



## PRESENTING THE BEST



*Dance ■ Music ■ Theatre*



### **Alabama State Council on the Arts**

201 Monroe Street, Suite 110  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104-3721  
334-242-4076

**[www.arts.alabama.gov](http://www.arts.alabama.gov)**



## OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

The following agencies offer various types of assistance for arts related programs and projects. Contact them for information about their programs and services.

### THE ALABAMA HUMANITIES FOUNDATION

1100 Ireland Way, Suite 101  
Birmingham, AL 35205-7701  
205/558-3980  
www.ahf.net

### SOUTH ARTS

1800 Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 808  
Atlanta, GA 30309  
404/874-7244  
www.southarts.org

### THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

400 7th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20506  
202/682-5400  
www.arts.gov

### THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

400 7th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20506  
202/606-8400  
www.neh.gov

### INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

1800 M Street, NW, 9th floor  
Washington, DC 20036-5802  
202/653-4657  
www.imls.gov



## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Alabama State Council on the Arts is to enhance the quality of life and economic vitality for all Alabamians by providing support for the state's diverse and rich artistic resources.

## THE AGENCY

The Alabama State Council on the Arts is the official state agency for the support and development of the arts in Alabama. It was established in 1966 by an act of the Alabama Legislature. The agency supports not-for-profit arts organizations, schools, colleges, units of local government, non-profit organizations programming in the arts for the general public, and individual artists.

The State Arts Council works to expand the state's cultural resources and preserve its unique cultural heritage and places a high priority on arts programming by and for schools. The Council's primary means of supporting the arts and making the arts more accessible to varied audiences is through a multi-faceted grants program which covers all disciplines and fields of creative expression.

**Cover Photos:** A dance group performs during the Alabama Dance Festival held annually in Birmingham. Photo by Clark Scott; Red Mountain Theatre's Production of *The Wiz*. Photo by Drew Francis; Dr. Henry Panion, III, conducts the Alabama Symphony Orchestra.

# Presenters List

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## Alabama Dance Council

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Birmingham, AL 35201-2126  
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Phone: 205/602-3599  
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Email: rosemary@alabamadancecouncil.org  
www.alabamadancecouncil.org

## Alabama Conference of Theatre

1003 East Ridgewood Road  
Jasper, AL 35504  
Contact: Patricia Putman  
Phone: 205-275-7790  
Email: actexdir@gmail.com  
www.alabamaconferenceoftheatre.com

## Alabama Jazz & Blues Federation

PO Box 11121  
Montgomery, AL 36111  
Contact: Coleman Woodson, Jr.  
Phone: 334-312-5798  
Email: cwoodson66@aol.com -- or --  
Contact: Valarie Smeadley  
Phone: 334-202-4749  
www.alabamajazzandblues.com

## Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame

1631 4th Avenue North  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
Contact: Leah Tucker  
Phone: 205-327-9424 (ext. 26)  
Fax: 205-254-2785  
Email: ltucker@jazzhall.com  
www.jazzhall.com

## Alabama Theatre

1817 3rd Ave N  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
Contact: Brant Beene  
Email: brant@alabamatheatre.com  
Contact: Kathi Glassox  
Email: kathi@alabamatheatre.com  
Phone: 205-252-2262  
Fax: 205-776-1623  
www.alabamatheatre.com

## Alexander City Arts, Inc.

PO Box 971  
Alexander City, AL 35011-0971  
Contact: Ellen Martin  
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## Alys Stephens Performing Arts Center

1200 10th Avenue South  
Birmingham, AL 35294-1261  
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Fax: 205-975-2341  
Email: aetucker@uab.edu  
www.AlysStephens.org

## Anniston Museum of Natural History

PO Box 1587  
Anniston, AL 36202-1587  
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Phone: 256-237-6766  
Fax: 256-237-6776  
Email: mconner@annistonmuseum.org  
www.annistonmuseum.org

## ArtBurst

PO Box 530246  
Birmingham, AL 35253  
Contact: Timothy Day  
Phone: 205-790-2788  
www.artburst.org

## Arts Association of East Alabama

1103 Glenn Street  
Opelika, AL 36801  
Contact: Phillip Preston  
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Phone: 334-749-8105  
Email: preston@eastalabamaarts.org  
www.eastalabamaarts.org

## AGENCY PROGRAMS

Consistent with its charge from the Legislature, the Council has adopted a number of programs to address the needs of the arts in Alabama. These programs currently consist of Arts in Education, Community Arts, Folklife, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and Literary Arts. Guidelines, application and eligibility requirements are explained in detail on the following pages.

