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Southern Arts Federation Announces Performing Arts Exchange Juried Showcase Performers

Selected through a highly competitive application process, artists will perform for the public and performing arts presenters in September

Atlanta, Georgia – Twenty-seven touring performing artists companies were selected from 184 applicants to participate in the Southern Arts Federation's Performing Arts Exchange Juried Showcase in September. Applicants were judged on artistic merit, originality, promotional materials, and demonstrated readiness to tour.

The Performing Arts Exchange (PAE) is a performing arts marketplace and professional development conference presented annually by the Southern Arts Federation (SAF). It brings together approximately 1,000 performing artists, artist managers, and performing arts presenters for four days of artistic expression, networking and booking. Now in its 32nd year, PAE will be held Atlanta, GA, on September 24-27, 2008.

Juried artist's showcases on Thursday and Friday evening are free and open to the public at the Rialto Center for the Arts and the AmericasMart Theater in downtown Atlanta. Showcases feature performances by professional touring artists in music, dance, family/children's performances and general theater.

The 2008 PAE Juried Showcase Performers include:

Dance

[Dayton Contemporary Dance Company](#)
[Koresh Dance Company](#)
[Miro Dance Theatre](#)
[Ragamala Music and Dance Theater](#)

Family & Children's Programming

[Corbian](#)
[Green Thumb Theatre](#)
[Jamie Adkins, Circus Incognitos](#)

Multimedia/Multidisciplinary

[Rick Benjamin's Paragon Ragtime Orchestra](#)

Music – Chamber & Classical

[Cassatt String Quartet](#)
[Chen Zimbalista](#)

Music – Ethnic-based & World

[Le Vent du Nord](#)
[Mamadou Diabaté](#)
[Vieux Farka Touré](#)

Music – Folk & Bluegrass

[Missy Raines and the New Hip](#)
[Rani Arbo & Daisy Mayhem](#)

Music – Jazz

[Kellylee Evans](#)

[Michael Kaeshammer](#)

Music – Other

[Dominic Gaudious](#)

[Four Bitchin' Babes](#)

[The Roches](#)

Music – Singer/Songwriter

[Carrie Newcomer](#)

[Patty Larkin](#)

[Ronny Cox](#)

Residency

[Step Afrika!](#)

Theatre

[Barry Scott: Ain't Got Long to Stay Here](#)

[Kung Fu Theatre: Tales from the Beijing Opera Universes](#)

The Performing Arts Exchange is presented in partnership with the Georgia Council for the Arts, and in collaboration with the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation and the New England Foundation for the Arts. Performers were selected by a volunteer panel of performing arts professionals: Ann Norris, Baylin Artists Management (PA); Elizabeth Auer, Phillip's Center for the Performing Arts (FL); April Brumfield, Brumfield & Associates (KY); Gena Buhler, The Road Company (NY); Ellis Finger, Lafayette College (PA); Louisa Hart, High Point Theatre (NC); Katherine Knowles, Zeiterion Theatre (MA); Jack Rogers, Rialto Center for the Arts (GA); Claire West, Ballet Arizona (AZ).

More details about the Performing Arts Exchange can be found at <http://www.southarts.org/pae08> or by calling 404-874-7244 ext. 28.

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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.*