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**Cuyahoga Arts and Culture (CAC) Announces 2008 Project Support Grants:
Fifty-Four Cuyahoga County Organizations to Share Nearly \$1 Million**

The Board of Trustees of Cuyahoga Arts and Culture (CAC) has approved fifty-four grants worth nearly \$1 million for the initial cycle of its annual Project Support (PS) Grant program. The 2008 awards, which range from \$2,150 to \$50,000 were announced today during a special meeting of CAC's five-member board.

CAC's Project Support grant program aims to enhance opportunities for Cuyahoga County residents and visitors to access and participate in high quality arts and cultural programming. The PS grants require grantees to raise matching funds from other community sources to support innovative initiatives, community and cross-cultural collaborations, and arts and cultural educational opportunities.

The Project Support Grant program is open to Cuyahoga County-based nonprofits with a history of public arts or cultural offerings. Eligible projects must be open and accessible to the general public and take place in Cuyahoga County between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009.

The program's inaugural class of Project Support grantees was selected from among seventy-five eligible applications scored during a two-day public panel review held April 23-24, 2008 at Trinity Commons in Cleveland. Panelists—eight arts and cultural professionals from outside Ohio—assessed and scored all eligible applications, recommending fifty-four projects for funding. Consistent with the highly competitive nature of the review process, award amounts have been based upon each organization's comparative ranking within the pool of applicants recommended for funding. For 2008 PS grantees, the percentage of requested funds awarded is equal to the applicant's panel score, thereby rewarding those organizations scoring highest with the largest percentage of their request amount. Moreover, the five applicant organizations that scored 90 or greater (out of a possible 100 points) will receive the full amount of their grant request.

"We were excited by the response to year one of the PS grant program— Projects funded encompass a diverse group of organizations—groups of all sizes and missions serving a range of populations, and located in communities throughout Cuyahoga County," said Catherine Boyle, Executive Director, Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. "The awards will go to groups whose annual budgets range from just over \$10,000 to colleges and universities who operate in the hundreds of millions each year."

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Among the outstanding projects recommended for funding are:

- Cleveland TOPS Swingband's dual-focused *Big Band Outreach Program*, with grant funds helping to support performances for seniors in low-income facilities and to introduce promising high school musicians to big band music (Award amount: \$8,900)
- Independent Pictures' *Film Production Internship Program*, a Summer 2008 job-training program designed to teach youth and adults professional filmmaking skills in a hands-on, real-world production environment as actual short film is made (Award amount: \$26,700)
- The *ParkArts* program presented by ParkWorks, which will enlist the creative expertise of professional artists and arts organizations to bring a unique summer arts/culture experience to approximately 1,000 children and youth in Cleveland's neighborhood parks (Award amount: \$26,100)
- The *Connect Card* program developed by Positively Cleveland (Spirit of Cleveland), a cost-effective, multi-venue admission card set to launch in September 2008 that is expected to generate revenue and new audiences for Cuyahoga County's stellar cultural institutions (Award amount: \$10,500)
- The Lit's biannual *Writers and Friends Workshop*, a juried platform for both emerging and veteran literary artists—from throughout the region and across all genres—in which works are performed and/or read by professional actors, community leaders, and celebrities (Award amount: \$5,700)
- The 2008 *Building Bridges Mural Program* of West Side Ecumenical Ministry, which has selected the Irish Heritage Memorial site by the Cuyahoga River as the location for this year's installation, a historical reflection on the area directly surrounding the Irish bend and its vibrant narrative of industry, heritage, early settlers, and innovative expression (Award amount \$29,200)

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. 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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2008 Project Support Recommended Grantees

