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Scholarship Established in Honor of South Arts Executive Director



Atlanta, GA — In honor of her contributions to the arts and culture field, South Arts has established a scholarship fund in the name of Gerri Combs to commemorate her retirement from South Arts. Donations to the fund are being accepted through June 30, 2012 at www.southarts.org/combs.

The **Gerri Combs Scholarship Fund** will allow arts professionals in our region to take advantage of professional development opportunities over the next year. The fund will be used to provide financial support for arts professionals to attend the [Performing Arts Exchange](#) and [Folklorists in the South](#). To reach underserved constituents, scholarships will be offered to arts professionals living in the South who have never attended these events in the past, providing an opportunity to those who would not otherwise been able to attend.

More than 30 years ago, Gerri began her career in arts administration and education. She has worked as a public school teacher, local arts council director, state arts agency director, presenter programmer, and has served as a panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts and as a board member of the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies.

About South Arts: South Arts is a nonprofit regional arts organization and was founded in 1975 to build on the South's unique heritage and enhance the public value of the arts. South Arts examines the arts environment and cultural trends from a regional perspective comprising nine states—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. For more information, visit www.southarts.org.

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