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AREA LEGISLATORS THANKED AT SPECIAL RECEPTION

Tennessee arts organizations recently had an opportunity to thank area legislators during a special reception sponsored by Tennesseans for the Arts. The reception was held at The Clark Opera Center on _____ Date _____ Location

The Tennessee Arts Commission announced the names of local grant recipients in July. During the reception, The Urban Art Commission was presented a check by State Representative Beverly Murrell for arts activities for Fiscal Year 2005. Name of Organization Name of Legislator(s)

In receiving the award, Patty Bladen of UAC Board of Directors thanked the members of the General Assembly, and emphasized the contributions the Tennessee Arts Commission makes to the quality of life in Tennessee communities. Recipient

The Tennessee Arts Commission's matching grants are made possible through an appropriation of state funds by the General Assembly, federal dollars from the National Endowment for the Arts, and by Tennesseans who purchased specialty license plates.

"We thank our elected leaders for their leadership and support in helping the Tennessee Arts Commission build better communities through the arts. We are so grateful to Governor Bredesen and the General Assembly for recognizing the importance of the arts to all Tennesseans," said Nancy DeFriece, chair of the Tennessee Arts Commission.

According to DeFriece, the Commission will award 750 grants during Fiscal Year 2005, totaling more than \$5.2 million dollars. These funds have a direct impact on communities across Tennessee, in both urban and rural areas. Grant categories include: Arts Build Communities, Arts: Advancement and Expansion, Arts in Education, Arts Project Support, General Operating Support, Individual Artist Fellowships, Major Cultural Institutions, Rural Arts Project Support, Student Ticket Subsidy, Technical Assistance, Touring, Special Opportunities, and Professional Artist Support.

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The Commission's allocation process involves a review by citizen advisory panels made up of Tennesseans with expertise in appropriate arts disciplines and a review by the full 15-member Tennessee Arts Commission.

The Tennessee Arts Commission is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to ensure the citizens of Tennessee have access to and participate in the arts.

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