## GOAL OF PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

To ensure that high quality performances of music, dance and theatre are available to Alabama audiences and to support Alabama's performing arts organizations and artists.

## PRESENTING GRANTS

Eligible organizations may apply for grants to offset the costs of presenting (booking) performances or exhibitions by individual artists, institutions and companies producing dance, music, theatre, exhibitions and readings. Artists whose work is to be presented must be from outside of the home county of the applicant organization.

Priorities for funding are proposals which include educational workshops and residencies, or implement a comprehensive plan for audience or community development. Performances of highly commercial or seasonal entertainment which could be self-supporting are unlikely to be funded.

In order to be eligible, applications must be accompanied by the required attachments and a contract or letter of engagement from the performer, signed by both parties, which verifies the date and artistic fee.

These grants must be matched dollar-for-dollar in cash. There is no limit on how much can be requested, however, grant amounts rarely exceed \$10,000. No more than four (4) presentations per year will be funded.

For complete information please refer to Grant Guidelines at: [www.arts.alabama.gov](http://www.arts.alabama.gov)

For More Information contact:

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**Jacky Jack White** is the host of the nationally syndicated radio show, "The Sucarnochee (pronounced: 'Sook-uh-notch-eee') Revue." The "Revue" is on radio stations in several states, and overseas. White's Radio Program was awarded a citation from the Country Music Association for "Outstanding work and promotion of Grassroots Music across the world."



White has had songs on the charts as a singer/songwriter since 1985. Some of the artists who have recorded his songs are: Ray Stevens, Charley Pride, Buddy Jewell, Steve Wariner, Neal McCoy and Mark Lowery. He has received an ASCAP (American Society of Authors, Composers, and Publishers) Award for "If I Didn't Love You", and a NSAI (Nashville Songwriters Assoc., Inc.) Award for the #1 Southern Gospel song, "When Men Pray."

Jacky "Jack" White  
P.O. Box 777  
Livingston, AL 35470  
205-499-9988  
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**Tom Wolfe** has had the opportunity to perform with some of the most respected jazz musicians of the day. In 1998 Wolfe was appointed a Kennedy Center/USIA Jazz Ambassador. Wolfe has performed and/or recorded with Danny Gottlieb, Lew Soloff, Gene Bertocini, Lou Marini, Mundelle Lowe, Bill Goodwin, Frank Vignola, Harvie S, Ken Watters,



Bill Huntington, Victor Atkins, Hilary Jones, Oteil Burbridge, Charli Persip, Jamie Aebersold, Bob Hope, Engelbert Humperdinck, Rosemary Clooney, Rose Marie, Chita Rivera, Jerry Van Dyke, Guy Lombardo Orchestra, Lawrence Welk Orchestra, and many others. He also recently contributed music to the Ellen Degeneres TBS Special, "Ellen's Really Big Show."

Tom Wolfe  
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**Billie Jean Young** is associate professor of fine and performing arts and artist-in-residence at Judson College in Marion, Alabama. She is a poet, the author of three books and numerous plays. For the past four years, her play, "JimmyLee," has been mounted annually to honor Jimmie Lee Jackson, a voting rights martyr. She is author and performer of the one woman play, "Fannie Lou Hamer: This Little Light," which is available for touring. Young has performed..."This Little Light" for more than 30 years throughout the US and on four continents.



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### Arts Council of Montgomery

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Montgomery, AL 36104  
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### Arts Council of Tuscaloosa

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35403-1117  
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Phone: 205-758-5195 (ext. 3)  
Fax: 205-345-2787  
Email: director@tuscarts.org  
www.tuscarts.org

### Arts Huntsville

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Huntsville, AL 35801-5599  
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Email: amayfield@artshuntsville.org  
www.artshuntsville.org

### Athens State University

300 N Beaty Street  
Athens, AL 35611  
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Phone: 256-233-8296  
Email: guy.mcclure@athens.edu  
www.athens.edu

### Atmore Area Chamber of Commerce

501 South Pensacola Ave, Suite A  
Atmore, AL 36502  
Contact: Sheryl Vickery  
Phone: 251-368-3305  
Email: atmoreal@frontiernet.net  
www.atmorechamber.com

