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Local Organizations Receive More Than \$75,000 Arts Project Funding

Arts Council Awards Arts Build Community Grants to 41 Groups November 08, 2004

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Art for Life's Sake. The Church Health Center. Friends of Korean Culture. Memphis Black Arts Alliance. These groups and more than three dozen others will have an impact on the community cultural quality of life this year thanks to more than \$75,000 in grant funding they received for programming.

Through the Greater Memphis Arts Council's Arts Build Communities grants program, these groups were awarded funding for artistic and cultural projects taking place during 2004-2005 that will benefit the entire community.

Arts Build Communities (ABC) is a grant program funded by the Tennessee General Assembly administered in cooperation with the Tennessee Arts Commission. Funding is offered for Shelby County as well as for cultural projects and programs in Fayette, Lauderdale, and Tipton counties. Recipients must be state-recognized, 501-c-3 organizations or government entities, and funding available for cultural projects in all arts disciplines recognized by the Tennessee Arts Commission.

"This ABC grant is extremely important to our organization because it provides necessary funding to support opportunities for our students to gain public performance exposure," said Chauniece Conner, founder and artistic director of Ballet On Wheels Theatre of Dance. "Funding from this grant also allows the community to experience what BOW has to offer and from that hope the community will gain a greater appreciation for the art form and for Ballet On Wheels as a company."

"We were delighted to be able to fund 41 groups this year—an increase of more than 25% compared to the number we funded last year," said Susan Schadt, Arts Council President. "That means the community will enjoy a larger number of projects that enrich our cultural quality of life. We are very grateful to our state legislators and to the Tennessee Arts Commission for continuing to provide this invaluable funding for arts projects in Memphis and our surrounding counties."

2004-2005 ABC Grant Recipients:

Shelby County

Art For Life's Sake	\$925
Arts Vision and Venues	\$925
Ballet Memphis	\$2,000
Ballet on Wheels	\$950
Beale Street Caravan	\$2,500
Botanic Gardens	\$1,800
Buckman Performing Arts Center	\$2,500

Church Health Center	\$2,500	
Cinema Memphis, Inc.	\$2,000	
Creative Aging Memphis	\$925	
Cultural Development Foundation of Memphis		\$2,500
Dance Works	\$2,000	
Delta Axis	\$2,000	
Friends of Korean Culture	\$950	
Friends of Shelby Farms	\$2,000	
Germantown Arts League	\$2,000	
Germantown Chorus	\$2,000	
Germantown Community Theatre	\$2,000	
Girls, Inc.	\$1,500	
Jazz Foundation of Memphis	\$2,000	
Memphis Black Arts Alliance	\$2,500	
Memphis Cultural Enrichment Center	\$2,500	
Memphis Film Forum	\$2,000	
Memphis Public Library	\$2,250	
Memphis Rock n' Soul	\$1,675	
MPACT Memphis	\$2,500	
Number, Inc.	\$2,000	
Opera Memphis	\$2,000	
Our Own Voice Theatre Troupe	\$950	
Personal and Career Development	\$2,000	
Project Motion	\$2,000	
River City Concert Band	\$950	
Theatre Memphis	\$1,800	
True Story Pictures	\$2,500	
University of Memphis Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music		\$2,500
Voices of the South	\$2,000	
<u>YMCA - YCAP program</u>	\$950	

Surrounding Counties

Lauderdale Council of Arts	\$1,850
Somerville Fayette County Library	\$2,150
Covington Integrated Arts Academy	\$1,000
Drummonds Elementary School	\$1,000

Total ABC Funds Awarded \$75,050

The list of 2004-2005 ABC grants recipients are posted on the Arts Council's website at www.memphisartscouncil.org (under Grants & Services/Project Grants). Applications for next y grant cycle will be available in August 2005. For more information about this program, contact Emily Patterson, Director of Grants and Services, at 578-2787, ext. 250 or epatterson@memphisartscouncil.org.

The Greater Memphis Arts Council was established in 1963 to foster and improve the artistic a cultural quality of the community by raising funds in support of the city's core arts organizatio
The Arts Council is the 8th largest United Arts Fund in the nation, raising some \$3 million annu

in support of the arts. The Arts Council administers [Arts Build Communities](#) grants and [Student Ticket Subsidy](#) through annual funding from the Tennessee Arts Commission. In addition, the Council operates [Arts for Children & Teachers](#), which brings the arts to thousands of area schoolchildren every year through unique and inspiring collaborations with local arts organizat

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