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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY AWARDS \$228,000 IN REGIONAL GRANTS FOR THE ARTS

South Bend, Ind. — Local theater, outdoor performing arts series, arts programs for seniors and youth, music and dance programs, and a variety of performances throughout northern Indiana. These are just a few of the local arts events receiving support through the Indiana Arts Commission Regional Arts Partnership. Thirty-two area organizations will receive grant awards for arts programming by the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) through the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County which serves six counties in northern Indiana. Since 1998, the Community Foundation has partnered with the IAC as part of its Regional Arts Partnership.

Organizations from St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, Kosciusko, Fulton and Starke counties submitted grant requests. The applicant organizations requested funding totaling over \$1 million dollars. Panels of representatives from these counties held public hearings to allocate \$227,942 in available funds for this year. The awards are made possible with funds appropriated by the Indiana General Assembly and the U.S. Congress through the National Endowment for the Arts.

Volunteer panelists evaluated the requests based on the following criteria: quality of programming, community impact/public benefit, and quality of management. Arts Organization Support (AOS) grants provide general operating support for nonprofits with arts programming or service as their primary mission. Arts Project Support (APS) grants provide support for arts projects and are available to any nonprofit organization or public agency.

Recipients are, by category of funding:

ARTS ORGANIZATION SUPPORT (AOS)

South Bend Symphony Orchestra Association, Inc. (St. Joseph County): \$38,467
To support the highest quality concert series including 6 Masterworks Concerts, 3 Pops Concerts, 3 Chamber Concerts, 2 Family Concerts, Young People's Discovery Concerts and some 70 ensemble concerts. Special activities are also planned for the symphony's 75th anniversary.

South Bend Regional Museum of Art (St. Joseph County): \$31,246
Support for art museum exhibitions and collections featured in three changing galleries and the Permanent Collection Gallery. Funds also support arts education and outreach programming to the broader community and through schools.

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South Bend Civic Theatre (St. Joseph County): \$20,229

For support of costs associated with providing quality, affordable theatre experiences to the community through a variety of productions, children's shows, and a significant expansion of the Theatre for Young Audiences program.

Southold Dance Theater (St. Joseph County): \$19,636

For expenses to provide high quality dance experiences to audiences and artists in a eight county region of northern Indiana including pre-professional training, concert performances, education and outreach activities, and a school of dance.

Elkhart Centre, Inc. (Elkhart County): \$19,390

For support of the cultural arts programming, including the Elkhart Jazz Festival, the Main Street Showcase of Art, Fridays on the Island, and OktoberFest for the region.

Fischhoff Chamber Music Association (St. Joseph County): \$15,532

For support of activities which encourage national and regional participation in the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, build new audiences for the arts, and bring music education programs to our communities.

Bridgework Theater, Inc. (Elkhart County): \$15,452

For expenses associated with providing arts education to over 5,000 children in the region through professional theater performances, face to face discussion with theater artist, classroom and web activities. Themes of the theater outreach focus on the areas of violence prevention, anger management, and conflict resolution.

Elkhart Civic Theatre, Inc. (Elkhart County): \$7,429

For support of quality year-round theatrical productions and Children's Theatre summer workshop series.

Conservatory of Dance, Inc. (St. Joseph County): \$3,575

For support of community-based dance instruction, family-friendly and affordable performances and outreach programs.

ARTS PROJECT SUPPORT

Michiana Public Broadcasting Corporation (Elkhart County): \$2,723

To support the 9th season of Open Studio, a locally produced live television program, which showcases unique artists, writers, performers, collectors and connoisseurs of the Michiana region.

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Patchwork Dance Company (St. Joseph County): \$2,710

To support artistic fees of a nationally recognized choreographer to provide free Master Classes to the public and choreograph selection for the Spring performance. In addition, funds will help support performances at three Elkhart middle schools.

John Glenn School Corp. (St. Joseph County): 2,710

To support the two-week residency of the Madcap Puppet Theatre for elementary school students in December 2007.

