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FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR 2011 ARTS AND CULTURAL PROJECTS IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY CAC Announces Informational Workshops on the 2011 Project Support Grant Program

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) invites nonprofits based in Cuyahoga County to learn about CAC's Project Support grant program for arts and cultural projects that will take place during the 2011 calendar year. The CAC Project Support grant program provides funding assistance for high quality, Cuyahoga County- based arts and/or cultural programming for the public. Detailed program guidelines including eligibility requirements are available on the CAC website at www.cacgrants.org.

CAC will hold informational workshops for organizations interested in applying for a Project Support grant. Included in each will be an overview of the Project Support program, criteria for project eligibility, and details on the application process. Workshops are free and open to the public, however registration is required. Registration may be completed online by visiting the CAC website (<u>http://www.cacgrants.org</u>) or via the registration link for each workshop site as noted below:

Thursday, April 29, 2010 3:00-4:00 PM Cuyahoga County Public Library- Parma Branch 2121 Snow Road Parma, Ohio 44134 Register online at <u>http://www.eventbrite.com/event/614945318</u>

Thursday, May 6, 2010 3:00-4:00 PM Cuyahoga County Public Library- Beachwood Branch 25501 Shaker Boulevard Beachwood, Ohio 44122 Register online at <u>http://www.eventbrite.com/event/614998477</u>

According to Achala Wali, CAC director of grant programs, "Many of the funded projects are volunteer-run, community-based projects that showcase the diversity of Cuyahoga County's artistic and cultural wealth. In our experience we have found even small grants from CAC have provided organizations with the leverage to secure new funding, support their marketing plans and outreach efforts, or produce an extraordinary new and exciting program for the community."

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Karen Gahl-Mills, executive director of CAC, stressed the significance of the Project Support program, which, to date, has distributed more than \$1.3 in support of more than one-hundred projects. "The possibilities for meaningful projects and profound impacts are clear," stated Gahl-Mills. "Working creatively, efficiently, and so very hard, recipients of Project Support funding have already begun to establish models of creative collaborations that demonstrate the giftedness of this community and the gift that CAC is."

Organizations that wish to apply for a 2011 Project Support grant must submit a hard copy of the Intent to Apply form (downloadable at <u>www.cacgrants.org</u>) and eligibility documentation to CAC by Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 4:30 PM.

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture makes grants using public funds to support the arts and cultural assets that enrich Cuyahoga County and the lives of its citizens. Since 2007, CAC grants have delivered in excess of \$48 million to more than one hundred Cuyahoga County organizations and programs, helping to secure CAC's place among the nation's largest sources of local public support for the arts. Detailed information on CAC grantmaking including the group's *2009 Report to the Community* is available online at http://www.cacgrants.org.

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