### Auburn Arts Association

PO Box 1862  
Auburn, AL 36831-1862  
Contact: Shelly Shields  
Phone: 334-501-2963  
Email: auburnartsasn@gmail.com  
www.auburnarts.org

### Auburn Chamber Music Society

402 Brookside Dr.  
Auburn, AL 36830  
Contact: Virginia Transue  
Phone: 334-887-9379  
Email: virginia.transue@gmail.com  
https://www.facebook.com/AuburnChamberMusic

### Big Wills Arts Council

c/o City Hall  
100 Alabama Avenue, N. W.  
Fort Payne, Alabama 35967  
Contact: Russell Gulley  
Phone: 256-845-0203  
Email: bwac@russellgulley.com

### Birmingham International Center

1500 1st Avenue, North, #98  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
Contact: Iris Gross  
Phone: 205-252-7652  
Fax: 205-252-7656  
Email: bicstaff@bic-al.org  
www.bic-al.org

### Bluff Park Art Association

PO Box 26012  
Birmingham, AL 35260  
Contact: Tommy Sanderson  
Email: bpaashowchair@gmail.com  
www.bluffparkartassociation.org

### Brewton Council of the Arts

PO Box 432  
Brewton, AL 36427  
Contact: Susan Miller  
Phone: 251-363-0176  
Email: sdibrell@mchsi.com  
www.brewtoncouncilofthearts.com

### Brierfield Ironworks Park

240 Furnace Parkway  
Brierfield, AL 35035  
Phone: 205-665-1856  
Fax: 205-665-9789  
Email: brierfield@att.net  
www.brierfieldironworks.org

### **Burritt on the Mountain**

3101 Burritt Drive  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
Contact: Elizabeth Jones  
Phone: 256-533-4118  
Fax: 256-532-1784  
Email: elizabeth.jones@huntsvilleal.gov  
www.burrittonthemountain.com

### **Centre for the Living Arts**

301 Conti Street  
Mobile, AL 36602  
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www.centrefortheivingarts.com

### **City of Gulf Shores**

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Fax: 251-968-1175

www.gulfshoresal.gov

### **Coffee County Arts Alliance**

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Enterprise, AL 36331  
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Fax: 334-347-4247  
Email: coffeeca@aol.com  
www.coffeecountyartsalliance.com

### **Community Arts Council of Blount County**

907-A Springville Boulevard  
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### **Covington Arts Council**

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Andalusia, AL 36420  
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### **Creative Campus University of Alabama**

Box 870171  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0171  
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Phone: 205-348-7884  
www.creativecampus.ua.edu

### **Eastern Shore Art Center**

401 Oak Avenue  
Fairhope, AL 36532  
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Email: kate@esartcenter.com  
www.esartcenter.com

### **Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation**

PO Box 1507  
Gadsden, AL 35902-1507  
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Phone: 256-543-2787 (ext. 26)  
Fax: 256-546-7435  
Email: bobwelch@culturalarts.org  
www.culturalarts.org

### **Gorham's Bluff Institute**

101 Gorham Drive  
Pisgah, AL 35765-6891  
Contact: Dawn McGriff  
Phone: 256-451-2787, ext. 28  
Fax: 256-451-3510  
Email: dawn@gorhamsbluff.com  
www.gorhamsbluff.com

### **Greenville Area Arts Council**

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www.gaac-ritz.com

**Three On A String** is celebrating four decades together. They have made lots of friends throughout the years playing their unique musical comedy all over the United States and Canada.



Three On A String is made up of three talented musicians and entertainers. Bobby Horton, Jerry Ryan, and Brad Ryan. According to the group, the show is the thing and they always want people to feel good at one of their performances. They perform all kinds of music: old standards, country, classical, bluegrass, and folk.

Three On A String  
Contact: Jerry Ryan  
1740 English Knoll Lane  
Birmingham, Alabama 35235  
Phone: 205-854-3957 --or--  
Phone: 205-902-2704  
Email: jryan@threeonastring.com

**Demondrae Thurman** is considered one of the stars of the formidable generation of brass soloists. His euphonium playing has been described as "awe inspiring," and he is touted as "an amazing musician." Thurman has a firm international reputation as a euphonium soloist having performed in France, Germany, England, Norway, Romania, and throughout North America.



Demondrae is quickly becoming one of the most recognized names in a new generation of euphonium soloists. Thurman has performed and recorded as euphoniumist with several orchestras included the Atlanta Symphony under the baton of Grammy Award-winning conductor Robert Spano. As a champion of contemporary music, Demondrae has premiered numerous works for solo euphonium including Soliloquies by John Stevens and

Fantasy for Euphonium and Orchestra by Doug Bristol.

