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Alabama State Council on the Arts

201 Monroe Street, Suite 110
Montgomery, Alabama 36104-3721

www.arts.alabama.gov

OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

The following agencies offer various types of assistance for arts related programs and projects. Contact them for information about their programs and services.

THE ALABAMA HUMANITIES FOUNDATION

1100 Ireland Way, Suite 101
Birmingham, AL 35205-7701
205/558-3980
www.ahf.net

SOUTHARTS

1800 Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 808
Atlanta, GA 30309
404/874-7244
www.southarts.org

THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20506
202/606-8400
www.neh.gov

INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

1800 M Street, NW, 9th floor
Washington, DC 20036-5802
202/653-4657
www.ims.gov



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Alabama State Council on the Arts is to enhance the quality of life in Alabama culturally, economically, and educationally by supporting the state's diverse and rich artistic resources.

THE AGENCY

The Alabama State Council on the Arts is the official state agency for the support and development of the arts in Alabama. It was established in 1966 by an act of the Alabama Legislature. The agency supports not-for-profit arts organizations, schools, colleges, units of local government, non-profit organizations programming in the arts for the general public, and individual artists.

The State Arts Council works to expand the state's cultural resources and preserve its unique cultural heritage and places a high priority on arts programming by and for schools. The Council's primary means of supporting the arts and making the arts more accessible to varied audiences is through a multi-faceted grants program which covers all disciplines and fields of creative expression.

Presenters List

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Alabama Jazz & Blues Federation

PO Box 11121
Montgomery, AL 36111
Contact: Coleman Woodson, Jr.
Phone: 334/312-5798
Email: cwoodson66@aol.com
www.alabamajazzandblues.com

Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame

1631 4th Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35203
Contact: Leah Tucker
Phone: 205/254-2731 (ext. 26)
Fax: 205/254-2785
Email: ltucker@jazzhall.com
www.jazzhall.com

Alabama Theatre

1817 3rd Ave N
Birmingham, AL 35203
Phone: 205/252-2262
Fax: 205/251-3155
Email: alatheatre@aol.com
www.alabamatheatre.com

Alexander City Arts, Inc

PO Box 971
Alexander City, AL 35011-0971
Contact: Beverly Thomas
Email: bev155@charter.net
Phone: 256/234-9922

Alys Stephens Performing

Arts Center
1200 10th AVE South
Birmingham, AL 35294-1261
Contact: Elizabeth Thomas
Phone: (205) 975-9540
Fax: (205) 975-2341
Email: ecthomas@uab.edu
www.AlysStephens.org

Anniston Museum of Natural History

PO Box 1587
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Email: mconner@annistonmuseum.org
www.annistonmuseum.org
www.bermanmuseum.org

Antique Talladega/ Ritz Theatre

PO Box 228
Talladega, AL 35161-0228
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Phone: 256/315-0000
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Email: mcmillangayle@aol.com
www.talladegaritz.com

ArtBurst

PO Box 530246
Birmingham, AL 35253
Contact: Timothy Day
Phone: 205/790-2788
www.artburst.org

Arts Association of East Alabama

1032 South Railroad Ave.
Opelika, AL 36801
Contact: Phillip Preston
Phone: 334/705-5545
Fax: 334/705-5546
Email: preston@eastalabamaarts.org
www.eastalabamaarts.org

Arts Council of Montgomery

1018 Madison Ave
Montgomery, AL 36104
Contact: Marilyn Williams
Phone: 334/241-2787
Fax: 334/241-2504
Email: mwilliams@montgomeryal.gov

AGENCY PROGRAMS

Consistent with its charge from the Legislature, the Council has adopted a number of programs to address the needs of the arts in Alabama. These programs currently consist of Arts in Education, Community Arts, Folklife, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and Literary Arts. Guidelines, application and eligibility requirements are explained in detail on the following pages.

GOAL OF PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

To ensure that high quality performances of music, dance and theatre are available to Alabama audiences and to support Alabama's performing arts organizations and artists.

PRESENTING GRANTS

Eligible organizations may apply for grants to offset the costs of presenting (booking) performances or exhibitions by individual artists, institutions and companies producing dance, music, theatre, exhibitions and readings. Artists whose work is to be presented must be from outside of the home county of the applicant organization.

Priorities for funding are proposals which include educational workshops and residencies, or implement a comprehensive plan for audience or community development. Performances of highly commercial or seasonal entertainment which could be self-supporting are unlikely to be funded.

