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Cuyahoga Arts and Culture (CAC) Announces 2009 Project Support Grants Trustees Approve Fifty-Five Awards

The Board of Trustees of Cuyahoga Arts and Culture (CAC) has approved fifty-five awards totaling \$825,695 for the 2009 cycle of its annual Project Support (PS) Grant program. The awards, which will support projects in locations throughout Cuyahoga County, range in value from \$1,000 to \$50,000. They were announced today during a meeting of the CAC board. To date, CAC has approved grants totaling \$17.3 million this year bringing the total of approved funding to more than \$33.5 million since CAC's inception in April 2007.

2009 Project Support grantees represent the program's second cycle and follow its inaugural (2008) class of awards, which went to fifty-four organizations. 2009 grantees—all of which received the full amount of their grant request from CAC—were selected from among sixty-three eligible applications scored during a two-day public panel review held April 29-30, 2009 at the Idea Center at Playhouse Square in Cleveland. Panelists included eight arts and cultural professionals from outside Ohio.

"We have been able to extend the reach of CAC by making grants to twenty-five organizations that will receive Project Support funds for the first time," said Meg Harris, CAC interim executive director. "These twenty-five along with our thirty "repeat" grantees exemplify the exceptional diversity of this county's arts and cultural sector and its vital presence in so many communities." Ms. Harris continued, "The creativity of the 2009 projects and the competence of those who will carry them out assure us that CAC's investment will hold meaning not only for audiences and participants who are directly involved, but also for those touched by the valuable economic impacts they will generate for Cuyahoga County's cultural tourism industry."

Descriptions of selected projects as well as a complete listing of 2009 PS grants follow this release.

In other recent CAC news, the CAC Board of Trustees has selected trustee Christopher M. Coburn to fill the office of Vice President, replacing Santina Protopapa whose tenure on the CAC board ended on March 31, 2009. Steven A. Minter and David Bergholz will continue in their respective roles as board president and secretary.

Rounding out the five-member board are Vickie Eaton Johnson, executive director of Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation and Sari Feldman, the executive director of the Cuyahoga County Public Library. Both were appointed to three-year terms effective April 1, 2009.

Cuyahoga Arts and Culture makes grants using public funds to support Cuyahoga County's arts and cultural sector and the valuable contribution arts and culture makes to children's learning experiences as well as to the county's appeal and economic vitality. CAC revenues are generated by a levy approved by Cuyahoga County voters in November 2006. Meetings of the CAC's five-member Board of Trustees are regularly held the second Tuesday of each month and are open to the public.

For additional information, visit <http://www.cacgrants.org>.

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2009 CAC Project Support Grants Selected Awards

Among the outstanding organizations and projects approved for funding during the April 2009 review of CAC Project Support grant applications are (a complete listing follows this page):

- African Soul International, which will provide cultural arts workshops and performances for youth, while focusing on character development and community service. (Award amount: \$17,375)
- Berea Arts Fest, which will include demonstrating artists at this year's Arts Fest in order to engage the public in the creation of art from an artist's point of view. Attendees will observe the artists at work and will witness the creative and technical processes involved in the creation of artwork. (Award amount: \$1,000)
- CityMusic Cleveland, which will present a new work commissioned by Christos Hatzis, performed in four venues by CityMusic and the Pacifica Quartet led by conductor David Alan Miller. This new work will incorporate a SurroundSound component to be created in collaboration with Buggy H, a Detroit Rap artist. (Award amount: \$50,000)
- Duffy Liturgical Dance Ensemble, which will produce a major concert including community workshops and dialogues devoted to the enduring Legacy of the Spiritual Art Form. The performance will embrace the lessons learned from two faces of The Spiritual, sacred and secular. (Award amount: \$17,700)
- Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory and Educational Foundation, which will sponsor a papermaking workshop for military veterans with visiting artists Combat Paper, nationally known artists from Vermont. (Award amount: \$2,400)
- Ohio Boychoir, which, in collaboration with the Cleveland BoyChoir, will perform Coming Together- A Collaborative Concert Series. This joint project will strengthen the artistic value of the organizations, while creating an opportunity for cultural sharing among the artistic staffs, audiences, and memberships of the groups. (Award amount: \$10,000)

CAC 2009 Project Support Grantees and Grant Awards

	Organization Name	Location	Web Address	Project Title	CAC Grant Award (max)
1	African Soul International	Cleveland	africansoulinternational.org	RESPECT program	\$17,375
2	Art Song Festival	Berea	bw.edu/artsong	Art Song Festival - Major Artist Recitals	\$16,989
3	Arts Collinwood	Cleveland	artscollinwood.org	Community History Mural	\$25,000
4	Arts In Strongsville	Strongsville	n/a	A Day at the Chalet	\$3,841
5	Baldwin-Wallace College	Berea	bw.edu	Community Arts Program	\$49,700
6	Berea Arts Fest	Berea	bereaartsfest.org	Demonstrating Artists	\$1,000
7	Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland	Cleveland	clevekids.org	National Fine Arts Exhibit	\$11,180
8	Buckeye Area Development Corporation	Cleveland	badoc.org	All That Jazz	\$5,000
9	Case Western Reserve University	Cleveland	bakernord.org	Humanities Week 2009 Keynote Lecture	\$7,500
10	Cassidy Theatre	Parma Heights	cassidytheatre.com	The Music Man	\$9,821
11	City of Bedford	Bedford	bedfordoh.gov	MidSummer Wonderland	\$2,483
12	City of Cleveland Heights	Cleveland Heights	cainpark.com	Cain Park Arts Festival	\$30,000
13	City of Cleveland, Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Properties	Cleveland	city.cleveland.oh.us	Mural My Neighborhood (MMN)	\$6,000
14	CityMusic Cleveland	Cleveland	citymusiccleveland.org	World Premiere of DELIVERANCE for rap singer, string quartet and orchestra	\$50,000
15	Cleveland Chamber Symphony Council	Cleveland	clevelandchambersymphony.org	Recording Project: Leese and Houghton	\$16,000
16	Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center	Cleveland	clevelandhearingandspeech.org	SignStage School Residency Program	\$13,300
17	Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Dept. of Arts Education	Cleveland	cmsdnet.net	CMSD All-City Arts Program	\$50,000
18	Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra	Rocky River	clevephil.org	Guest Artists Project	\$5,000

