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Southern Arts Federation Awards \$56,500 to Florida Arts Organizations

Atlanta, GA - The Southern Arts Federation (SAF) announces a total of \$56,500 awarded to Florida arts organizations for fiscal year 2008-09 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. Florida grant recipients, location, amount and program funded are:

- **Big Bend Community Orchestra-Artist Series**, Tallahassee, \$5,000 for Parker String Quartet
- **City of Tarpon Springs**, Tarpon Springs, \$4,500 for Borealis Wind Quintet
- **Daytona Beach Symphony Society**, Daytona Beach, \$2,500 for Teatro Lirico D'Europa - Puccini's La Boheme
- **Daytona Beach Symphony Society**, Daytona Beach, \$2,500 for Teatro Lirico D'Europa - Verdi's Aida
- **Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation**, Destin, \$1,388 for Missoula Children's Theater
- **Miami-Dade Community College**, Miami, \$3,750 for Inbal Pinto
- **Miami Light Project**, Miami, \$3,750 for Daniel Bernard Roumain
- **Northwest Florida Symphony Association**, Destin, \$1,875 for Caroline Goulding
- **Palm Beach Community College**, Belle Glade, \$3,750 for A Kid's Life
- **Palm Beach Community College Foundation**, Lake Worth, \$2,306 for Trey McIntyre Project
- **Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra**, Tallahassee, \$5,000 for Daniel Bernard Roumain
- **Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center**, Tampa, \$3,750 for Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company
- **Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center**, Tampa, \$5,000 for Daniel Bernard Roumain
- **Theatreworks Inc**, Jacksonville, \$1,625 for Billy Jonas
- **Tigertail Productions**, Miami, \$2,306 for Tere O'Connor
- **University of Florida Performing Arts**, Gainesville, \$7,500 for Trey McIntyre Project

Presenting organizations from SAF's nine-state region competed for a total of \$371,981 in Regional Touring funding. Grants were awarded to 125 projects which are expected to reach 300,000 individuals, including more than 105,000 K-12 students. A total of 709 performances and educational activities will be provided throughout the region.

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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.*