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The Community Foundation's Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Fund Announces Half a Million for Atlanta's Arts Organizations

(ATLANTA) – The Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Fund announces its second round of 2009 grants for small and mid-sized arts organizations in the Atlanta region. This is the first year the Arts Fund has awarded two rounds of grants, and this \$500,000 in grants comes at a critical time for arts organizations in our communities.

“The arts are reeling from a perfect storm of financial challenges,” says Lisa Cremin, director of the Arts Fund at The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta. “During this economic crisis, foundation giving, corporate sponsorships, government support and performance ticket income have plummeted at the same time. The Arts Fund is committed to increasing the resources available to arts organizations in our 23-county region.”

Earlier this year the Arts Fund announced they would ramp up their grantmaking by offering two grant cycles each year through the \$2.5 million Atlanta Arts Recovery initiative. In addition, the Arts Fund along with all grantmaking programs at The Community Foundation changed the focus to general operating support in spring 2009 to provide unrestricted funding to support nonprofits.

“Nonprofit organizations of all types are struggling to survive, and our role as a community foundation is to find the ways we can help strengthen these organizations,” says Alicia Philipp, president of The Community Foundation. “It was critical for us to move our grantmaking focus to general operating support so that the financial investments were not restrictive. We trust our nonprofit partners to know where they need to invest the dollars and how to use the funds where they are most appropriate.”

The October 2009 Arts Fund grant recipients are:

Nonprofit	Discipline	County	Amount
Atlanta Contemporary Art Center	Visual Arts	Fulton	\$ 50,000
Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus	Music	DeKalb	\$ 30,000
Atlanta Sacred Chorale	Music	Fulton	\$ 8,000
Atlanta Shakespeare Company	Theatre	Fulton	\$ 65,000
Cobb Symphony Orchestra	Music	Cobb	\$ 50,000
Georgia Ballet	Dance	Cobb	\$ 75,000
Horizon Theatre Company	Theatre	Fulton	\$ 75,000
Johns Creek Arts Center	Multi-Discipline	Fulton	\$ 10,000
Michael O'Neal Singers	Music	Fulton	\$ 17,000
MOCA GA	Visual Arts	Fulton	\$ 65,000
Out of Hand Theater	Theatre	DeKalb	\$ 15,000
Spruill Center for the Arts	Multi-Discipline	DeKalb	\$ 40,000
			\$500,000

In addition, the Arts Fund is closing in on the \$2.5 million fundraising effort known as the Atlanta Arts Recovery initiative. This two-year program was designed to keep metro Atlanta's small and mid-sized arts organizations stable as they face unprecedented financial challenges. Currently, the Arts Fund has received a total of \$2.1 million for the effort.

As an initiative of The Community Foundation, the Arts Fund provides grantmaking, management consulting and loans to strengthen arts organizations in the 23-county region. Since 1993, the Arts Fund has funded more than \$7 million in grants and management consulting awards to 85 arts organizations.

The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta connects donors, nonprofits and community leaders to strengthen the Atlanta region through philanthropy. We do this by providing quality services to donors and innovative leadership on community issues. In 2009 The Community Foundation awarded more \$96 million throughout 23 counties in the greater Atlanta region and beyond. For more information please visit www.cfgreateratlanta.org and www.MetroAtlantaArtsFund.org.