City of Warsaw Park and Rec. Dept. (Kosciusko County): \$2,687

To support a free performing arts series educating and entertaining patrons in the Warsaw community.

The Great Race (Elkhart County): \$2,659

For support of DanceSport which provides Ballroom Dancers the opportunity to exhibit their craft in a competitive environment including a collaboration with the World Federation of Salsa.

Elkhart County Symphony Association, Inc. (Elkhart County): \$2,638

To support the the 60th season of the Symphony in 2007-2008 featuring community performances, middle school concerts, and a Youth Honors Orchestra.

Fulton County Historical Society, Inc. (Fulton County): \$2,631

For expenses associated with the 32th annual Trail of Courage Living History Festival on September 15-16, 2007.

Goshen College Music Center (Elkhart County): \$2,625

To support the performance and free educational outreach of Sweet Honey and the Rock. The group is a six-member female a cappella ensemble with a diverse repertoire of modern and traditional African American music.

Downtown South Bend (St. Joseph County): \$2,619

To support Art Beat 2007, a free, open-to-the-public, one mile stroll along the sidewalks of downtown South Bend that features the artwork of local visual, musical, culinary and performing artists.

Christian Performing Artists' Fellowship (Kosciusko County): \$2,604

To support the public outreach and classes of the MasterWorks Festival Dance Program. The festival includes over seventy free quality concerts including outreach, theatre, opera, and classical dance productions.

St. Margaret's House, Inc. (St. Joseph County): \$2,590

To support the therapeutic art program at St. Margaret's House which allows its clients the means to express themselves through art including painting, print making, mosaics, and fabric art.

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Art Circle Institute (Starke County): \$2,574

To support the Art1000 Team Project giving teams of high school students the opportunity to create an in-depth art project, compete against other school teams, and participate in a formal public art exhibition.

Vesper Chorale (St. Joseph County): \$2,568

To support a special 15th anniversary concert series which will include a collaborative effort with an area university choir and church choir. This 175 voice ensemble will perform on local performance, on regional performance and a performance at Carnegie Hall in New York.

Michiana Male Chorus (St. Joseph County): \$2,560

To support The Big Sing being held in South Bend in April 2008 at the Morris Performing Art Center. This event will feature more than 300 male singers from the region.

Encore Performing Arts (Marshall County): \$2,554

To support the Youth in the Arts Project featuring performances by the Grand Prize winners of the 2007 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition and the Hunt Family Fiddlers.

South Bend Chamber Singers – Saint Mary’s College (St. Joseph County): \$2,532

To support three performances of the 2007-2008 Concert Season including a collaboration with the Heartland Chamber Chorale of Fort Wayne.

South Bend Youth Symphony (St. Joseph County): \$2,491

To support the sectionals coaching program in which small instrumental groups provide crucial individualized instrument instruction for the young people of the orchestra.

Greencroft Retirement Communities (Elkhart County): \$2,462

To support a creative writing contest for seniors of poems and short stories around the theme of family. Winners will participate in the creation of a book which will be illustrated by older adults for distribution to all of the 11th graders in Goshen Community Schools.

Ancilla Domini Sisters (Marshall County): \$2,459

To support the free presentation of Gloria by Antonio Vivaldi on October 21, 2007. The choir will consist of local community members and will be accompanied by a professional orchestra including members of the South Bend Symphony.

YMCA of Elkhart County (Elkhart County): \$2,454

Support for the New Horizons Band of the Senior Arts Program which strives to improve the quality of life of older adults by offering opportunities for art & cultural appreciation, and artistic development in the visual and performing arts.

Goshen Parks and Recreation Department (Elkhart County): \$2,418

To support the free Arts Performance Series featuring outdoor concerts by visiting and local artists.

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Warsaw Community Arts Center (Kosciusko County): \$1,999

To support the Summer of Art program featuring free art classes and family activities.

Psi Iota Xi (Fulton County): \$720

To support the presentation of the annual Fort Wayne Philharmonic Holiday Pops Concert to be held November 24, 2007 at Rochester High School.

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