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Southern Arts Federation Awards \$52,400 to North Carolina Arts Organizations

Atlanta, GA - The Southern Arts Federation (SAF) announces a total of \$52,400 awarded to North Carolina 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. North Carolina grant recipients, location, amount and program funded are:

- **Ashe County Arts Council**, West Jefferson, \$2,500 for Sol y Canto
- **Brevard College**, Brevard, \$2,500 for Moscow Chamber Orchestra with Olga Kern
- **Carolina Theatre of Durham**, Durham, \$952 for Barry Scott
- **Diamante**, Cary, \$5,000 for Sones de Mexico
- **East Carolina University-Performing Arts Series**, Greenville, \$5,625 for Philadanco
- **Fayetteville State University**, Fayetteville, \$1,082 for Leon Bates
- **Kinston Arts Council**, Kinston, \$1,750 for Bearfoot
- **Lake Eden Arts Festival**, Black Mountain, \$3,750 for Terrance Simien and the Zydeco Experience
- **NCSU Center Stage**, Raleigh, \$5,000 for Daniel Bernard Roumain/DBR & The SQ Unit
- **Pack Place Performing Arts, Inc.**, Asheville, \$7,500 for Eleone Dance Theatre
- **Raleigh Chamber Music Guild**, Raleigh, \$5,000 for Ritz Chamber Players
- **St. Joseph's Historic Foundation, Inc.**, Durham, \$3,375 for Scott Ainslie & Ernie Hawkins
- **The ArtsCenter**, Carrboro, \$5,000 for Kevin Locke
- **University of North Carolina-Wilmington**, Wilmington, \$2,500 for Hot 8 Brass Band
- **Western North Carolina Jazz Society**, Asheville, \$866 for Kenny Barron/Victor Lewis Trio

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.