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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — Several Winthrop University faculty, staff and alumni will explore their artistic interests further thanks to Arts & Science Council of Charlotte grants.

Each year, the council, along with fellow councils in six North Carolina counties and York County, the North Carolina Arts Council and Blumenthal Endowment, awards project grants to artists throughout the region.

This year, four in the Winthrop community received grants:

- **Chris O'Neill '98, '10**: $1,907 to purchase a MacBook Pro for multimedia creation and integrated show control. O'Neill is the facilities management/technical director for the Department of Music and head of Shakespeare Carolina.
- **Professor of Fine Arts Shaun Cassidy**: $2,000 to purchase sheets of metal to create a new sculpture series.
- **Holly Glasscock '86**: $800 to attend the 2015 Plein Air Convention and Expo. The expo offers instruction, painting demonstrations, mentorship and more with international artists.
- **Betsy Birkner '97**: $2,000 to purchase a laptop. Birkner is an artist-in-residence at the McColl Center for Art + Innovation.

For more information, visit the council website.