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Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grant helps bring cultural performances to youths and adults in Sublette County

PINEDALE, Wyo. — The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has awarded a \$2,000 grant to the Pinedale Fine Arts Council to help support a year-long series of arts programming and education in Sublette County. The grant will help the council provide culturally diverse professional performances to residents of all ages from preschool children to senior citizens.

The Pinedale Fine Arts Council was formed in 1976 with a single performance from the Utah Symphony. From that single performance 34 years ago, the organization has grown to include five season ticket performances, a free summer park series, and an intimate coffeehouse series. More than 5,100 students and community members are reached annually through artist residencies, workshops, performances and community outreach. In 1983, the Pinedale Fine Arts Council was recognized by the State of Wyoming as a recipient of the Governor's Arts Award.

“The Pinedale Fine Arts Council brings quality cultural programs to the area and provides opportunities for residents to experience professional performances here locally,” said Craig Nelson, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager.”

“We are very grateful that the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation supports arts educational and cultural outreach activities in our community such as the upcoming residencies with Repertory Dance Theatre and Australian storyteller Paul Taylor,” said Dana Tully, Executive Director of the Pinedale Fine Arts Council. “Thank you for your vision and support.”

The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grant will help the Pinedale Fine Arts Council produce a performing arts season with an extensive arts education component.

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Pinedale Fine Arts Council

The Pinedale Fine Arts Council was started in 1976. Its mission is to present quality cultural and fine arts performances, residencies and workshops that promote creativity and appeal to people of varying interests and backgrounds, to educate and entertain all ages from youth to senior citizens, to keep ticket prices affordable and to bring culturally diverse artists to the Pinedale community. The council collaborates with other organizations within the community to accomplish this mission. Partners include two school districts, preschools, library, senior centers, industry, retirement centers and nursing homes. The council also works with other state and regional organizations to block-book performers to keep the prices affordable. The council has been recognized by the state of Wyoming as a recipient of the Governor's Art Award.

About the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation is part of the PacifiCorp Foundation, one of the largest utility-endowed foundations in the United States. The foundation was created in 1988 by PacifiCorp, an electric utility serving 1.7 million customers in six Western states as Rocky Mountain Power (Utah, Wyoming and Idaho) and Pacific Power (Oregon, Washington and California). The foundation's mission, through charitable investments, is to support the growth and vitality of the communities served by Pacific Power and Rocky Mountain Power. For more information visit, www.rockymountainpower.net/rmpfoundation.