Organization Name	Location	Web Site	Proposed Project	Project Start Date	Project End Date	Project Budget	Panel Score	CAC Grant Award (max)
Access To The Arts	Cleveland	accesstoarts.org	Music Performances for Seniors in Facilities w/Budget Constraints	07/01/08	06/30/09	\$33,000	78	\$11,350
American Hungarian Friends of Scouting	Cleveland	clevelandregos.org	The 35th Anniversary Gala Performance of the Hungarian Scout Folk Ensemble	11/15/08	11/15/08	\$33,000	76	\$8,350
Baldwin-Wallace College	Berea	www-staged.bw.edu/academics/conservatory/	Bach Festival and Focus Festival	10/27/08	04/20/09	\$300,000	75	\$37,500
Berea City Schools	Berea	bera.k12.oh.us	Electrify Your Strings III: Berea City Schools Orchestras w/Mark Wood Experience	09/29/08	10/01/08	\$25,000	88	\$11,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland	Cleveland	clevekids.org	Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland Arts & Culture Programs Expansion	07/01/08	06/30/09	\$33,552	83	\$13,900
Brecksville Center For the Arts	Brecksville	brecksvillearts.org	After School Arts Program (ASAP)	09/01/08	05/31/09	\$24,026	70	\$6,750
Case Western Reserve University	Cleveland	case.edu/artsci/thtr	Great Directors-Great Theater collaboration of CWRU-Cleve Play House	07/01/08	06/30/09	\$56,728	90	\$28,350
Cassidy Theatre	Parma Heights	cassidytheatre.com	2008-2009 Season	07/11/08	06/14/09	\$215,765	70	\$35,000
Cavani String Quartet	Cleveland	cavani.org	Beethoven & Brotherhood Project	07/01/08	06/30/09	\$43,500	80	\$17,400
City of Cleve, Dept of Parks, Recreation & Properties	Cleveland	city.cleveland.oh.us/government/departments/parksrecprop/prprec	"Mural My Neighborhood" program	07/01/08	10/01/08	\$34,500	91	\$6,000
City of Cleveland Heights	Cleveland Heights	cainpark.com	Cain Park Arts Festival	07/11/08	07/13/08	\$55,000	77	\$21,150
CityMusic Cleveland	Cleveland	citymusiccleveland.org	Heaven & Earth: Music of Franz Schubert & Charles Ives	09/01/08	05/15/09	\$99,554	89	\$43,600

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Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society	Cleveland		An Intergenerational Multi-ethnic Series	11/13/08	05/09/09	\$6,000	72	\$2,150
Cleveland State University	Cleveland	csuohio.edu/artgallery	Each In Their Own Voice: art exhibit and oral histories of Cleveland's African-American artists	01/16/09	12/06/09	\$84,057	91	\$30,000
Cleveland Theater Collective	Cleveland	clevelandtheater.com	Website Improvement	07/01/08	12/31/08	\$10,500	85	\$4,250
Cleveland TOPS Swingband	Westlake	topsswingband.com	Big Band Outreach Program	01/07/08	06/30/09	\$20,350	89	\$8,900
convergence-continuum	Cleveland	convergence-continuum.org	Season Expansion Project	04/01/08	12/31/08	\$6,000	86	\$2,550
Coventry Village Special Improvement District	Cleveland Heights	coventryvillage.org	Coventry Street Arts Fairs	07/17/08	06/18/09	\$41,250	78	\$15,600
Cudell Improvement	Cleveland	cudell.com	STACKSart public art project	07/01/08	06/01/09	\$91,500	68	\$13,600
Cuyahoga Community College District	Cleveland	tricpresents.com	30th Anniversary Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland	01/15/09	05/31/09	\$1,158,233	92	\$50,000
Dobama Theatre	Cleveland Heights	dobama.org	The Cleveland Plays: Part II: The Middle Class	07/01/08	05/31/09	\$55,735	84	\$23,350
Downtown Cleveland Alliance	Cleveland	downtownclevelandalliance.com	Sparx in the City: Gallery Hop	09/20/08	09/21/08	\$123,410	81	\$40,500
Duffy Liturgical Dance	Shaker Heights	duffylit.org	Historical Site Singing celebrating The Negro Spiritual being named a National Treasure by 2007 Congress	09/07/08	05/15/09	\$24,530	80	\$9,600
Friends of Cleveland School of the Arts	Cleveland	clevelandschoolofthearts.org	Among Friends Studio	07/01/08	06/30/09	\$197,048	85	\$42,500