Demondrae Thurman  
Booking Agent: Megan Kilgore  
Sublime Elan Artist Management  
421 Jack Coleman Drive  
Huntsville, Alabama 35805  
256-366-8087  
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**Umdabu South African Dance Company** is a thrilling theatrical dance troupe presents traditional and contemporary South African dance and culture, particularly that of the Zulu people. Powerful dancing, incredible singing and lots of audience interaction.



Umdabu South African Dance Company  
2016 2nd Street South  
Birmingham, AL 35205  
Phone: 205-370-6258  
Contact: Asha Xulu  
Email: ashaxulu@yahoo.com

**The Gary Waldrep Band** hails from a little community called Kilpatrick, nestled in the Northeastern corner of Alabama, near Boaz. The band performs with a traditional sound spiced with original songs and old standards, making them a favorite with acoustic music lovers across the country.

Since the band's formation in the spring of 1998, they have traveled across the United States with a fan club of over 1500 members strong and growing. Their instrumental styles offer something for everyone to enjoy.



The Gary Waldrep Band  
1958 County Road 479  
Albertville, Alabama 35951  
Phone: 256-561-3908  
Email: banjoboy1936@gmail.com  
www.thegarywaldrepband.com

in the manner it was performed more than 130 years ago. The music library of Old Towne Brass includes more than 800 songs of both the Confederate and Union bands of this period.



The group has performed for numerous civic and historic events throughout the Southeast United States. Their music library includes classical, Dixieland, jazz and easy listening selections.

The members of the group are Werner Smock, E-flat cornet; Dale Proctor, B-flat cornet; Bob Baccus, E-flat alto; Rory Hamaker, B-flat tenor; Ian Lowther, E-flat bass; Terry Cornett, snare drum; Steve Androlake, bass drum.

Old Towne Brass  
Contact: Bob Baccus  
2970 High Mountain Road  
Huntsville, AL 35811  
Phone: 256-534-4857  
Cell: 256-653-6539  
Email: bob@otbrass.com

**Dr. Henry Panion, III**, an award-winning producer, composer, arranger, and conductor, is most noted for his work with the legendary pop icon Stevie Wonder. The President of Audiostate 55 Recording Studios and Entertainment Company, Dr. Panion has had the opportunity to conduct and arrange for a venerable list of artists, including The Winans, Aretha Franklin, The Blind Boys of Alabama, Chaka Khan, Kirk Franklin, the Lionel Hampton Orchestra, and American Idol winners Carrie Underwood and Ruben Studdard. He has conducted and/or had his arrangements performed by more than 50 different orchestras throughout the world, including Orches de Paris, the Tokyo Symphony, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, the Boston Pops, and the National Symphony Orchestra.



The distinguished University Professor of Music at the University of Alabama at Birmingham established UAB's reknown music technology degree program. His Audiostate 55 Entertainment record label is distributed worldwide via the Warner Music Group. Over 300 middle and high school students participate in the various

music industry and technology camps and workshops offered annually in the labs and studios at Audiostate 55 Recording Studios. Dr. Panion recently served as a Producer and Musical Director of the BET/Centric All-Star Salute to Selma commemorating the 50th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday," the infamous march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Dr. Henry Panion, III  
Audiostate 55 Recording Studios  
4 South 55th Place  
Birmingham, AL 35212  
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**Southern Danceworks** is Alabama's only professional modern dance company. Partnerships and collaborations include the Metropolitan Arts Center for the Honda Dream Lab Project, Birmingham City Schools, the Jefferson County Schools, the Alabama Dance Summit, the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame, and nationally renowned choreographers. Their touring programs, presentation of exciting guest artists, educational outreach, and local performances, provides exceptional quality to the public.



