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## **Southern Arts Federation Awards \$34,462 to Kentucky Arts Organizations**

*Atlanta, GA* - The Southern Arts Federation (SAF) announces a total of \$34,462 awarded to Kentucky 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. Kentucky grant recipients, location, amount and program funded are:

- **Carson Four Rivers Center**, Paducah, \$2,835 for The New York Theatre Ballet
- **Glema Mahr Center for the Arts**, Madisonville, \$2,350 for New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players
- **Glema Mahr Center for the Arts**, Madisonville, \$2,540 for Terrance Simien & the Zydeco Experience
- **Greater Hazard Area Arts Council**, Hazard, \$2,300 for Mike Super
- **Greater Hazard Area Arts Council**, Hazard, \$3,060 for American Shakespeare Center
- **Hardin County Schools Performing Arts Center**, Elizabethtown, \$2,736 for Magic Tree House: The Musical
- **Lake Cumberland Performing Arts Series**, Somerset, \$2,700 for Riders in the Sky
- **Morehead State University**, Morehead, \$3,060 for Rachel Barton Pine
- **Pennyroyal Arts Council**, Hopkinsville, \$2,988 for The Spencers
- **Richmond Area Arts Council**, Richmond, \$991 for Missoula Children's Theatre
- **University of Louisville School of Music**, Louisville, \$2,350 for Proteus 7
- **University of Louisville School of Music**, Louisville, \$2,772 for Spanish Brass
- **West Kentucky Community and Technical College**, Paducah, \$3,780 for Ailey II

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.*