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STATE ARTS COUNCIL AWARDS GRANTS TOTALING \$339,050 AT ITS DECEMBER MEETING IN MONTGOMERY

Montgomery, Ala. -- The Alabama State Council on the Arts (ASCA) awarded 117 grants totaling \$339,050 at its Council meeting in Montgomery on December 4, 2014. This round of grants will support arts in education, folk art, community, literature, performing, and visual arts programs January 1, 2015 – September 30, 2015. Also included in this round of awards are folklife apprenticeship grants.

The Council makes grants to non-profit organizations, schools, universities, cities, and a wide range of community groups. ASCA funds are matched by contributions from businesses, individuals, local government and earned income by the grantee. Arts programs, assisted by Council grants, have a track record of enhancing community development, education, cultural tourism and overall quality of life in virtually all regions of the state.

These recent grants are in response to applications submitted under the September 1, 2014 deadline and represent the third round of grants awarded in the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The 15-member Council is chaired by Vaughan Morrisette of Mobile. Board members are appointed for 6-year terms by the Governor to help promote the arts statewide. A primary responsibility of the Council is to make decisions on grants awarded to support art programs and arts education throughout the state. Board members are selected from all regions of the state in order to strive for a geographic spread representing all areas of the state.

Vaughan Morrisette, Chairman of the Council emphasized, *“Our state is fortunate to have so many programs that support and enhance education for students and improve the quality of life for all citizens. A vibrant arts environment helps to draw new industry and investment to Alabama.”*

The next deadline for the submission of grant applications is March 1, 2015 for Fellowships, and Art & Cultural Facilities, covering activities taking place between October 1, 2015 and September 30, 2016.

The Alabama State Council on the Arts is the official state arts agency of Alabama. The staff of the Council, directed by Al Head, administers the grants programs and provides technical assistance in arts planning and programming. The Council receives its support through an annual appropriation from the Alabama Legislature and funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

For more information about a particular grant, contact Barbara Reed, Public Information Officer at 334-242-4076, ext. 223.

(Please see grants awarded by county in chart below)