Southern Danceworks  
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Teri Weksler, Artistic Director  
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Birmingham, AL 35202-1983  
www.SouthernDanceworks.com  
Phone: 205-602-3599

**\* PLEASE NOTE:**  
*This listing is a sampling of Alabama's touring artists. It is not intended to be an all-inclusive list.*

### Gulf Coast Arts Council

PO Box 1194  
Gulf Shores, AL 36547  
Contact: Pam Winstead  
Phone: 251-968-5478  
Email: finearts@gmail.com

### Historic Talladega

**RitzTheatre**  
PO Box 228  
Talladega, AL 35161-0228  
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Phone: 256-315-0000  
Email: georgeculver1@gmail.com  
www.rizztalladega.com

### Huntsville Chamber

**Music Guild**  
4800 Whitesburg Dr., Suite 30-358  
Huntsville, AL 35802  
Contact: Robin Pesca  
Phone: 256-489-7415  
Email: info@hcmg.us  
www.hcmg.us

### Huntsville Literary

**Association**  
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Phone: 256-824-2378  
Email: angela.balla@uah.edu  
Email: shakespeare@hlahsv.org  
www.hlahsv.org

### Judson College

**Concert/Lecture**  
Music Department  
PO Box 120  
302 Bibb Street  
Marion, AL 36756  
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### Knox Concert Series

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Anniston, AL 36202  
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Phone: 256-235-2553  
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www.knoxconcert.org

### Landmark Park

PO Box 6362  
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Contact: Kathie Moore  
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William Holman  
Phone: 334-794-3452  
Fax: 334-677-7229  
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Email: wmolman@landmarkpark.com  
www.landmarkpark.com

### Leslie S. Wright Fine Arts Center

800 Lakeshore Drive  
Birmingham, AL 35229  
Contact: Kenny Gannon, Director  
Phone: 205-726-4591  
Box Office: 205-726-2853  
Email: kgannon@samford.edu  
www.samford.edu/wrightcenter

### The Library Theatre

200 Municipal Drive  
Hoover, AL 35216  
Contact: Matina Johnson  
Phone: 205-444-7882  
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Phone: 205-444-7888 (Box Office)  
Fax: 205-444-7894  
Email: matinaj@bham.lib.al.us  
www.thelibrarytheatre.com

### Leeds Arts Council

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8140 Parkway Drive  
Leeds, AL 35094  
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### Lyric Theatre

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Birmingham, AL 35203  
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Contact: Kathi Glassox  
Email: kathi@alabamatheatre.com  
Phone: 205-252-2262  
Fax: 205-776-1623

### McCraney-Cottle Arts Council

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### Mobile Chamber Music

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Mobile, AL 36652-3121  
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Email: music@mobilechambermusic.org  
Email: silver@southalabama.edu  
Email: terrigrodsky@gmail.com  
[www.mobilechambermusic.org](http://www.mobilechambermusic.org)

### Mobile International Festival

2900 Dauphin Street  
Mobile, AL 36606  
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[www.mobileinternationalfestival.org](http://www.mobileinternationalfestival.org)

### Montgomery Performing Arts Centre

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Phone: 334-481-5110  
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[www.mpaonline.org](http://www.mpaonline.org)

### Mountain Valley Arts Council

300 Gunter Avenue  
Guntersville, AL 35976-1129  
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Email: mountainvalleyartscouncil@gmail.com

### Music Preservation Society/ W. C. Handy Music Festival

217 East Tuscaloosa Street  
Florence, AL 35630  
Contact: Nancy C. Gonce  
Phone: 256-766-7642  
Fax: 256-766-7549  
Email: info@wchandymusicfestival.org  
[www.wchandymusicfestival.org](http://www.wchandymusicfestival.org)

### Music South

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Dothan, AL 36302  
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Email: info@musicsouth.com  
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### Old Alabama Town

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Montgomery, AL 36104  
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### Princess Theatre & Center for the Performing Arts

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Decatur, AL 35601-2304  
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Phone: 256-350-1745, ext. 302  
Fax: 256-350-1712  
Email: anne@princesstheatre.org  
[www.princesstheatre.org](http://www.princesstheatre.org)

### Ritz Theatre

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Sheffield, AL 35660  
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Fax: 256-383-0535  
Email: marysettle.tvaa@comcast.net  
[www.tvaa.net](http://www.tvaa.net)

### Selma Community Concert Association

PO Box 1083  
Selma, AL 36701  
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Residence at Jonesborough's International Storytelling Center, and has performed for arts councils and special events throughout the U.S. Her award-winning stories are, as one reviewer said, "smart but not cynical, heartwarming yet never corny... a neat feat!"

