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## **Southern Arts Federation Awards \$37, 238 to Alabama Arts Organizations**

Atlanta, GA - The Southern Arts Federation (SAF) announces a total of \$37,238 awarded to Alabama arts organizations for fiscal year 2010-11 in fee support to present touring artists. Through the NEA/SAF Regional Touring program, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Southern Arts Federation partner to offer nonprofit presenting organizations fee support to present artists from outside of their states. Touring support is awarded for theatre, music, opera, musical theatre, literary and dance projects that contain both a public performance and an educational component. Alabama grant recipients, location, amount and program funded are:

- **Alabama Dance Council, Birmingham**, \$6,563 for Battleworks Dance Company
- **Alys Stephens Performing Arts Center, Birmingham**, \$6500 for Hubbard Street 2
- **Alys Stephens Performing Arts Center, Birmingham**, \$2500 for Los Lobos
- **Knox Concert Series, Anniston**, \$4250 for Moscow State Radio Symphony Orchestra
- **Lawrence County Arts Council, Moulton**, \$ 1,717 for Kate Carpenter
- **Lawrence County Arts Council, Moulton**, \$750 for Kenny Brown
- **Opelika Arts Association, Inc., Opelika**, \$4,042, Soweto Gospel Choir
- **Opelika Arts Association, Inc., Opelika**, \$2,500, Montana Repertory Theatre
- **Princess Theatre Center for the Performing Arts, Decatur**, \$4,083, Montana Repertory Theatre
- **University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa**, \$4,333, Neil Gaiman

Presenting organizations from SAF's nine-state region competed for a total of \$392,546 supporting 104 projects in Regional Touring funding.

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**About the Southern Arts Federation:** *The Southern Arts Federation, a non-profit regional arts organization founded in 1975, creates partnerships and collaborations; presents, promotes and produces Southern arts and cultural programming; and advocates for the arts and arts education. Working in partnership with nine state arts agencies—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee—SAF builds on the South's unique heritage, and enhances the public value of the arts in our communities by promoting and supporting the arts in the South, enhancing the artistic excellence and professionalism of Southern arts organizations and artists, and serving the diverse population of the South.*