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Berks Arts Council Awards 2010-2011 PPA Project Stream Grants

READING, PA—The Berks Arts Council (BAC) will award over \$32,000 in grant funds to 31 re-grant recipients in October, thanks to an annual grant received from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. These re-grants, provided by state tax dollars, fund a variety of dance, theatre, music and visual arts projects within Berks, Lancaster, Lebanon and Schuylkill counties. The BAC is one of 17 Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) organizations (overseen by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts) that annually evaluate grant requests for arts projects, individual artists and ongoing arts programs within the four-county region.

The awards ceremony for Lebanon and Lancaster counties will be held Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Theater of the Seventh Sister at Stahr Performing Arts Center, 438 N Queen St. Lancaster. The awards ceremony for Berks & Schuylkill counties will be held Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. in the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts-Cohen Gallery, 201 Washington St., Reading.

Receiving grants for the 2010-2011 funding year:

Berks County grant recipients: Berks Community Television, \$1,248; Clay on Main, \$1,070; Hamburg Area Arts Alliance, \$980; Kutztown Folk Music Society, \$490; NAP Connection, \$490; Reading High School Dance Team, \$980; Shillington Park Concert Series, \$1,248; Studio B, \$1,337 and The Vagabond Acting Troupe, \$1,337.

Lancaster County grant recipients: ArtSmart, \$1,035; Camp Will, \$817; City of Lancaster Public Art Program, \$980; Ephrata Performing Arts Center, \$1,426; Franklin & Marshall, \$980; OperaLancaster, \$1,159; Lancaster Parking Authority, \$1,212; Millersville Four Corners Summer Festival, \$1,248; Musser Park Civic Association, \$357; Pennsylvania Arts Experience, \$1,070 and Threshold Foundation, \$1,248.

Lebanon County grant recipients: Lebanon Community Concert Band, \$1,102; Lebanon County Choral Society, \$980; Lebanon County Community Concert Association, \$1,248; Lebanon Valley Council on the Arts, \$1,070; Pennsylvania Hands, \$1,070 and Voices of Palmyra, \$980.

Schuylkill County grant recipients: Anthracite Philharmonic, \$980; Block of Art, \$1,248; Foggy Notion, \$1,070; Schuylkill Express Chorus, \$1,248 and Stone Hedge Garden, \$666.

For more information about the PPA Re-grant program, and how to enter your project for consideration, visit www.berksarts.org.

The Berks Arts Council presents the Berks Jazz Fest, the Bandshell Concert Series, Greater Reading Film Festival, the Pagoda Awards, the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts Re-Grant Program, and provides art exhibition and marketing opportunities for member artists. Visit them at www.berksarts.org.

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