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## **Southern Arts Federation Awards \$27,252 to Mississippi Arts Organizations**

Atlanta, GA - The Southern Arts Federation (SAF) announces a total of \$27,252 awarded to Mississippi arts organizations for fiscal year 2010-09 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. Mississippi grant recipients, location, amount and program funded are:

- **Alcorn State University, Alcorn State**, \$3,625 for Joshua Redman
- **Arts Under the Dome-United Methodist Church, Gulfport**, \$2,154 for Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues
- **Delta Children's Museum, Greenville**, \$1,346 for Wood & Strings Theatre
- **Delta Children's Museum, Greenville**, \$850 for Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre
- **Mississippi Academy of Ancient Music, Edwards**, \$2,719 for Boston Camerata
- **Mississippi Festival Foundation, Sardis**, **\$3,500** for Birmingham Children's Theatre
- **The Celtic Heritage Society, Jackson**, **\$1,254** for Captain Mackey's Goatskin and String Band
- **University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg**, \$5,308 for Christal Brown/INSPIRIT Dance
- **University of Southern Mississippi-School of Music, Hattiesburg**, \$500 for Jeffrey Bradetich
- **USA International Ballet Competition, Jackson**, \$6,000 for Philadanco

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.*