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South Arts Awards \$39,313 to Mississippi Arts Organizations

Atlanta, GA – South Arts announces a total of \$39,313 awarded to Mississippi arts organizations for fiscal year 2011-12 in fee support to present touring artists. Through the Regional Touring program, the National Endowment for the Arts and the South Arts 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, and dance projects that contain both a public performance and an educational component. Mississippi grant recipients, programs funded, and amounts are:

- Alcorn State University, John Scofield All-Star Group \$3,408
- Harrisburg Cultural and Social Services Center, Step Afrika \$6,438
- Mississippi Academy of Ancient Music, Concerto Koln \$3,333
- Mississippi School of the Arts Foundation, Wideman-Davis Dance Company \$3,174
- Tupelo Ballet, Rasta Thomas' Bad Boys of Dance \$5,450
- University of Southern Mississippi, Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company \$6,513

Blocked-Booked Tours

- Mississippi Festival Foundation, Ailey II Block-Booked Tour \$5,329
- University of Mississippi, Evidence, A Dance Company Block-Booked Tour \$5,668

Presenting organizations from South Arts' nine-state region competed for a total of \$425,409 supporting 103 projects in Regional Touring funding.

About South Arts

South Arts, a non-profit regional arts organization founded in 1975, creates partnerships and collaborations; presents, promotes and produces Southern art and cultural programming; and advocates for the arts and arts education. Working in partnership with nine state art agencies- Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee- South Arts 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

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