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True Concord receives 25,000 NEA
Art Works grant
Third NEA grant the ensemble has received to-date

Tucson, AZ (June 27, 2017)—True Concord Voices & Orchestra has been approved to receive an NEA Art Works grant of \$25,000 for its American Rhythm performance project featuring works by American composers. The NEA grant will help to fund a new work by composer Gerald Near for choir, orchestra, and soprano based on poems and letters of American poet Emily Dickinson. This program, *Emily Sings! Evoking music in Emily Dickinson's poetry*, will be held in collaboration with the University of Arizona Poetry Center March 22-25, 2018.

The second program in this series will take place around Veteran's Day, 2018. It will honor U.S. service personnel and veterans with performances of works such as Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man," Samuel Barber's "Adagio for Strings" and Jake Runestad's "Dreams of the Fallen." Runestad explores a soldier's emotional response to the experience of war using powerful texts written by Iraq War veteran and award-winning poet Brian Turner. All concerts will be presented at several locations in Tucson.

Art Works is the NEA's largest grant category and focuses on funding the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with art, lifelong learning in the arts, and strengthening of communities through the arts. "The arts reflect the vision, energy, and talent of America's artists and arts organizations," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. "The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support organizations such as True Concord Voices & Orchestra in serving their communities by providing excellent and accessible arts experiences."

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Nationwide, the National Endowment for the Arts will provide more than \$82 million to fund local arts projects in its second major funding announcement for fiscal year 2017. The NEA received 1,728 Art Works applications and will make 1,029 grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000. To join the Twitter conversation about this announcement, please use **#NEASpring17**. For more information on projects included in the NEA grant announcement, go to arts.gov. More information on True Concord is available at trueconcord.org and by calling 520.401.2651.

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About True Concord Voices & Orchestra

Grammy-nominated True Concord is Southern Arizona's professional chamber choir and orchestra. Founded in 2004, its mission is to create experiences with music that move, enrich and inspire. This mission is accomplished primarily through the performance of masterworks and the music of America's cultural mosaic. More information at <http://www.trueconcord.org/> and on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).