County	Grantee	City	Description	Discipline	Award
Autauga	Prattville Creative and Performing Arts Council	Prattville	Fountain City Arts Festival Coordinator	Community Arts	\$2,200.00
	Prattville Creative and Performing Arts Council	Prattville	Celebration of the Arts	Community Arts	\$2,200.00
Baldwin	Baldwin Pops, Inc	Fairhope	Outreach Concert & Activity Tour	Performing Arts	\$2,000.00
	John McClure Snook Youth Club of Foley	Foley	Youth Arts Explosion	Community Arts	\$8,200.00
Barbour	Eufaula Heritage Association	Eufaula	The 50th Eufaula Pilgrimage	Community Arts	\$4,000.00
Bullock	Tourism Council Bullock Co-Red Door Theatre	Union Springs	Present 3 Plays at the Red Door Theatre	Community Arts	\$4,000.00
Butler	Georgiana School	Georgiana	Eric Essix at Georgiana School	Arts in Education	\$1,800.00
Clarke	Grove Hill Arts Council, Inc.	Grove Hill	Clarke County's Art Education Program	Arts in Education	\$1,800.00
Clay	Central High School of Clay County	Lineville	Clay Central Arts Program/ The Beginning	Arts in Education	\$1,800.00
Coffee	Coffee County Arts Alliance	Enterprise	"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers"	Community Arts	\$1,000.00
	Coffee County Arts Alliance	Enterprise	Back on Broadway	Community Arts	\$1,900.00
Colbert	City of Sheffield	Sheffield	SummerStock at the Ritz	Community Arts	\$4,000.00
	Oka Kapassa Festival, Inc.	Tuscumbia	Oka Kapassa--Sharing the Legends	Community Arts	\$2,200.00
	Tennessee Valley Art Association	Tuscumbia	SummerStock Technical Enhancement	Community Arts	\$4,000.00
Cullman	Tina B. Miller	Arab	Bluegrass Music Apprenticeship	Folklife	\$2,000.00
	Betty Moon Sampson	Holly Pond	Old-time/Bluegrass Music Apprenticeship	Folklife	\$2,000.00
Dallas	Arts Revive-Selma, Alabama	Selma	Night Blooms: A Professional Reading	Performing Arts	\$2,500.00
	Arts Revive-Selma, Alabama	Selma	ArtsRevive's 13th Annual Art Exhibit	Visual Arts	\$3,400.00
	Thomas (Allen) Ham	Selma	Folk Pottery Apprenticeship	Folklife	\$1,500.00
	Selma Art Guild	Selma	See the World in 2 and 3-D	Visual Arts	\$3,300.00
DeKalb	Mentone Area Arts Council	Mentone	Mentone Summer Music Series	Community Arts	\$2,200.00
Elmore	The Kelly Fitzpatrick Memorial Gallery	Wetumpka	Art Impact: Where Art Meets Science	Visual Arts	\$9,500.00
Escambia	Brewton Council of the Arts	Brewton	Cirque Zuma Zuma	Community Arts	\$1,800.00
Etowah	Gadsden Museum of Art	Gadsden	Plein Air and children's programming	Visual Arts	\$3,600.00
	Jason Russell	Gadsden	Hunting Decoy Apprenticeship	Folklife	\$1,000.00
Houston	Patti Rutland Jazz, Inc.	Dothan	PRJ Outreach 2014 - 2015	Arts in Education	\$2,200.00
	Southeast Alabama Community Players	Dothan	Les Miserables Production & Outreach	Performing Arts	\$1,600.00
	Southeast Alabama Dance Company	Dothan	D.A.N.C.E. 2015 School Outreach	Arts in Education	\$1,600.00
	The Cultural Arts Center	Dothan	4 to 84: Theatre All Around	Community Arts	\$1,650.00
	Wiregrass Museum of Art	Dothan	2015 Wiregrass Blues Fest	Folklife	\$3,700.00
	Wiregrass Museum of Art	Dothan	Multi-purpose inventory project	Visual Arts	\$4,800.00
Jefferson	Alabama Dance Council, Inc.	Birmingham	Kyle Abraham in Motion Residency	Performing Arts	\$3,200.00
	Better Basics, Inc.	Birmingham	Mandela's South Africa through Theatre	Arts in Education	\$1,800.00
	Birmingham Art Music Alliance	Birmingham	Beyond Twelve Tour	Performing Arts	\$1,600.00
	Birmingham Chamber Music Society	Mountain Brook	Brentano String Quartet-concert/outreach	Performing Arts	\$2,200.00
	Birmingham Chamber Music Society	Mountain Brook	Mnozil Brass-Concert & outreach class	Performing Arts	\$4,800.00
	Birmingham Public Library Foundation	Birmingham	BPL Teen Poetry Initiative	Literary Arts	\$3,700.00
	Foundation for Arts & Cultural Connections	Birmingham	MCAC's Imagination Festival (IF)	Community Arts	\$3,300.00
	Leslie S. Wright Fine Arts Center, Samford Univ.	Birmingham	Eisenhower Dance in Residence	Performing Arts	\$3,200.00
	Leslie S. Wright Fine Arts Center, Samford Univ.	Birmingham	Dance in Public Places	Performing Arts	\$4,800.00
	Nathifa Dance Company and Outreach Inc.	Birmingham	Dance Africa Birmingham 2015	Performing Arts	\$4,600.00
	Regional Cultural Alliance Greater B'ham	Birmingham	The Lonnie Holley Story	Visual Arts	\$4,800.00
	Barry Taylor	Birmingham	Gospel Quartet Apprenticeship	Folklife	\$2,000.00
	UAB's Alys Stephens Center	Birmingham	The Jazz Essentials - Branford Marsalis	Performing Arts	\$4,800.00
	UAB's Alys Stephens Center	Birmingham	Local 2015	Performing Arts	\$4,800.00
	Vestavia Hills High School	Vestavia Hills	Summer Dance Series	Arts in Education	\$1,800.00

	Vulcan Park and Museum	Birmingham	Bobby Horton & The B'ham Sunlights	Folklife	\$1,400.00
	Vulcan Park and Museum	Birmingham	Anything Is Possible	Arts in Education	\$3,300.00
	Your Town Alabama, Inc.	Birmingham	Your Town AL Design Workshop (YT)	Community Arts	\$3,800.00
Lauderdale	Robert Lee Muse	Florence	Banjo Apprenticeship	Folklife	\$2,000.00
	Wanda Robertson	Florence	Quilting Apprenticeship	Folklife	\$2,000.00
	Shoals Symphony at UNA	Florence	Music of the Movies School Concert	Performing Arts	\$1,500.00
	Shoals Symphony at UNA	Florence	Honor Orchestra for High School players	Performing Arts	\$1,600.00
Lawrence	Community Information & Education Radio, Inc.	Moulton	Downtown Live! 2015	Community Arts	\$1,000.00
Lee	City of Auburn	Auburn	Adventures in Art 2015	Arts in Education	\$3,500.00
	Lee County Historical Society	Loachapoka	Lee County Gathering 2015	Folklife	\$2,000.00
	Sylvia G. Stephens	Opelika	Quilting Apprenticeship	Folklife	\$2,000.00
Madison	Alabama Orchestra Association	Huntsville	Alabama All State Orchestra Festival	Performing Arts	\$2,100.00
	Alabama Youth Ballet Theatre	Huntsville	The Dance Connection Outreach Program	Performing Arts	\$4,800.00
	Ars Nova Incorporated	Huntsville	Three Productions & School program	Performing Arts	\$8,000.00
	Loretta Bennett	Huntsville	Quilting Apprenticeship	Folklife	\$1,000.00
	Community Ballet Association, Inc.	Huntsville	Public Relations & Development	Performing Arts	\$2,500.00
	Community Ballet Association, Inc.	Huntsville	Soul Street Dance Company	Performing Arts	\$2,500.00
	Fantasy Playhouse Children's Theater	Huntsville	Administrative Support	Performing Arts	\$2,500.00
Madison	Fantasy Playhouse Children's Theater	Huntsville	Aesop's Fables & 12 Dancing Princesses	Performing Arts	\$8,000.00
	Huntsville Literary Association	Huntsville	American Shakespeare Center on Tour	Performing Arts	\$2,000.00
	Huntsville Youth Orchestra	Huntsville	Summer Music Camp	Performing Arts	\$3,500.00
	James Clemens High School Theatre	Madison	PD with UAH Professor Harwell	Arts in Education	\$1,800.00
	Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association	Madison	Camp Fasola 2015	Folklife	\$5,000.00
	Tennessee Valley Jazz Society, Inc.	Huntsville	Jazz Infrastructure & Studies Program	Performing Arts	\$1,600.00
	Tennessee Valley Jazz Society, Inc.	Huntsville	29th Annual Jazz-N-June Festival	Performing Arts	\$3,200.00
	The University of Alabama in Huntsville	Huntsville	Constellation Series: L.A. Guitar Quartet	Performing Arts	\$1,000.00
	The University of Alabama in Huntsville	Huntsville	Americana Fest	Performing Arts	\$1,000.00
Marengo	Two Rivers Arts Council	Demopolis	Tales, Tunes, History, and Harmony	Community Arts	\$3,300.00
	Two Rivers Arts Council	Demopolis	Notes in Nature	Community Arts	\$4,000.00
Marion	Jerry Brown	Hamilton	Pottery Apprenticeship	Folklife	\$2,000.00
	City of Winfield Pastime Theatre	Winfield	Event Coordinator/Manager	Community Arts	\$4,000.00
	City of Winfield Pastime Theatre	Winfield	2015 Five-performance Concert Series	Community Arts	\$4,500.00
Marshall	Marshall Co Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	Guntersville	Melodies and Musings - Appalachian	Community Arts	\$4,000.00
	Snead State Community College	Boaz	Visiting Artist Jessica Drenk: Sculpture	Visual Arts	\$2,700.00
Mobile	Dauphin Island Foundation, Inc.	Dauphin Island	Coastal Alabama Storytelling Festival	Folklife	\$1,700.00
	Gulf Coast Ethnic & Heritage Jazz Festival, Inc.	Mobile	Jazz Music Presentation and Education	Community Arts	\$4,000.00
	Marcus Johnson	Mobile	Brass Band Apprenticeship	Folklife	\$2,000.00
	Legacy 166, Inc.	Mobile	Engagement In Black Theater	Community Arts	\$2,200.00
	Legacy 166, Inc.	Mobile	Literary Arts; Engaging A Community	Literary Arts	\$4,500.00
	Mobile Arts Council	Mobile	Film: "I Survived Hurricane Frederic"	Visual Arts	\$3,000.00
	Mobile Arts Council	Mobile	Blind Tom: Music as Storytelling	Community Arts	\$4,000.00
	Mobile Assoc. for Retarded Citizens (Mobile Arc)	Mobile	Art Education to Enhance Lives	Visual Arts	\$4,800.00
	Mobile Museum Board, Inc.	Mobile	African American Music Festival	Community Arts	\$1,300.00
Monroe	Alabama Southern Community College	Monroeville	18th Annual Alabama Writers Symposium	Literary Arts	\$2,600.00
Montgomery	Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts	Montgomery	ACES for Students	Arts in Education	\$4,500.00
	AUM/Auburn University-Montgomery	Montgomery	Four Mondays of Poetry	Literary Arts	\$2,700.00
	ClefWorks, Inc.	Montgomery	Deep Rivers with Imani Winds	Performing Arts	\$4,800.00
	Cloverdale Playhouse	Montgomery	Updating Cloverdale Playhouse website	Performing Arts	\$1,000.00

	Montgomery Symphony Association	Montgomery	Music Project Summer Camp	Performing Arts	\$4,000.00
	Sudha Raghuram	Montgomery	Bharatanatyam Apprenticeship	Folklife	\$1,500.00
Montgomery	The Arts Council of Montgomery	Montgomery	ACES	Community Arts	\$1,700.00
Morgan	Leon Sheffield Magnet Elementary	Decatur	"Fantasy; What Makes It Special?!"	Arts in Education	\$2,200.00
Pike	Brundidge Historical Society	Brundidge	Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival	Folklife	\$2,200.00
	Troy-Pike Cultural Arts Center, Inc.	Troy	ArtBridges Teacher Dev. Workshops	Arts in Education	\$3,000.00
	Troy-Pike Cultural Arts Center, Inc.	Troy	Celebrating Contemporary Art in Alabama	Visual Arts	\$4,200.00
	Troy University Department. of Theatre/Dance	Troy	Dance Residency, Performance, Outreach	Performing Arts	\$1,900.00
Shelby	Shelby County Arts Council	Columbiana	Writing Our Stories	Arts in Education	\$3,300.00
Sumter	The University of West Alabama	Livingston	Belles' Letters 2: AL Women Writers	Literary Arts	\$2,400.00
	University of West Alabama	Livingston	The Sucarnochee Folklife Festival	Folklife	\$1,800.00
Talladega	Sylacauga High School	Sylacauga	Performance by Eric Essix	Arts in Education	\$1,800.00
Tallapoosa	Alexander City Jazz Festival, Inc.	Alexander City	2015 25th Annual Jazz Fest	Community Arts	\$4,000.00
Tuscaloosa	Alabama Blues Project	Northport	Summertime Blues Camp	Folklife	\$3,700.00
	Community Foundation of West Alabama	Tuscaloosa	Fiddle and Bluegrass Music Competition	Folklife	\$2,200.00
	Theatre Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Kate Campbell & Wayne Flynt	Performing Arts	\$1,300.00
	Theatre Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Fiddler on the Roof	Performing Arts	\$2,500.00
	Tuscaloosa City Schools, Fine Arts Department	Tuscaloosa	Sculptures: Mobilizing Our Community	Arts in Education	\$2,200.00
	University of Alabama--English Department	Tuscaloosa	Slash Pine Poetry Festival	Literary Arts	\$1,600.00
Walker	Walker County Arts Alliance, Inc.	Jasper	Dahling, Tallulah	Performing Arts	\$2,500.00
Wilcox	Emma Pettway	Boykin	Quilting Apprenticeship	Folklife	\$2,000.00
	Mary Ann Pettway	Alberta	Quilting Apprenticeship	Folklife	\$2,000.00
	Mary M. Pettway	Alberta	Quilting Apprenticeship	Folklife	\$2,000.00
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