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Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission Announces New Cultural Arts Awards Grants For Sacramento County Nonprofit Arts Groups

Sacramento, CA— The Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission is pleased to announce that through the 2012-2014 Cultural Arts Awards program, 56 local nonprofit arts organizations have been awarded \$371,045 for 2012. The applicant organizations went through an extensive and carefully conducted public granting process. The Cultural Arts Awards (CAA) help sustain and grow the arts in our community by supporting organizations that serve the Sacramento public.

Heather Hutchinson, SMAC Commissioner and chair of the Cultural and Educational Programs Committee commented: "The committee is pleased to report that, even in this difficult economy we were able to award the highest scoring arts provider with at least \$20,000 and still fund every organization that applied for support. Through our programs we have been able to reward excellence as well as nurture emerging organizations."

For the first time in the CAA program's history, this year's re-granting funds are being supplemented by private dollars. Elected officials and private citizens stepped up to help with multiple-year cuts to the CAA grant funds through a series of fundraising events which generated over \$60,000 in donations. The events were presented by Muriel Johnson, former director of the California Arts Council and former County Supervisor and by City Councilmember Darrell Fong with the personal support of City and County elected officials who served as wait staff at a benefit dinner at Randall Selland's restaurant, Ella Dining and Bar.

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The CAA grants positively impact the region's economy by providing general operating or project support grants to arts organizations that service diverse populations. There are no other grants available in the Sacramento region that offers this type of support at this monetary level.

Qualified grantees must meet high standards of artistic quality, show evidence of community involvement and outreach and exhibit sound managerial and fiscal accountability. Grant award amounts are based on a peer review panel's score, an organization's request amount (determined by budget size) and the amount of money available to re-grant.

The Arts Commission has been offering this highly sought after grant for over 30 years. Past CAA grantees have relied on the grant not only for the monetary value of their award, but to use as a stamp of approval for other grant applications. Grantees must conduct outreach to youth, underserved populations, culturally diverse groups, seniors and many more. The list of CAA grantees shows what an impressive diversity of arts groups is serving the Sacramento region.

The Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, established in 1977, is a public agency devoted to supporting, promoting and advancing the arts in the region. Funded by the City and County, we provide funding to local artists and arts groups; we promote the arts through marketing, outreach and education initiatives; we provide resources to support and increase regional arts education activities; and we serve as a community partner and resource.

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2012-2014 Cultural Arts Awards Grantees:

| Organization | Discipline | 2012 Award |
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| Allied Ceramics Art Institute | Visual | \$ 2,056.04 |
| Arts & Business Council of Sacramento | Arts Service | \$ 1,573.31 |
| Asian Pacific Rim Foundation | Presenter/ Festival | \$ 6,985.61 |
| Bread of Life Center/ Spirit in the Arts | Community Arts | \$ 6,124.98 |
| California Lawyers for the Arts Inc | Arts Service | \$ 3,459.61 |
| California Musical Theatre | Theater | \$ 11,036.04 |
| Camellia Symphony Association | Music | \$ 7,342.47 |
| Camerata California | Music | \$ 3,649.75 |
| Capital Jazz Project | Music | \$ 3,964.29 |
| Capital Public Radio Inc | Media | \$ 8,382.73 |
| Capital Stage Company | Theater | \$ 14,036.31 |
| Capitol Ballet Company | Dance | \$ 3,981.58 |
| Celebration Arts | Theater | \$ 4,333.63 |
| Center For Contemporary Art Sacramento | Visual | \$ 6,124.98 |
| Chamber Music Society of Sacramento | Music | \$ 2,024.51 |
| Chautauqua Playhouse | Theater | \$ 5,985.92 |
| Citywater Music Inc | Music | \$ 857.47 |
| Crocker Art Museum Association | Visual | \$ 20,889.49 |
| Developmental Disabilities Service Organization | Multi-disciplinary | \$ 15,241.32 |
| Fair Oaks Theatre Festival Inc. | Theater | \$ 4,550.62 |
| Festival of New American Music | Presenter/ Festival | \$ 5,035.59 |
| Folsom Symphony | Music | \$ 7,953.22 |
| Galena St. East Productions | Dance | \$ 6,853.85 |
| Hmong Cultural Arts Crafts Teaching & Museum | Traditional Arts | \$ 3,861.19 |
| I Can Do That! (formerly VSA Arts Sacramento) | Community Arts | \$ 8,266.10 |
| Images Theatre Company Inc. | Theater | \$ 6,897.52 |
| Instituto Mazatlan Bellas Artes de Sacramento | Dance | \$ 6,751.70 |
| KVIE, Inc. | Media | \$ 9,799.97 |
| La Raza Galeria Posada | Visual | \$ 11,165.47 |
| River City Theatre Company | Theater | \$ 6,406.86 |
| Sacramento Ballet Association | Dance | \$ 12,232.55 |
| Sacramento Capitolaires | Music | \$ 1,736.05 |
| Sacramento Children's Chorus | Music | \$ 9,174.41 |
| Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center | Traditional Arts | \$ 2,008.22 |



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| Sacramento French Cultural Society | Film | \$ 6,839.05 |
| Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus | Music | \$ 4,333.63 |
| Sacramento Int'l Gay and Lesbian Film Festival | Film | \$ 4,550.62 |
| Sacramento Japanese Film Festival | Film | \$ 2,985.02 |
| Sacramento Master Singers | Music | \$ 8,203.12 |
| Sacramento Opera Association | Music | \$ 9,049.37 |
| Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra Association | Music | \$ 9,986.80 |
| Sacramento Poetry Center | Literary | \$ 3,361.66 |
| Sacramento Shakespeare Festival | Theater | \$ 4,315.74 |
| Sacramento Taiko Dan | Music | \$ 4,922.35 |
| Sacramento Theatre Company | Theater | \$ 10,918.12 |
| Sacramento Women's Chorus | Music | \$ 1,076.30 |
| Sacramento Youth Symphony | Music | \$ 13,272.65 |
| Sinag-tala Filipino Theater and Perf. Arts Assn. | Community Arts | \$ 1,733.60 |
| Sojourner Truth Museum | Community Arts | \$ 1,829.10 |
| Sol Collective | Community Arts | \$ 7,074.15 |
| Stages Folsom Dance Arts | Dance | \$ 7,859.60 |
| Strauss Festival of Elk Grove Inc | Dance | \$ 3,758.38 |
| Sutter Street Theater | Theater | \$ 6,041.39 |
| Teatro Nagual | Theater | \$ 5,848.10 |
| Theatre for Children Inc. dba. B Street Theatre | Theater | \$ 17,864.79 |
| Verge Center for the Arts | Visual | \$ 4,477.81 |

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