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United Arts Awards 18 Regional Artist Project Grants

[Raleigh, NC] – Last week the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County awarded \$21,000 in grants to individual local artists in support of professional development initiatives. From a pool of 64 emerging and established artists residing in Franklin, Johnston, Vance, Wake and Warren counties—requesting nearly \$90,000 in Regional Artist Project Grants—18 were selected to receive funding.

Awarded grants range from \$800 to \$1500, and artistic fields represented include dance, literature, film/video, music and both 2- and 3-dimensional visual art. The grant funds will be used for programs in the 2011 calendar year. United Arts supports individual artists through this regional, competitive program designed to help advance the recipients' artistic careers by awarding grants for workshops and conferences, equipment, marketing materials and more.

Wake County harpist, Anita Burroughs-Price, received funding to attend the 2011 World Harp Congress in Vancouver British Columbia, Canada. Ms. Price is principal harpist in the North Carolina Symphony and a favorite teaching artist in the Artists in the Schools program sponsored by United Arts. Quilter, Valerie Jean Bailey, from Johnston County will create a new installation with her award. Ms. Bailey believes that her "Folk Quilts bring recollections back to life, speak on current events and celebrate women in works of fiber & cloth." Guitarist, Chris Chappell, of Franklin County will record a new 5 song CD; and Potter, Senora Lynch, from Warren County, will purchase a pug mill to assist in her art. Other artists include photographers, a filmmaker, an African dancer, mixed media artists, a painter, a modern dancer, novelist, a percussionist and an illustrator. For a complete listing of all artists and their projects, please visit unitedarts.org. (*Attached is the full list of artists with brief explanation of projects.*)

The Regional Artist Project Grant is funded and administered by the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County; and is operated in partnership with the Franklin County Arts Council, Johnston County Arts Council, Vance County Arts Council and Warren County Arts Council. The N.C. Arts Council, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources, supports this project.

About the United Arts Council of Raleigh & Wake County

The United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, based in Raleigh, NC, was incorporated in 1990. Our mission is to build better communities through support and advocacy of the arts. The United Arts Council offers grants to schools, organizations, communities and individual artists. United Arts also provides services to the community such as advocacy, resource development, professional/leadership development and special projects. The grants, programs and services of United Arts reach over 1.2 million people annually in Wake County. This year's funding will support over 690 public music, dance and theatre performances, festivals and art exhibitions; over 3,700 classes/workshops in the arts for youth outside of school; and 147,000 hours of programming in 137 Wake County schools.

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2011 Regional Artist Project Grantees

NAME	COUNTY	DISCIPLINE
1. ANITA BURROUGHS-PRICE <i>To attend the 2011 World Harp Congress in Vancouver British Columbia, Canada</i>	WAKE COUNTY	MUSIC / Harpist
2. VALERIE JEAN BAILEY <i>To create a new installation</i>	JOHNSTON COUNTY	VISUAL ART / Quilter
3. CHRIS CHAPPELL <i>To record new 5-song cd</i>	FRANKLIN COUNTY	MUSIC / Guitarist
4. WAYNE DOCKERY <i>To attend workshop with internationally known, North Carolina-based nature photographer and instructor Charles Glatzer</i>	JOHNSTON COUNTY	VISUAL ART / Photographer
5. GABRIELLE DUGGAN <i>For equipment, materials and workspace for a new installation and a wearable collection of garments</i>	WAKE COUNTY	VISUAL ART / Fiber Artists
6. JOSHUA FLINT <i>To attend Master class workshop with leading figurative painter, Vincent Desiderio</i>	WAKE COUNTY	VISUAL ART / Painter
7. KAREN GALVIN <i>To purchase an electric violin</i>	WAKE COUNTY	MUSIC / Violinist
8. BRADFORD HERRING <i>To complete <u>A Farming Way of Life</u> documentary film project that profiles 3 small-scale family farms</i>	WAKE COUNTY	FILM & VIDEO
9. SENORA LYNCH <i>To purchase a pug mill</i>	WARREN COUNTY	VISUAL ART / Potter
10. FORREST MACCORMACK <i>To complete a new body of work--an artistic photographic documentation of the Neuse River Basin</i>	WAKE COUNTY	VISUAL ART/ Photographer
11. LEAH PALMER PREISS <i>To learn flash animation</i>	WAKE COUNTY	VISUAL ART / Mixed Media artist
12. WENDY SAVAGE <i>To produce new body of work</i>	WAKE COUNTY	VISUAL ART / Mixed Media Artist
13. MABINTI SHABU <i>To purchase professional video/dvd equipment</i>	WAKE COUNTY	DANCE / African Dancer
14. MARIANITA STEVANS <i>To produce a cohesive body of work regarding identity and how people relate to one another for exhibition</i>	WAKE COUNTY	VISUAL ART/Mixed Media Artist
15. MELISSA TAYLOR <i>To attend writer's conference and purchase a laptop</i>	WAKE COUNTY	LITERTURE/PLAYWRIGHT/ Novelist
16. TALANI TORRES <i>For a video camcorder to create video dance and/or digital projections accompanied by live dance performance</i>	WAKE COUNTY	DANCE/ Modern Dancer
17. GREGORY WHITT <i>To travel to Haiti to study folkloric drumming traditions</i>	WAKE COUNTY	MUSIC/Percussionist
18. EMILY CASH WILMOTH <i>To create a new work where the audience becomes a part of it</i>	WAKE COUNTY	VISUAL ART/Illustrator