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## **Southern Arts Federation Awards \$60,991 to Georgia Arts Organizations**

*Atlanta, GA* - The Southern Arts Federation (SAF) announces a total of \$60,991 awarded to Georgia 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. Georgia grant recipients, location, amount and program funded are:

- **AWOL - All Walks of Life**, Savannah, \$1,250 for Jeff Chang
- **Center for Puppetry Arts**, Atlanta, \$2,500 for Crabgrass Puppet Theatre
- **Center for Puppetry Arts**, Atlanta, \$2,840 for Dragon Art Studio
- **Clayton State University - Spivey Hall**, Morrow, \$4,000 for Murray Perahia
- **Clayton State University - Spivey Hall**, Morrow, \$1,863 for David Russell
- **Cutno Artist Group - Magnolia Dance Theater**, Augusta, \$3,750 for Complexions Contemporary Ballet
- **Georgia State University - Rialto Center for the Arts**, Atlanta, \$3,750 for Paul Taylor Dance Company
- **Georgia State University - Rialto Center for the Arts**, Atlanta, \$3,750 for Trey McInyre Project
- **Georgia Tech Research Corporation**, Atlanta, \$3,750 for Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana
- **Georgia Tech Research Corporation**, Atlanta, \$6,000 for Ronald K. Brown/Evidence
- **JapanFest**, Atlanta, \$575.00 for Maturiza
- **Madison-Morgan Cultural Center/Madison County Foundation**, Madison, \$6,000 for Philadanco
- **Mercer University - The Grand Opera House**, Macon, \$2,250 for Theatre IV
- **National Black Arts Festival**, Atlanta, \$3,750 for Ronald K. Brown/Evidence
- **RiverCenter for the Performing Arts**, Columbus, \$3,750 for Ronald K. Brown/Evidence
- **RiverCenter for the Performing Arts**, Columbus, \$3,750 for Russian National Ballet
- **Sautee-Nacoochee Community Association**, Sautee-Nacoochee, \$2,500 for Jo Carson
- **Seven Stages**, Atlanta, \$1,250 for Cultural Odyssey
- **Seven Stages**, Atlanta, \$2,500 for HERE Arts Center
- **Southern Poetry Review**, Savannah, \$500 for David Kirby
- **University of Georgia - Performing Arts Center**, Athens, \$713 for Pius Cheung

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.*