Dolores Hydock  
205-951-7757  
Email: dolores@storypower.org  
[www.storypower.org](http://www.storypower.org)

The Kimoni Duo performs standard and newly composed literature for the harp and flute. The Duo has performed throughout the United States. Kimoni is a dynamic and versatile ensemble with decades of combined professional experience. Its members, Monica Hargrave (harp), and Kimberly Felder-Scott (flute), present their wide-spanning repertoire from Baroque to Contemporary, Pop to Jazz. Both musicians are classically trained concert artists and their music creates a colorful palette of musical expressions.



The Kimoni Duo  
Booking & Contact info  
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Email: moniharp2@aol.com

### The Mariachi Garibaldi Band

has performed all over the US for over 25 years. Evaristo Hernandez, the founder, conductor and recent recipient of a Folk Art Apprenticeship Grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts has presented his band from New York, to Miami, and Atlanta. Hernandez has found ways to provide audiences with professional entertainment as well as a variety of genres besides the traditional mariachi music.



The Mariachi Garibaldi Band  
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### Mithril the Band and Mithril Duo

Mithril's band has a unique progressive style has its roots in traditional Celtic music but moves far beyond that, weaving such diverse influences as American folk, classical, rock and World Music melodies into a fun and free full tapestry of sound.

About the Mithril Duo - they bring the sweeter, classical side of Celtic music to audiences with Irish harp, fiddle, flute, whistle, and other instruments featuring Turlough O'Carolan "planxty" tunes, slow airs, and classic, beautiful melodies from Ireland, Scotland, and beyond. But that doesn't mean they might not kick it up now and again with high-energy jigs and reels!



The Mithril Duo has performed in pubs and venues across Ireland (including the famous Hawk's Well Theatre in Sligo) and are regularly featured at the Shamrock, Rose & Thistle Pub in Mobile.

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### The Montgomery Ballet

was founded in 1958. Currently under the direction of Joseph and Laura Villalobos, the company and affiliated school have partnerships with schools and Arts organizations in other states, allowing for touring and exchange opportunities. As Montgomery's only professional company, the Montgomery Ballet is proud to present classical and contemporary works to the city, state of Alabama and beyond.



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Old Towne Brass of Huntsville, Alabama, perform and dress in the manner of early American bands. With a special emphasis on the War Between the States, Olde Towne Brass presents programs that give the history of a song, facts about the composer, and then plays the song

is now booking both U.S and international dates showcasing their own signature brand of "southern styled" contemporary jazz. Through his many recordings and performances worldwide, Eric's mission and his music continue to resonate with listeners everywhere. In his words, "My primary goal is to create and share a body of work that will uplift, elevate and inspire others long after I am gone."

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**Tracy Heavner** is an internationally known performance artist and distinguished music educator. Heavner performs in a variety of genres ranging from classical to jazz. His talents as a saxophonist, clarinetist and flutist are witnessed on stage as a soloist, chamber ensemble member and within the orchestra. His professional achievements off the stage are equally impressive in the areas of education, teaching and scholarship.



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**The Heim Duo** has been featured on the internationally syndicated program Classical Guitar Alive. Pan Magazine of the British Flute Society called their performance of Robert Baksa's Celestials "a dazzling performance of a dazzling work!"

The Duo was invited to perform at the 2004 National Flute Association Convention in San Diego, California. The Duo presented a series of concerts of American works for flute and guitar in

London and the surrounding area in summer of 2006. Their performance at the National Czech and Slovak Museum was described as "absolutely astonishing!"



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**Russell Gulley** is a veteran Muscle Shoals musician with national tour and recording credits. Russell's return to recording focused on the roots of music that first influenced him, a mix of Americana that blends blues, soul, gospel, country, and rock & roll. Russell performs around the South appearing at festivals and venues that support roots, traditional, and original music.



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**Dolores Hydock** is a nationally known story performer. Her one-woman shows and story concerts for grown-ups blend heart and humor with spoken-word artistry. Performances include lively stories from Alabama history and women's history, holiday-themed story concerts, and a variety of stories from life and literature.



Hydock has been a featured storyteller at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee and Teller-in-

### Shoals On Stage

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### Shoals Community Theatre

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Florence, AL 35631  
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www.shoalstheatre.org

### String Quartet Society of Tuscaloosa

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35403  
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### Sumter County Fine Arts Council

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Livingston, AL 35470  
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### Sylacauga Area Council on Arts and Humanities

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### Tennessee Valley Jazz Society

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### Tennessee Valley Museum of Art

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### Troy Arts Council

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### Two Rivers Arts Council

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### UNA/University Events

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### Walker County Arts Alliance

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### Winston County Arts Council

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# Alabama Touring Artists\*

\* PLEASE NOTE: The following listing is a sampling of Alabama's touring artists. It is not intended to be an all-inclusive list.