19	Cleveland Police Historical Society	Cleveland	clevelandpolicemuseum.org	Cleveland Police Women: 1897 - Today	\$2,000
20	Cleveland TOPS Swingband	Westlake	www.topsswingband.com	Cleveland TOPS-Swingin' with Cuyahoga's Seniors	\$11,000
21	convergence-continuum	Cleveland	convergence-continuum.org	Season Expansion & Production Enhancement Project	\$4,150
22	Coventry Village Special Improvement District	Cleveland Heights	coventryvillage.org	Coventry Street Arts Fairs	\$5,445
23	Creative Filmmakers Association	Cleveland Heights		Apprentice Editor Project	\$12,009
24	Cuyahoga Community College	Cleveland	tri-c.edu	31st Annual Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland	\$50,000
25	Dobama Theatre	Cleveland Heights	dobama.org	Production of Ten Minutes from Cleveland and a post-play Community Forum	\$31,633
26	Downtown Cleveland Alliance	Cleveland	downtownclevelandalliance.com	Sparx	\$44,000
27	Duffy liturgical Dance	Shaker Heights	duffylit.org	Spiritual and The Blues 25th Anniversary	\$17,700
28	Ensemble Theatre of Cleveland	Cleveland Heights	ensemble-theatre.com	THE GREAT WHITE HOPE by HOWARD SACKLER	\$11,000
29	First Cut Studios Inc.	Bratenahl	theaterninjas.com	Theater Ninjas produce 'Woyzeck'	\$3,500
30	Foluke Cultural Arts Center	Lakewood	folukeculturalarts.org	ArtsLinc: Art In Motion Dance Program	\$3,452
31	Historic Warehouse District Development Corporation	Cleveland	warehousedistrict.org	Fifth Annual Warehouse District Street Festival	\$5,000
32	Jennings Center for Older Adults	Garfield Heights	jenningscenter.org	Gateway to Culture Distance Learning Initiative	\$5,000
33	Lakewood Community Progress Inc.	Lakewood	lakewoodalive.com	Band2gether:One World Music Series	\$5,000
34	Lakewood Public Library	Lakewood	lkwdpl.org	Lakewood Public Library Professional Speaker Series	\$4,275
35	Mandel Jewish Community Center of Cleveland	Beachwood	clevejcc.org	The Leonard Krieger Cleveland Jewish FilmFest of The Mandel JCC	\$47,000
36	Mercury Summer Stock	Parma Heights	mercurysummerstock.org	My First Musical	\$9,103

37	Merrick House	Cleveland	n/a	Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival	\$5,000
38	Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory and Educational Fdn.	Cleveland	morganconservatory.org	Combat Paper Project	\$2,400
39	MorrisonDance, Inc.	Cleveland	MorrisonDance.com	The City is Our Playground	\$4,135
40	Music & Performing Arts @ Trinity Cathedral	Cleveland	mandpa.org	The Trinity Chamber Orchestra / Trinity Chamber 2009-2010 Brownbag Concerts	\$22,537
41	North Union Farmers Market	Cleveland	northunionfarmersmarket.org	Music at the Market	\$5,000
42	Ohio Boychoir, Inc.	Berea	ohioboychoir.org	Coming Together- A Collaborative Concert Series	\$10,000
43	Ohio City Near West	Cleveland	openairinmarketsquare.com	Open Air in Market Square	\$5,000
44	Olmsted Performing Arts	Olmsted Twp.	olmstedperformingarts.com	Beauty and The Beast	\$23,050
45	ParkWorks	Cleveland	parkworks.org	ParkArts	\$20,000
46	Sankofa Fine Art Plus	Cleveland	sankofafineartplus.org	Muralist Art Training Program	\$25,000
47	Shaker Arts Council	Shaker Heights	shakerartscouncil.org	Learning-Ways	\$3,500
48	Singers' Club of Cleveland	Cleveland	singersclub.org	Community Outreach Concert series	\$14,175
49	St Clair Superior Development Corporation	Cleveland	stclairsuperior.org	Windows	\$9,701
50	Suburban Symphony Orchestra	Beachwood	suburbansymphony.org	Suburban Symphony Orchestra's Annual Young Soloists Competition and Concert	\$3,300
51	The Lit: Cleveland's Literary Center	Cleveland	the-lit.org	Public Fiction Writing Workshop	\$10,000
52	Tremont West Development Corp.	Cleveland	tremontwest.org	Arts in August	\$11,944
53	University Circle Inc.	Cleveland	universitycircle.org	WOW! Wade Oval Wednesdays	\$50,000
54	West Shore Chorale	Lakewood	westshorechorale.org	Encountering Elijah: A Musical and Educational Experience	\$4,497
55	Zygote Press	Cleveland	zygotepress.com	Printmaking Expedition Project	\$5,000