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The Greenville Arts Council Receives Mississippi Arts Commission Grant

Greenville, Mississippi - July 7, 2010 – The Greenville Arts Council has been awarded a \$21,750 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC). This grant is a portion of the \$1.64 million in grants the Commission will award in 2010-2011 and will be used to support general operating expenses.

The grants are made possible by continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"Organizations across the state who receive grants from the Mississippi Arts Commission continue to prove that arts programs are vital to the success of their community. The grants awarded by the Commission provide funding for the staging of festivals, theatre performances and many other arts-related activities," said Malcolm White, Executive Director of MAC. "The arts provide a positive environment for learning, both in the classroom and in communities. Arts funding has a significant multiplier and for every dollar spent in the creative sector, eight dollars are realized in the local economy. That's a good investment for any business."

The Greenville Arts Council is an arts-based organization located in the renovated E.E. Bass Cultural Arts Center. Since 1983, the Greenville Arts Council has supported Washington County and the City of Greenville by providing cultural activities, educational experiences and special programs for citizens of all ages. We remain committed to our mission of promoting the rich cultural heritage of the region and stimulating and encouraging cultural activities, arts appreciation, arts education and the creative works of artists. Through the support of the Mississippi Art Commission we have been able to focus our outreach to the citizens of Washington County in four areas, The Roger D. Malkin Gallery, Arts in Education, Community Programs, and the E.E. Bass Cultural Arts Center.

The Mississippi Arts Commission, a state agency, serves the residents of the state by providing grants that support programs to enhance communities; assist artists and arts organizations; promote the arts in education and celebrate Mississippi's cultural heritage. Established in 1968, the Mississippi Arts Commission is funded by the Mississippi Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation, the Phil Hardin Foundation, Mississippi Endowment for the Arts at the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson, and other private sources. The agency serves as an active supporter and promoter of arts in community life and in arts education.

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