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ArtsFund Increases Grants to Arts Groups in 2008

ArtsFund, the region's umbrella funding organization for the arts, announced today that it has made grants of \$2.977 million to 70 King and Pierce County arts groups. That sum exceeded last year's total grants by \$50,000. This increase follows 10% increases in each of the last two years. The total of \$2.977 million is the highest dollar amount ever distributed by ArtsFund in its 39 years of making distributions.

"The economy is challenging right now," said ArtsFund board chair, David Buck, of Riddell Williams P.S. "In spite of some donor cutbacks and smaller endowment returns, we are able to increase grants above last year's level because over 47 of our donors increased their gifts by ten percent or more. That speaks volumes about how important businesses and individuals feel the arts are to our quality of life and reconfirms ArtsFund's effectiveness as the trusted partner in regional arts support."

"Through ArtsFund's grant making process, we ensure donors' dollars are well invested," said ArtsFund President and CEO, Jim Tune. "We also give each group detailed feedback on our allocations committee's assessment of their operations. The groups tell us this feedback is valuable in helping them operate even better." (See list of allocation committee members below.)

ArtsFund grants come from several sources. The core is the annual campaign for businesses and individuals. The Boeing Company, Microsoft Corporation, PACCAR Inc, Weyerhaeuser Company, Safeco Insurance, Amgen, Bank of America, U.S. Bank, WaMu and Wells Fargo headline the list of 300 business donors. Individual giving, both directly and through

employee giving programs, continues to be the fastest growing component of the organization's annual campaign, climbing by more than ten percent in 2008.

Further support for ArtsFund grants comes from the organization's ownership of the four-story Century Building, from its one-third ownership of Classical KING-FM 98.1, and from a growing endowment that donors have created at ArtsFund to take advantage of its grant making expertise.

ArtsFund grants are for general operating support, with specific allocations to support achievements in diversity, arts education, teacher training and student access. Since its inception in 1969, ArtsFund has secured and distributed more than \$56.5 million for the arts in King and Pierce Counties.

2008 ArtsFund Grants

King County Charter Member (formerly Sustaining) Grants:

ACT Theatre.....	\$131,103
Henry Art Gallery.....	88,511
INTIMAN Theatre.....	123,816
On the Boards.....	56,710
Pacific Northwest Ballet.....	332,498
Seattle Art Museum.....	332,990
Seattle Children's Theatre.....	162,741
Seattle Opera.....	302,420
Seattle Repertory Theatre.....	176,802
Seattle Symphony.....	288,303
Village Theatre.....	<u>124,990</u>
Subtotal.....	2,120,884

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King County Continuing Member and Member (formerly Discretionary) Grants:

5th Avenue Theatre	\$45,660
Artist Trust	16,078
ArtsWest	10,299
Auburn Symphony Orchestra	8,128
Bellevue Arts Museum	8,800
Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra	15,176
Book-It Repertory Theatre	29,212
Central District Forum for Arts & Ideas	12,900
Cinema Seattle/Seattle International Film Festival.....	13,101
Circus Contraption	2,700
Early Music Guild	9,554
Earshot Jazz Society of Seattle	7,841
The Esoterics	7,593
Experience Music Project/Science Fiction Museum/Hall of Fame...	13,698
Federal Way Symphony	4,109
Jack Straw Productions	5,886
Kirkland Arts Center	6,849
Kirkland Performance Center	7,974
Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center.....	1,000
Nordic Heritage Museum	10,600
Northwest Film Forum	7,870
Northwest Puppet Center	12,325
Pratt Fine Arts Center	9,074
Richard Hugo House	7,600
Seattle Arts & Lectures	15,420
Seattle Baroque Orchestra	4,111
Seattle Chamber Music Society	15,071
Seattle Choral Company	6,525
Seattle International Children's Festival	11,721
Seattle Men's Chorus/Seattle Women's Chorus	19,066
Seattle Pro Musica	17,058
Seattle Public Theater	6,975
Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra	7,210
Seattle Shakespeare Company.....	20,512
Seattle Theatre Group	22,769
Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestras.....	13,639
Spectrum Dance Theater	9,540
Taproot Theatre Company	11,773
Three Dollar Bill Cinema	3,300
Town Hall Association	15,075
UW World Series at Meany Hall	9,200
Vashon Allied Arts	9,425
Velocity Dance Center	8,650
Wing Luke Asian Museum.....	29,661
Wing-It Productions	<u>10,116</u>
Subtotal	\$ 540,844

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Pierce County Charter Member (formerly Sustaining) Grants:

Broadway Center for the Performing Arts	\$60,250
Northwest Sinfonietta	16,327
Tacoma Art Museum	86,833
Tacoma Little Theatre	9,250
Tacoma Opera	20,166
Tacoma Philharmonic	9,490
Tacoma Symphony	25,715
Tacoma Youth Symphony	<u>31,080</u>
Subtotal	\$ 259,111

Pierce County Continuing Member and Member (formerly Discretionary) Grants:

Grand Cinema	5,180
Museum of Glass	12,275
Tacoma Concert Band	3,000
Tacoma Musical Playhouse.....	9,316
Lakewood Playhouse	<u>2,500</u>
Subtotal	\$ 32,271

Special Grants

ArtsFund Plestcheeff Design and Decorative Arts Grants:

Bellevue Arts Museum	\$7,000
Museum of Glass	8,000
Museum of History and Industry	<u>8,500</u>
Subtotal	\$ 23,500

Grand Total 2008 ArtsFund Grants: \$2,976,610*

*includes \$75,060 in designated employee giving gifts.

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