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Southern Arts Federation Awards \$30,086 to South Carolina Arts Organizations

Atlanta, GA - The Southern Arts Federation (SAF) announces a total of \$30,086 awarded to South 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. South Carolina grant recipients, location, amount and program funded are:

- **Arts Center of Coastal Carolina**, Hilton Head Island, \$4,428 for Dance Theatre of Harlem
- **Charleston Symphony Orchestra**, Charleston, \$2,808 for Magic Circle Mime Company
- **Clover School District Auditorium**, Clover, \$1,066 for Chapter 6
- **Greenville Symphony Association**, Greenville, \$2,592 for Kallen Esperian
- **Greenwood-Lander Performing Arts**, Greenwood, \$1,577 for Alpin Hong
- **Mrudani School of Performing Arts**, Orangeburg, \$1,332 for Bharathakalanjali
- **Peace Center for the Performing Arts**, Greenville, \$4,320 for Pilobolus
- **Rock Hill School District**, Rock Hill, \$2,556 for Arturo O'Farrill Quintet
- **Spoletto Festival USA, Charleston**, \$4,482 for Alvin Ailey American Dance Studio
- **University of South Carolina Educational Foundation**, Columbia, \$3,750 for Music From Copland House
- **University of South Carolina Educational Foundation**, Columbia, \$1,175 for International Contemporary Ensemble

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.