In order to be eligible, applications must be accompanied by the required attachments and a contract or letter of engagement from the performer, signed by both parties, which verifies the date and artistic fee.

These grants must be matched dollar-for-dollar in cash. There is no limit on how much can be requested, however, grant amounts rarely exceed \$10,000. No more than four (4) presentations per year will be funded.

For complete information please refer to Grant Guidelines at: www.arts.alabama.gov

For More Information contact:

Yvette Jones-Smedley,
Performing Arts Program Manager
Telephone 334/242-4076, ext. 226
Email: yvette.jones-smedley@arts.alabama.gov

Jacky Jack White is the host of the nationally syndicated radio show, "The Sucarnochee (pronounced: 'Sook-uh-notch-eee') Revue." The "Revue" is on radio stations in ten states, and overseas. White's Radio Program was awarded a citation from the Country Music Association for "Outstanding work and promotion of Grassroots Music across the world."

White has had songs on the charts as a singer/songwriter since 1985. Some of the artists who have recorded his songs are: Ray Stevens, Charley Pride, Buddy Jewell, Steve Wariner, Neal McCoy and Mark Lowery. He has received an ASCAP (American Society of Authors, Composers, and Publishers) Award for "If I Didn't Love You", and a NSAI (Nashville Songwriters Assoc., Inc.) Award for the #1 Southern Gospel song, "When Men Pray."

Jacky "Jack" White
P.O. Box 777
Livingston, AL 35470
205-499-9988
Email: jack_white@bellsouth.net

Tom Wolfe has had the opportunity to perform with some of the most respected jazz musicians of the day. In 1998 Wolfe was appointed a Kennedy Center/USIA Jazz Ambassador. Wolfe has performed and/or recorded with Lew Soloff, Gene Bertoncini, Lou Marini, Mundelle Lowe, Bill Goodwin, Frank Vignola, Harvie S, Ken Watters, Bill Huntington, Victor Atkins, Hilary Jones, Oteil Burbridge, Charli Persip, Jamie Aebersold, Bob Hope, Engelbert Humperdinck, Rosemary Clooney, Rose Marie, Chita Rivera, Jerry Van Dyke, Guy Lombardo Orchestra, Lawrence Welk Orchestra, and many others. He also recently contributed music to the Ellen Degeneres TBS Special, "Ellen's Really Big Show."

Tom Wolfe
Phone: 205-348-7007
Email: twolfe@as.ua.edu

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Billie Jean Young is an actor, activist, poet, and educator. She works at home and abroad on behalf of social and economic justice for all people. A MacArthur Fellow, she has educated and inspired hundreds of audiences the world over through her poetry, lectures, drama workshops and community organizing.

For over two decades, Young has shared with the world the life story of human rights activist and share-cropper from Sunflower County, Mississippi, Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer. In her moving performances of the one-woman play, Fannie Lou Hamer is given voice to the social and economic injustices currently effecting the people of the Black Belt region of the deep South. Billie Jean seeks to make change in the world in the spirit of Fannie Lou Hamer.

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Arts Council of Tuscaloosa
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www.tuscart.org

The Arts Council, Inc.
700 Monroe St SW, Suite 2
Huntsville, AL 35801-5599
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www.artshuntsville.org

Athens State University
300 N Beaty Street
Athens, AL 35611
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www.athens.edu

Atmore Area Chamber of Commerce
501 South Pensacola Ave, Suite A
Atmore, AL 36502
Contact: Sheryl Vickery
Phone: 251/368-3305
Email: atmoreal@frontiernet.net
www.atmorechamber.com

Auburn Arts Association
PO Box 1862
Auburn, AL 36831-1862
Contact: Shelly Shields
Phone: 334/332-1227
www.auburnarts.org

Auburn Chamber Music Society
402 Brookside Dr.
Auburn, AL 36830
Contact: Virginia Transue
Phone: 334/887-9379
Fax: 334/844-6378
Email: virginia.transue@gmail.com
www.auburnchambermusic.org

Ballet & Theatre Arts Performing Companies
253 College Street
PO Box 235
Gilbertown, AL 36908
Contact: Fred Kimbrough
Phone: 251/843-5138
Fax: 251/843-5296
Email: goarts@millry.net
www.goarts@millry.net

Big Wills Arts Council
c/o City Hall
100 Alabama Avenue, N. W.
Fort Payne, Alabama 35967
Contact: Russell Gulley
Phone: 256/845-2224
Email: bwac@russellgulley.com