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Greater Cleveland Media Development Corporation	Cleveland	clevelandfilm.com	The Aspiring Filmmakers Boot Camp	07/01/08	2009-6-31	\$73,950	80	\$26,400
Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation	Cleveland	historicgateway.org	Heritage Tourism Initiative	07/01/08	06/30/09	\$50,000	71	\$14,200
Independent Pictures	Cleveland	ohiofilms.com	Film Production Internship Program	07/07/08	08/01/08	\$65,000	89	\$26,700
Jennings Center for Older Adults	Garfield Heights	jenningscenter.org	Gateway to Culture	07/01/08	06/30/09	\$29,890	89	\$12,850
Lakewood Public Library	Lakewood	lkwdpl.org	Cultural Programs for Children and Adults	07/01/08	06/30/09	\$14,420	88	\$6,300
Mandel Jewish Community Center of Cleveland	Beachwood	clevejcc.org	The Second Annual Cleveland Jewish FilmFest	03/01/08	09/30/08	\$68,157	76	\$25,800
Merrick House	Cleveland		Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival	09/20/08	09/21/08	\$34,500	79	\$7,900
MidTown Cleveland	Cleveland	midtowncleveland.org	MidTown Crossroads design competition	07/01/08	06/30/09	\$40,000	88	\$17,600
Music & Performing Arts at Trinity Cathedral, Inc.	Cleveland	mandpa.org	Brownbag Concert Series	09/01/08	05/30/09	\$115,000	81	\$30,500
North Cuyahoga Valley Corridor	Cleveland	ohiocanal.org	Labor & Industry Art Exhibit on Labor Day	07/01/08	10/30/08	\$18,500	67	\$6,150
North Union Farmers Market	Cleveland	northunionfarmersmarket.org	Music at the Market	07/01/08	12/30/08	\$11,500	84	\$4,800
Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless	Cleveland	neoch.org	Re-Moving Walls: Overcoming Obstacles to Ending Homelessness in Cleveland	07/01/08	06/30/09	\$48,000	86	\$17,200

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Northeast Shores Development Corporation	Cleveland	northeastshores.org	Waterloo Central Node Placemaking Element	07/01/08	06/30/09	\$93,300	83	\$33,200
Ohio Boychoir	Parma	ohioboychoir.org	Ohio Boychoir Concert Choir	07/01/08	06/30/09	\$15,000	81	\$5,250
Ohio City Near West Development Corporation	Cleveland	ohiocity.org	Open Air in Market Square	07/05/08	06/27/09	\$45,421	86	\$8,600
ParkWorks	Cleveland	parkworks.org	ParkArts summer programs in Cleveland Parks	07/01/08	10/31/08	\$60,000	87	\$26,100
PLAN of Northeast Ohio	Lyndhurst	planneohio.org	Creative Arts and Poetry to Improve Mental Health Recovery Project	07/01/08	06/30/09	\$46,737	85	\$12,750
Polish American Cultural Center	Cleveland	polishcenterofcleveland.org	Opening Ceremonies for the new Gallery with a Special Exhibit of Solidarity Artifacts	07/01/08	09/30/08	\$15,000	75	\$3,750
Sankofa Fine Art Plus	Cleveland	sankofafineartplus.org	The 10th Annual Cleveland Fine Art Expo	05/15/09	05/17/09	\$71,000	78	\$15,950
Shaker Arts Council	Shaker Heights	shakerartscouncil.org	Shaker Summer Solstice	06/18/09	06/21/09	\$20,430	77	\$6,150
Shiva's Dances International	Shaker Heights	shivasdances.org	One World-One Culture, 5th annual Dance festival	10/20/08	10/20/08	\$24,800	73	\$9,050
Singers' Club of Cleveland	Cleveland	singersclub.org	Community Outreach Concert Series	07/01/08	06/01/09	\$27,000	77	\$10,350
Solon Center for the Arts	Solon	solonarts.org	Opera Season 2008-2009	07/01/08	06/30/09	\$70,801	76	\$26,600
Spirit of Cleveland (Positively Cleveland)	Cleveland	positivelycleveland.com	Connect Card program	07/01/08	12/31/09	\$62,500	84	\$10,500

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The Lit: Cleveland's Literary Center	Cleveland	the-lit.org	Writers & Friends Workshops	09/06/08	09/06/08	\$14,500	82	\$5,700
Tremont West Development Corp.	Cleveland	tremontwestdevelopment.com	Arts in August--weekend performances at Lincoln Park	08/01/08	08/31/08	\$72,100	68	\$21,750
Unity Center Church of Cleveland	Cleveland Heights	EYEprogram.org	Empowering Youth Enrichment Program (EYE) after school program	07/01/08	06/30/09	\$104,070	75	\$26,250
University Circle Inc.	Cleveland	universitycircle.org	WOW! Wade Oval Wednesdays Music Programs	07/01/08	09/03/08	\$116,825	78	\$39,000
West Side Ecumenical Ministry	Cleveland	wsem.org - and - clevelandmurals.org	Summer Mural Institute at Irish Heritage Memorial site on Cuyahoga River	06/01/08	07/01/09	\$94,998	84	\$29,200
Zygote Press	Cleveland	zygotepress.com	Works in Progress (WIP) Sessions	06/01/08	06/30/09	\$20,000	93	\$10,000