abraham Lincoln Public School, 615 W. Kemper Pl., will receive \$10,000 to help purchase science laboratory tables, chairs, equipment, teacher demonstration tables, new cabinetry and additional sinks. The project to update the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science labs is being spearheaded by The Friends of Lincoln, and will begin this spring. It is projected to take two years to complete.

LaSalle Language Academy, 1734 N. Orleans St., was awarded a \$6,050 grant by the Association board at its meeting May 10. The money will be used to support a school wide fine arts residency in music, entitled "Found Music." Students will create music from "found" objects and ambient sound to give them the ability to compose and create music. The residency also will include various musicians visiting the school and performing. Movies, field trips to a music studio and student performances will also be part of the program.

Additionally, OTTA has awarded LaSalle a second grant of \$3,000, which would partly fund trips aboard for four to six students during the 2011-2012 school year. The school will award grants for half the cost of the trips to students, who might not be able to go abroad without assistance. More than 1,000 LaSalle students have participated in trips to China, France, Spain and Italy since the program began.

The Franklin Fine Arts Center, 225 W. Evergreen Ave., will receive \$3,000 to purchase a media cart equipped with a laptop, digital presenter, project and portable interactive whiteboard.

Other awards:

- Lincoln Park Village, 2502 N. Clark St., \$3,000 to help their program supporting Lincoln Park community members to stay in their homes with assistance. The funds will be used to support four member-plus memberships, which allow elders with incomes of less than \$45,000 to access Village services and activities at a reduced rate.
- Lakefront Sculpture Exhibit, \$2,500 to support an outdoor sculpture exhibit in the 43<sup>rd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> wards of Lincoln Park.
- Deborah's Place, 1530 N. Sedgwick, \$2,000 for a short-term residential program, which helps those in the Lincoln Park neighborhood to find shelter.
- 43<sup>rd</sup> Ward Senior Bingo, \$300.
- St. Michael's Gala, 1633 N. Cleveland, \$220, for a gift certificate for an art session for their silent auction.

The Association also awarded the Midwest Buddhist Temple, 435 W. Menomonee St., \$1,000 to aid Japanese earthquake and tsunami relief.

The Old Town Triangle Association is a community-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents who live in an area of the City of Chicago bounded by North Avenue, Clark Street, and the former Ogden Avenue, known as "the Triangle".

Each year, the association puts on the annual Old Town Art Fair during the second weekend of June. Now in its 62<sup>nd</sup> year, the fair has been selected as one of the top 10 national art fairs in the country by *AmericanStyle* Magazine. Proceeds from the fair help several non-profit organizations and school in the Triangle area through a grant program.

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