Birmingham International Center
1728 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, AL 35203
Contact: Iris Gross
Phone: 205/252-7652
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Email: info@bic-al.org
www.bic-al.org

Bluff Park Art Association
PO Box 26012
Hoover, AL 35260
Contact: Jeff Pierson
Phone: 205/822-0078
Email: bpaasshowchair@gmail.com
www.bluffparkartassociation.org

Brewton Council of the Arts
PO Box 432
Brewton, AL 36427
Contact: Edna Johnson
Phone: 251/867-2747
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www.brewtonartscouncil.org

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Brierfield Ironworks Park

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 Brierfield, AL 35035
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 Fax: 205/665-9789
 Email: brierfield@att.net
www.brierfieldironworks.org

Burritt Museum & Park

3101 Burritt Drive
 Huntsville, AL 35801
 Contact: Gina Haskins
 Phone: 256/533-4118
 Fax: 256/532-1784
 Email: gina.haskins@huntsvilleal.gov
www.burrittonthemountain.com

Center for the Living Arts

250 Conti Street
 Mobile, AL 36602
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 Phone: 251/208-5601
 Fax: 251/208-5607
 Email: st.penton@cityofmobile.org
www.centerforthelivingarts.com

City of Gulf Shores

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 Gulf Shores, AL 36547
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 Phone: 251/968-1171
 Fax: 251/968-1175
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www.cityofgulfshores.org

Coffee County Arts Alliance

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 Enterprise, AL 36331
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 Phone: 334/406-2787
 Fax: 334/347-4247
 Email: coffeecaa@aol.com
www.coffeecountyartsalliance.com

Community Arts Council of Blount County

PO Box 661
 Oneonta, AL 35121
 Contact: Carol Lewey
 Phone: 205/274-0511
 Email: clewey@hotmail.com

Covington County Arts Council

PO Box 1418
 Andalusia, AL 36420
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 Phone: 334/300-2783
 Fax: 334/222-1148
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Creative Campus Initiative**The University of Alabama**

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 Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0171
 Contact: Dr. Hank Lazer
 Phone: 205/348-7884
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Dothan Landmarks Foundation

PO Box 6362
 Dothan, AL 36302
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 Email: kathie@landmarkpark.com
www.landmarkpark.com

Eastern Shore Art Center

401 Oak St
 Fairhope, AL 36532
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 Phone: 251/928-2228
 Fax: 251/928-5188
 Email: kate@esartcenter.com
www.esartcenter.com

Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation

PO Box 1507
 Gadsden, AL 35902-1507
 Contact: Bobby Welch
 Phone: 256/543-2787 (ext.26)
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www.culturalarts.org

Gorham's Bluff Institute

101 Gorham Drive
 Pisgah, AL 35765-6891
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 Phone: 256/451-2787
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 Email: arts@gorhamsbluff.com
www.gorhamsbluff.com

Umdabu South African

Dance Company is a thrilling theatrical dance troupe presents traditional and contemporary South African dance and culture, particularly that of the Zulu people. Powerful dancing, incredible singing and lots of audience interaction.

Umdabu South African
 Dance Company
 2016 2nd Street South
 Birmingham, AL 35205
 Phone: 205-251-7158
 Contact: Asha Binta Xulu
 Email: xulu@bham.rr.com
www.umdabudance.org

The Gary Waldrep Band hails from a little community called Kilpatrick, nestled in the North-eastern corner of Alabama, near Boaz. The band performs with a traditional sound spiced with original songs and old standards, making them a favorite with acoustic music lovers across the country.

Since the band's formation in the spring of 1998, they have traveled across the United States with a fan club of over 1500 members strong and growing and instrumental styles that offer something for everyone to enjoy.

The Gary Waldrep Band
 1958 County Road 479
 Albertville, Alabama 35951
 Phone: 256-561-3908
www.thegarywaldrepband.com

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Three On A String is celebrating four decades together. They have made lots of friends throughout the years playing their unique musical comedy all over the United States and Canada.

Three On A String is made up of three talented musicians and entertainers. Bobby Horton, Jerry Ryan, and Brad Ryan. According to the group, the show is the thing and they always want people to feel good at one of their performances.

They perform all kinds of music: old standards, country, classical, bluegrass, and folk.

Three On A String
Contact: Jerry Ryan
1740 English Knoll Lane
Birmingham, