

# Arts Council of New Orleans

## Louisiana Decentralized Arts Funding Program

### Year 2007/2008 Grants

**Grant Activity Period: October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008**

The Arts Council of New Orleans provides critical funding to support arts and cultural activities in Orleans, Jefferson, and Plaquemines Parishes through the **Louisiana Decentralized Arts Funding Program**. Decentralized grants are made possible by state funding through the Louisiana Division of the Arts, under the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Decentralized funds are allocated to each parish in the state on a per capita basis using the most recent census figures, giving each parish the opportunity to develop arts programming in response to local needs.

### **Orleans Parish**

#### **Operating Support Grants**

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| <b>Anthony Bean Community Theater and Acting School</b>   | <b>\$5,000</b> |
| To support the presentation of professional quality theater showcasing the work of African American playwrights and actors; and to support a theater arts training program for youth through a summer camp and after-school sessions.   |                |
| <b>Efforts of Grace</b>   | <b>\$5,500</b> |
| To support the promotion and presentation of African American art and artists through a multi-disciplinary program at the Ashe' Cultural Center which fosters partnerships and collaborations that unite the forces of community development, cultural appreciation and artist support.   |                |
| <b>Friends of WWOZ</b>  | <b>\$6,600</b> |
| To support WWOZ's unique community radio programming which celebrates and promotes the cultural heritage and music traditions of New Orleans and the surrounding region through information and through jazz, blues, rhythm and blues, zydeco, gospel, brass band, bluegrass, African, Caribbean, Latin, and Irish music programming. |                |
| <b>Junebug Productions</b>  | <b>\$3,600</b> |
| To support the creation and presentation locally and nationally of original theater that explores the African American experience and focuses on the challenge of social change.  |                |
| <b>KID smART</b>  | <b>\$6,700</b> |
| To support an arts education program of school residencies, after-school and Saturday arts instruction, and summer art camp scholarships, all designed to benefit children who live in disadvantaged neighborhoods.   |                |
| <b>Komenka Ethnic Dance Ensemble</b>  | <b>\$4,600</b> |
| To support Komenka Ensemble performances of folk-inspired dance and music from countries throughout the world, and Komenka participation in ballets, festivals, and collaborative productions.  |                |
| <b>Le Petit Theatre du Vieux Carre</b>  | <b>\$4,600</b> |
| To support Le Petit Theatre's season, including the presentation of main stage plays and musicals and theater productions for young people.   |                |

## 2007/2008 DECENTRALIZED GRANTS

### **Orleans Parish Operating Support Grants**

<b>Musical Arts Society of New Orleans</b>	<b>\$4,700</b>
To support the New Orleans International Piano Competition and Keyboard Festival and the New Orleans Piano Institute which together offer a week-long series of concerts, master classes, and lectures attended by the world's leading musicians, music educators and students.	
<b>New Orleans African American Museum</b>	<b>\$3,600</b>
To support exhibitions, educational programming, and cultural events at the museum which showcase and interpret the history, art and culture of African Americans and the African Diaspora.	
<b>New Orleans Children's Chorus</b>	<b>\$4,900</b>
To support the training and concerts of the New Orleans Children's Chorus, including performances with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra and an annual spring concert.	
<b>New Orleans Friends of Music</b>	<b>\$3,800</b>
To support a chamber music concert series featuring performances by nationally and internationally known artists, making world-class chamber music accessible to local audiences.	
<b>New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>
To support a series of concerts held at a variety of community events and venues and to support new music commissioned for the Chorus and choral workshops.	
<b>New Orleans Musica da Camera</b>	<b>\$4,400</b>
To support a concert series presenting music of the Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque periods; and to support lectures, publications, and weekly radio broadcasts on WWNO-2 of <i>Continuum</i> , one of the longest-running radio programs devoted to early music.	
<b>Pirate's Alley Faulkner Society</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>
To support <i>Words &amp; Music</i> , an annual national writers' conference including master classes, panels, readings, and music and theater events; the national William Faulkner Creative Writing Competition; <i>The Double Dealer</i> literary journal, and year-round readings and special events.	
<b>Stage to Stage</b>	<b>\$5,400</b>
To support a performing arts program for children including year-round instruction and the production of musicals for the <i>Crescent City Lights Youth Theater</i> , now housed at the NORD Ty Tracy Theatre in Gallier Hall.	
<b>Symphony Chorus of New Orleans</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>
To support performances by the Symphony Chorus with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra and an educational outreach program.	
<b>Young Audiences</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>
To support the presentation of arts-in-education programming in schools, community centers, and libraries through performances, workshops, and residencies by a roster of local professional artists.	

**Orleans Parish Operating Support Total - \$79,900**

## 2007/2008 DECENTRALIZED GRANTS

### Orleans Parish Project Assistance Grants

- Eve Abrams** **\$3,860**  
To support a *Youth and Radio New Orleans* residency project at Frederick Douglass High School training teenagers to create radio stories about themselves and their communities for airing on local radio stations.
- ArtSpot Productions** **\$3,450**  
To support a collaboration by fourteen New Orleans-based artists to create an original multidisciplinary performance piece inspired by the mythical, factual and occasionally fanciful histories of humankind's quest for flight.
- Big Hair Productions** **\$3,925**  
To support *A Confederacy of Dances 10, "Decadance"*, a full-length dance concert featuring experimental work of diverse choreographers, live music, and innovative sets and lighting, all created by New Orleans artists.
- Rob Cambre** **\$4,525**  
To support a concert series of improvised and new music featuring local, national, and international artists to be held at The Big Top arts center in Central City.
- DramaRama** **\$3,000**  
To support *DramaRama15*, a multidisciplinary performing arts festival showcasing a diversity of local talent through a one-night event of performances at the Contemporary Arts Center and a complementary daytime event for children at the Louisiana Children's Museum.
- Lula Elzy** **\$4,525**  
To support the Lula Elzy Dance Theatre's production of the new holiday classic, Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn's *Nutcracker Swing*, featuring live performances by the John Mahoney Big Band.
- Friends of NORD** **\$2,900**  
To support the *Step Up Pre-Professional Program* of the NORD/NOBA Center for Dance which provides free, year-round training to young dancers and the *Moving Van Project*, which provides advanced students opportunities to perform and work with professional dancers.
- Green Project/ Recycle for the Arts** **\$3,875**  
To support an artist-led education program of monthly Saturday art workshops for children and adults designed to promote the creative use of recycled materials and the work of the Green Project.
- International House of Blues Foundation** **\$3,975**  
To support the *Moving Blues SchoolHouse*, a program that brings to public schools in Orleans Parish a live, interactive musical performance that traces the evolution of the blues and blues-inspired music.
- International School of Louisiana** **\$2,694**  
To support a partnership with the Caribbean Friends of Culture to form a steel drum school band.

## 2007/2008 DECENTRALIZED GRANTS

### **Orleans Parish Project Assistance Grants**

- Erik Kiesewetter** **\$3,625**  
To support the production of the second issue of *Constance*, an arts and literary magazine that features New Orleans artists and aims to expose them to greater audiences and opportunities.
- Louisiana Children's Museum** **\$3,350**  
To support a series of cultural heritage festivals, each celebrating the music, visual arts, drama and dance of a distinct culture which settled in Louisiana.
- Louisiana Museum Foundation** **\$4,625**  
To support *Music at the Cabildo*, a free, family-friendly concert series presenting the rich musical heritage of Louisiana and an "informance" component to provide a historical and cultural context for the music.
- Musicians For Music** **\$3,525**  
To support *Ecos Latinos*, a monthly arts series presenting local and international Latino musicians, poets, dancers and visual artists at a variety of venues such as Tulane University, Delgado Community College, Orleans public schools and Trinity Church.
- New Orleans Dance Collective** **\$2,000**  
To support a community dance performance which involves "at-risk" youth in the planning, design, and program to engage them in positive, esteem-building activities that encourage the growth of social and practical skills.
- New Orleans International Human Rights Film Festival** **\$4,620**  
To support the New Orleans International Human Rights Film Festival, a ten-day event held at various venues in the city, featuring top-notch international, national, and local films and live performances which raise awareness about social justice issues.
- New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation** **\$3,925**  
To support *Ladies of Jazz*, a two-part concert series held at the Contemporary Arts Center featuring and promoting New Orleans women who are jazz singers or jazz players.
- New Orleans Mardi Gras Indian Council** **\$4,325**  
To support the traditional *Super Sunday* celebration of Mardi Gras Indian culture including a parade and festival of Indian tribes from across the city, second line clubs, local musicians, and new activities for children.
- New Orleans String Project** **\$3,975**  
To support a free program for inner-city children of weekly after-school music instruction in cello, viola, and string bass, a week-long summer intensive, and outreach performances.
- N'Kafu Traditional African Dance Company** **\$5,025**  
To support *Ridden*, a performance by N'Kafu members based on African healing folklore; and to support workshops and lectures in African dance, drumming and folklore.
- NO/AIDS Task Force** **\$3,625**  
To support the 6th annual *Saints and Sinners* LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) Literary Festival to take place in May 2008 at various venues in the French Quarter.

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### Orleans Parish Project Assistance Grants

<b>NOCCA Institute</b>	<b>\$2,525</b>
To support NOCCA Riverfront's <i>Center Stage</i> concert series, the <i>Creative Readings Series</i> , and the <i>On the Edge</i> gallery exhibition series to benefit students and the general public.	
<b>Southern Rep</b>	<b>\$4,525</b>
To support the development and production in April 2008 of playwright Eric Coble's <i>For Better</i> , a play commissioned by the National New Play Network which examines 21 <sup>st</sup> century life.	
<b>St. Mary's Academy</b>	<b>\$3,350</b>
To support a residency by puppetry artist Karen Konnerth, giving students from Kindergarten through 5 <sup>th</sup> grade the opportunity to work with a professional artist in visual arts, puppetry and theatrical production in areas aligned with classroom curriculum.	
<b>Three Ring Circus Arts Education Center</b>	<b>\$3,787</b>
To support <i>Family Circus Days</i> at the Big Top, a series of educational family-friendly programs, including <i>Friday Night Music Camp</i> featuring performances by New Orleans musicians and Saturday Afternoon Art Workshops with professional artists.	
<b>Timecode NOLA</b>	<b>\$3,775</b>
To support <i>Timecode:NOLA</i> , a cable television program that showcases and promotes the work of Louisiana independent filmmakers, giving them an opportunity to have their work shown to a regional television audience and a worldwide internet audience.	
<b>Tsunami Dance</b>	<b>\$4,625</b>
To support the premiere in June 2008 of <i>Fugitive</i> , Tsunami Dance Company's latest dance concert featuring the company's signature choreographic "shorts" which combine innovative, original modern dance and media arts.	
<b>Video Veracity</b>	<b>\$3,425</b>
To support the completion of <i>Bury the Hatchet</i> , a feature-length documentary featuring three Mardi Gras Indian Big Chiefs in a portrait of the unique and endangered culture of New Orleans they represent.	
<b>Eddy Villalta</b>	<b>\$5,025</b>
To support master classes for students; the production of <i>Southern Voices</i> , a new multimedia dance concert of short, original pieces by New Orleans choreographers; and open dress rehearsals which allow artists to learn how to produce a complex multimedia show.	
<b>James Walsh</b>	<b>\$3,925</b>
To support new music concerts for chamber orchestra by the New Orleans New Music Ensemble featuring music by living local composers in the relaxed, informal atmosphere of The Big Top arts center in Central City.	
<b>Young Aspirations/Young Artists</b>	<b>\$3,350</b>
To support Saturday studio workshops throughout the year for YA/YA guild members in order to enhance their skills in various visual arts mediums.	

**Orleans Parish Project Assistance Total - \$117,661**

## 2007/2008 DECENTRALIZED GRANTS

### **Orleans Parish Technical Assistance Grants**

**Cripple Creek Theatre Company** **\$2,000**  
To support the hiring of a funding researcher to explore new grant opportunities.

**Friends of NORD** **\$3,000**  
To support the hiring of an arts education consultant to review the NORD/NOBA Center for Dance programs and processes.

**Musical Arts Society of New Orleans** **\$2,000**  
To support sending key staff to the Hilton Head Piano Competition in South Carolina to learn best practices in carrying out piano competitions.

**Steven Spring Foundation** **\$1,150**  
To support sending the foundation's president to the 2008 Innotech Business and Technology Conference in Portland, Oregon to improve the organization's technology infrastructure.

**Orleans Parish Technical Assistance Total - \$8,150**

**Grand Total for Orleans Parish - \$205,711**

## 2007/2008 DECENTRALIZED GRANTS

### **Jefferson Parish Operating Support Grants**

**Cervantes Fundacion Hispanoamericana de Arte**

**\$4,600**

To support the School of Arts which offers courses for the Spanish-speaking community in theater, drawing, oil painting, music and dance.

**Delta Festival Ballet**

**\$11,600**

To support the company's public and in-school performances; educational programs including the *New Orleans Youth Ballet* which offers intensive study for serious young dancers; and an outreach program of dance concerts for young children, scholarships for the Summer Ballet Workshop, and discounted tickets.

**Jefferson Ballet Theatre**

**\$10,600**

To support a program that promotes the appreciation of ballet by presenting major ballets featuring renowned guest artists, offering talented local dancers professional opportunities, and offering master classes, outreach to disadvantaged youth, and training scholarships.

**Jefferson Performing Arts Society**

**\$54,600**

To support a program that promotes the performing arts including the presentation of touring and local musical theater, symphonic music, and opera; and to support regional educational and outreach programs.

**Rivertown Repertory Theatre Guild**

**\$26,600**

To support the season of main stage productions, productions for children through the *Imagine Theatre for Children*, and the *Conservatory for Children*, a training program for young actors.

**Jefferson Parish Operating Support Total - \$108,000**

## 2007/2008 DECENTRALIZED GRANTS

### **Jefferson Parish Project Assistance Grants**

- Bissonet Plaza Elementary** **\$4,190**  
To support an arts program that includes a teacher training workshop, a three-week residency by a professional storyteller, and a series of performances by visiting artists.
- Catherine Strehle Elementary School** **\$5,090**  
To support in-school performances by Young Audiences artists and a storytelling residency for the entire school, a Native American folklife workshop for 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades, and a music residency for pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grades.
- Deckbar Alternative School** **\$4,390**  
To support the Jefferson Performing Arts Society's *Cultural Crossroads* residency-based arts education program bringing an array of artists into the school to integrate arts and cultural experiences into core curricula.
- Feis New Orleans/McTeggart Irish Dancers of Louisiana** **\$4,069**  
To support *Feis New Orleans* and the *Louisiana Irish Dance Championships*, a one-day festival and competition drawing participants from all over North America to participate in Irish dance, music, song, and spoken word.
- Grand Isle Community Development Team** **\$6,590**  
To support *Water Consciousness*, the 6<sup>th</sup> annual regional juried art exhibition established to raise awareness of coastal erosion through themes related to the nature, natural beauty, and potential loss of Louisiana's only inhabited barrier island and the surrounding wetlands.
- Greater New Orleans Suzuki Forum** **\$6,840**  
To support the *Greater New Orleans Summer Music Camp* which uses the internationally renowned Suzuki method of instruction to benefit children, parents and teachers.
- Green Park Elementary** **\$4,890**  
To support visual, music, dance and theater artist residencies, all focusing on a New Orleans theme, to culminate in the *Green Park Creative Arts Festival* which will include exhibitions, a student play, and music and dance performances.
- Jefferson Dollars for Scholars** **\$6,033**  
To support the Jefferson Dollars for Scholars *Summer Arts Program* which gives scholarships to deserving students from low-income families enabling them to attend summer arts programs in the metropolitan area.
- Jefferson Parish Public Schools/Special Programs** **\$4,318**  
To support a collaboration with the Ogden Museum of Southern Art to bring visual artist Jeffrey Cook to the students of Kate Middleton Elementary School through the Ogden's *Artists and Sense of Place Residency* program.
- Jefferson Youth Foundation** **\$5,590**  
To support the *Creative Arts Workshop* which provides instruction in a variety of arts disciplines to children who attend the Jefferson Youth Foundation's *Advent After-School Program* and have limited exposure to the arts.

## 2007/2008 DECENTRALIZED GRANTS

### **Jefferson Parish Project Assistance Grants**

#### **John Martyn Alternative School**

**\$4,120**

To support the Jefferson Performing Arts Society's *Cultural Crossroads* residency-based arts education program bringing an array of artists into the school to integrate arts and cultural experiences into core curricula.

#### **Kerner Elementary School**

**\$5,090**

To support the publication of the 7<sup>th</sup> volume of *Les Plumes de Lafitte*, the school's literary journal, and to support drama training and the production of a school play led by artists-in-residence.

#### **Lincoln Elementary School**

**\$5,090**

To support the Jefferson Performing Arts Society's *Stage Without a Theatre* residency-based arts education program bringing artists of various disciplines into the school to integrate arts and cultural experiences into core curricula.

#### **Moscow Nights**

**\$6,140**

To support Moscow Nights' 4th *Russian Winter Festival*, a two-day celebration in January 2008 dedicated to the traditional Old New Year in Russia, featuring a concert of Russian music, folk dance, displays of arts and crafts, food booths, and children's activities.

#### **Pluma Productions of Southern Dominican Province**

**\$5,390**

To support *Ecos Latinos*, a monthly artist series videotaped for cablecast, presenting visiting and local Latino musicians, poets, dancers, and visual artists at community venues such as Jefferson Parish public schools, bookstores, and senior homes.

#### **St. Benilde Church and School**

**\$6,190**

To support a dance program of free after-school classes open to any child in Jefferson Parish with a demonstrated interest in dance, in-school workshops for students by visiting dancers, and field trips to New Orleans Ballet Association performances.

#### **St. Jerome Church**

**\$4,190**

To support a free after-school dance and drumming program for a mostly Latino student population, with instruction provided by the New Orleans Ballet Association and percussionist Michael Skinkus, and with family field trips to New Orleans Ballet Association performances.

#### **Waggaman Alternative School**

**\$4,190**

To support the Jefferson Performing Arts Society's *Cultural Crossroads* residency-based arts education program bringing an array of artists into the school to integrate arts and cultural experiences into core curricula.

#### **Westbank Community School**

**\$4,390**

To support Jefferson Performing Arts Society's *Cultural Crossroads* residency-based arts education program bringing an array of artists into the school to integrate arts and cultural experiences into core curricula.

**Jefferson Parish Project Assistance Total - \$96,790**

**Grand Total for Jefferson Parish - \$204,790**

## 2007/2008 DECENTRALIZED GRANTS

### **Plaquemines Parish Project Assistance Grants**

#### **Belle Chasse Primary School**

**\$6,805**

To support a project that infuses the study of Japanese culture throughout the curriculum through arts performances and activities which are aligned with core curricula and are provided by artists-in-residence.

#### **Plaquemines Parish Library**

**\$6,308**

To support performances by a series of guest artists including storytellers, musicians, and dancers as part of the library's Summer Reading Program.

**Total for Plaquemines Parish - \$13,113**



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