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## Milwaukee Arts Board to Distribute Grant Awards Totaling \$177,000

The Milwaukee Arts Board will today award grants totaling \$177,000 during a reception following the board's meeting at 4 p.m. at In Tandem Theatre, 628 N. 10 St. Grants ranging from \$3,000 to \$7,000 are being awarded to multiple groups throughout the community.

Alderman Michael J. Murphy, chair of the Arts Board, said the board was pleased to again recognize those groups that possess vision, insight, and creative talent in the arts. "This year's grant recipients represent the heart and soul of Milwaukee's diverse and talent-rich arts community," he said. "Year in and year out they provide outstanding works and performances that enrich our lives, and we're very fortunate to have them."

Alderman Murphy, who has served as chair of the Arts Board since 2000, said the grants can collectively help boost the mood of Milwaukeeans in difficult times. "We truly need the arts and the creative energy of those who produce art to help us more than ever during trying economic times," he said. "This use of city money comes back to us twenty-fold in the form of increased economic activity and support for city businesses ranging from hotels and restaurants, to shops and stores."

Dean Amhaus, chair of the Cultural Alliance of Greater Milwaukee, said the "return" on the Arts Board grants for Milwaukee is significant. "The grants are really a critical catalyst for generating additional (financial) support from the private sector and individuals," he said. "With the Arts Board grants, the city offers a valuable partnership that provides a margin of success and continuity for many arts groups."

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## **Arts Board Grant Awards/ADD ONE**

The following recipients are receiving grant awards totaling \$7,000: Alverno College; Artists Working in Education; Danceworks, Express Yourself Milwaukee; First Stage Children's Theater; Florentine Opera Company; Latino Arts, Inc.; Milwaukee Art Museum; Milwaukee Ballet; Milwaukee Chamber Theatre; Milwaukee Children's Choir; Milwaukee Gay Arts Center; Milwaukee Public Theatre; Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra; Optimist Theatre; Present Music; Radio Milwaukee; Renaissance Theatreworks; Theatre Gigante; Wild Space Dance Company; Wisconsin Conservatory of Music; WMSE Radio/MSOE and Woodland Pattern, Inc.

Receiving grant awards totaling \$5,000 are String Academy of Wisconsin and In Tandem Theatre. Receiving grant awards totaling \$3,000 are Betty Brinn Children's Museum and Piano Arts of Wisconsin.