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Southern Arts Federation Awards \$45,554 to Tennessee Arts Organizations

Atlanta, GA - The Southern Arts Federation (SAF) announces a total of \$45,554 awarded to Tennessee arts organizations for fiscal year 2010-11 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. Tennessee grant recipients, location, amount and program funded are:

- **Arts & Education Council, Chattanooga**, \$2,164 for Gayle Ross
- **Ballet Tennessee, Chattanooga**, \$6,188 for Dance Theatre of Harlem
- **Buckman Performing Arts Center, Memphis**, \$6,750 for Ballet Hispanico
- **Buckman Performing Arts Center, Memphis**, \$2,750 for TU Dance
- **Cleveland Bradley Regional Museum, Cleveland**, \$1,417 for Missoula Children's Theatre
- **Cultural Development Foundation of Memphis, Memphis**, \$6,125 for Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
- **Germantown Performing Arts Centre, Germantown**, \$4,083 for Tao
- **Germantown Performing Arts Centre, Germantown**, \$2,500 for Soweto Gospel Choir
- **Global Education Center, Nashville**, \$2,681 for Kenichi Ebina & Company
- **Memphis Development Foundation, Memphis**, \$2,021 for Dallas Children's Theatre
- **Tennessee Performing Arts Center, Nashville**, \$4,500 for Sones de Mexico
- **Vanderbilt University, Nashville**, \$4,375 for L.A. Theatre Works

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.*