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Southern Arts Federation Awards \$39,611 to Louisiana Arts Organizations

Atlanta, GA - The Southern Arts Federation (SAF) announces a total of \$39,611 awarded to Louisiana 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. Louisiana grant recipients, location, amount and program funded are:

- **Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge**, \$4,333 for Kurt Elling
- **Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge**, \$2,500 for Ahmad Jamal
- **Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans**, \$3,542 for Mikel Rouse
- **Friends of NORD, Inc., New Orleans**, \$5,742 for Wideman Davis Dance Company
- **McNeese State University, Lake Charles**, \$5,681 for Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company
- **New Orleans Ballet Association, New Orleans**, \$5,688 for Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
- **Northeast Louisiana Arts Council, West Monroe**, \$4,500 for Synergy Brass Quintet
- **Performing Arts Society of Acadiana (PASA), Lafayette**, \$3,875 for Montana Repertory Theatre
- **Performing Arts Society of Acadiana (PASA), Lafayette**, \$3,750 for Ron K. Brown/Evidence

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.*