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Southern Arts Federation Awards \$44,075 to Louisiana Arts Organizations

Atlanta, GA - The Southern Arts Federation (SAF) announces a total of \$44,075 awarded to Louisiana 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. Louisiana grant recipients, location, amount and program funded are:

- **Arts Council of Central Louisiana, Inc.**, Alexandria, \$3,750 for Dance Theater of Harlem
- **Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge**, Baton Rouge, \$4,000 for Eddie Palmieri
- **Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge**, Baton Rouge, \$2,500 for Regina Carter
- **Cuba Nola Collective**, New Orleans, \$4,000 for Tosvany Terry & The Afro-Caribbean Legacy
- **Friends of NORD, Inc.**, New Orleans, \$6,000 for Dayton Contemporary Dance Company
- **Houma-Terrebonne Arts & Humanities Council**, Houma, \$1,325 for Arianna Ross
- **McNeese State University**, Lake Charles, \$3,750 for Dance Theatre of Harlem
- **McNeese State University**, Lake Charles, \$4,000 for Theodora Skipitares/Drums of War
- **New Orleans Ballet Association**, New Orleans, \$6,000 for Ballet Hispanico
- **The NOCCA Institute**, New Orleans, \$3,750 for Elisa Monte Dance
- **Performing Arts Society of Acadiana (PASA)**, Lafayette, \$2,500 for Aquila Theatre Company
- **Saint Joseph Arts, Inc.**, St. Joseph, \$2,500 for Kevin Reese

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.*