**The Alabama Shakespeare Festival** is the sixth largest Shakespeare festival in the world and attracts more than 300,000 annual visitors from all 50 states and over 60 countries. ASF operates year-round, producing 14 world-class productions annually, including three works of William Shakespeare. The remainder are classics of the stage - works by playwrights such as Molière, George Bernard Shaw, Anton Chekhov, Tennessee Williams, Thornton Wilder, and Eugene O'Neill - along with musicals and new works commissioned by the Festival.

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**Act of Congress** hails from the southern hills of Alabama. Their organic sound is consistently voted one of the "Must See Live Acts of Alabama." AOC has performed in countries including Thailand, Oman, Palau, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Philippines, Timor Leste, Bali, Liberia, and Jordan. AOC has performed for the likes of Paste, SXSW, Disney, NPR and Billboard. Act of Congress has also won the IMWS Disc Maker's Grand Prize and Colgate Country Showdown Regional Competition. Dave Higgs of NPR calls AOC "one of the freshest sounding, exuberant bands in all of the known acoustic universe."



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**The Alabama Symphony Orchestra** is recognized for displaying artistic excellence and critical acclaim for its broad repertoire of classical compositions, with an emphasis on choral and baroque works. The symphony has 54 full-time musicians. The ASO continues to be an integral part of the cultural fabric of Alabama by making professional symphonic music available to every resident of our state.



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**Birmingham Children's Theatre** has grown to become one of America's largest professional theatres for young audiences, and now operates in a three-theatre complex at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex (BJCC) in Birmingham, Alabama. BCT produces 11 shows seasonally, four of which tour, giving the theatre a combined audience of over 170,000 each year.



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**Birmingham Sunlights** are recipients of a National Endowment of the Arts National Heritage Fellowship. They developed their four-part a cappella style within the Church of Christ, where no musical instruments are permitted. Three brothers, James, Barry and Steve Taylor founded the group and are joined by Reginald Speights and Wayne Williams (replaced by current member Bill Graves) in performing well-known hymns as well as original pieces.



The Birmingham Sunlights have appeared in numerous festivals across the nation, such as the National Folk Festival in Lowell, Massachusetts. They have toured five countries in Africa and performed extensively in the Caribbean and Australia under the auspices of the U. S. Department of Information. They recently performed in France as ambassadors of Alabama traditional culture.

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**Black Jacket Symphony** offers a unique concert experience by recreating classic albums in a live performance setting with a first class lighting and video production. A selected album is performed in its entirety by a group of hand-picked musicians specifically selected for each album. With no sonic detail being overlooked, the musicians do whatever it takes to musically reproduce the album. And Black Jacket Symphony reenacts it all - Pink Floyd, Led Zepplin, Prince, the Beatles and more. Following the album and a brief intermission, the Black Jacket Symphony returns to the stage to perform a collection of greatest hits by the evening's artist.



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**DieDra Ruff, The Blues Diva** has been singing for as long as she can remember. Her career began as part of a family singing group when she was signed by the Charlie Cross Management Company of Brunswick, Ga. After Cross passed away, DieDra signed to Boogie Down Production in New York. Keith Ruff who produced DieDra's first CD signed DieDra with Ruff Pro Records and launched "DieDra and the Ruff Pro Band." Her debut album "Overcoming Hurdles" was nominated for several awards, and her song "Hip Swingin' Blues." was number five on Roadhouse Blues Charts topping all Beach Music Charts. DieDra has had the opportunity to open up for Betty Wright, Bobby Brown, Candi Staton, Frankie Beverly and Maze, Bar-Kays, Glenn Jones, Denise LaSalle, Al Green, Avant, Carl Thomas, Sunshine Anderson, and Bobby Rush.



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The Blues Diva  
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**Eric Essix's MOVE>TRIO** - Eric Essix was born and raised in the South and his music embraces everything about the place he still calls home. After 25 years and 20 albums, he continues to make "music that moves." Over the past 4 years, Eric Essix has released five critically acclaimed albums that have topped the SmoothJazz.com charts.



On his latest project, Essix joins forces with drummer James "PJ" Spraggins and Kelvin Wooten on both keyboards and bass, to form the exciting new MOVE>Trio. In support of an upcoming album/DVD release in summer 2015, the group