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## **Southern Arts Federation Awards \$38,122 to Kentucky Arts Organizations**

Atlanta, GA - The Southern Arts Federation (SAF) announces a total of \$38,122 awarded to Kentucky 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. Kentucky grant recipients, location, amount and program funded are:

- **Carson Four Rivers Center, Paducah**, \$3,063 for Terrance Simien
- **Central Kentucky Artist Series, Campsville**, \$1,441 for Wood & Strings Theatre
- **Glema Mahr Center for the Arts, Madisonville**, \$6,188 for Pilobolus
- **Greater Hazard Area Arts Council, Hazard**, \$4,292 for Barrage
- **Greater Hazard Area Arts Council, Hazard**, \$2,500 for Barter Theatre
- **Hardin County Schools Performing Arts Center, Elizabethtown**, \$4,458 for Montana Repertory Theatre
- **Kentucky Center for the Arts, Louisville**, \$2,350 for Terrance Simien
- **Lake Cumberland Performing Arts Series, Somerset**, \$1,781 for Wood & Strings Theatre
- **Morehead State University, Morehead**, \$3,060 for Sara Caswell
- **Owensboro Symphony Orchestra, Owensboro**, \$569 for Bella Hristova
- **Paramount Arts Center, Ashland**, \$3,917 for Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company
- **Pennyroyal Arts Council, Hopkinsville**, \$4,504 for Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company

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.*