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### South Arts Awards \$41, 206 to South Carolina Arts Organizations

Atlanta, GA – South Arts announces a total of \$41,206 awarded to South Carolina 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. South Carolina grant recipients, programs funded, and amounts are:

- Aiken Performing Arts Group, Il Voce \$2,727
- Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, Pittsburgh Ballet Theater \$5,763
- Arts Council of Beaufort County, Elise Witt & the Mezzanine Band \$2,240
- Charleston Concert Association, Momix \$5,675
- Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County, Claire Bryant and Friends \$3,825
- Francis Marion University, San Jose Taiko \$3,300
- Greenwood-Lander Performing Arts, American Spiritual Ensemble \$3,633
- Pawleys Island Festival of Music & Art, Ball in the House \$2,663
- Peace Center Foundation, "Southern Voice" Glenia Redmond/Scott Ainslie \$2,998
- Rock Hill School District, Matt Wilson's Arts & Crafts \$2,513
- University of South Carolina Educational Foundation, Imani Winds \$2,214

### Blocked-Booked Tours

- Greenwood- Lander Performing Arts, Aquila Theatre Company Block-Booked Tour, \$3,655

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

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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 artists, and serving the diverse population of the South. For more information, visit [www.southarts.org](http://www.southarts.org).