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The Arts and Education Council will give More money to More organizations in 2008

St. Louis, MO/ November 14, 2008 The Arts and Education Council awards grants each year to non-profit organizations located in 16 counties in Missouri and Illinois with the goal of enriching the vibrancy of the metropolitan community through arts and education. In 2008 more organizations will receive more money for the arts, arts education and arts outreach programs – \$1.4 million in grants will be given, a 9% increase over 2007. Funding is provided in three categories.

Nine organizations will receive sustaining funds – the highest level of funding - with the addition of the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra. All nine organizations will receive an increase in 2008. These funds are unrestricted.

In addition nine organizations will receive operating support, including the addition of the Circus Arts Foundation (Circus Flora).

Sixty-one organizations, including 13 new recipients, will receive project funding from the Council representing a tremendous variety of arts disciplines. The new recipients are: Cameron Youth Chamber Orchestra, Circus Day Foundation, Classic99 KFJZ-FM, Gitana Productions, International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis, Professional Theatre Awards Council, Saint Louis Ballet, Saint Louis Wind Symphony, Spotlight Theatre, St. Louis Women's Chorale, That Uppity Theatre Company, The Joy Foundation and Viva Vox.

Since 1963, the Arts and Education Council has raised money from the private sector to support local arts and arts education programs. As the Council embarks on the first phase of a five-year strategic plan, it is proud to be able to impact the local arts community and to keep art happening for everyone. Following is a full list of grant recipients for 2008.

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Baseline Criteria for Grantees include: 501(c)(3) incorporated for minimum of one year; arts and arts education application of funds; additional information requested varies with grant level

2008 SUSTAINING FUNDING

Guaranteed annual revenue sharing to selected arts organizations. Amounts may vary with fluctuations in the revenue pool.

Center of Creative Arts – COCA
Community Music School
Craft Alliance
Dance St. Louis
Opera Theatre of Saint Louis
Repertory Theatre of St. Louis
Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra
The Black Rep
The Sheldon

2008 OPERATING SUPPORT

Grants of \$10,000-\$50,000 are available for organizations with annual budgets of \$500,000 or greater.

Circus Arts Foundation (Circus Flora)
Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis
Jazz St. Louis
Laumeier Sculpture Park
Metro Theater Company
Shakespeare Festival of St. Louis
St. Louis Children's Choirs
Stages St. Louis
Springboard to Learning & Young Audiences Inc.

2008 PROJECT GRANTS

Grants in the amounts of \$1,000-\$5,000 are available to all arts organizations that meet baseline eligibility criteria.

Alexandra Ballet Company
Alton Symphony Orchestra
ANNONYArts
Art Saint Louis
aTrek Dance Collective
Bach Society of Saint Louis
Cameron Youth Chamber Orchestra, Inc.
Chesterfield Arts
Cinema St. Louis
Circus Day Foundation
Classic99 KFYO-FM
Community Health-In-Partnership Services

2008 PROJECT GRANTS CONTINUED

Crescendo Concert Series
Dances of India
Florissant Fine Arts Council
Gateway Festival Orchestra
Gitana Productions, Inc.
Grand Center Inc. – First Night
Innsbrook Institute
International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis
Jewish Community Center
Junior League of St. Louis
Lewis & Clark Community College
Madison County Arts Council
Masterworks Chorale, Inc.
Metro South Arts Council
Modern American Dance Company
New Music Circle
Piwacket Theatre for Children
Prison Performing Arts
Professional Theatre Awards Council
Quartet Seraphin
River Styx
Saint Louis Ballet
Saint Louis Wind Symphony
Saint Louis Women's Chorale
Show-Me Sound Organization
Spotlight Theatre
St. Louis African Chorus
St. Louis ArtWorks
St. Louis Chamber Chorus
St. Louis Classical Guitar Society
St. Louis County Community Chorus
St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra
St. Louis Public Schools Foundation
St. Louis Shakespeare
St. Louis VLAA
That Uppity Theatre Company
The Joy Foundation
UMSL KWMU-FM
UMSL PPRC
UMSL Storytelling Festival
Union Avenue Opera Theatre
University City Symphony Orchestra
Upstream Theater
Venus Envy
Viva Vox Organization
Warren County Fine Arts Council
Wash. U – Edison Theatre
Wash. U – Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum
Webster University Film Series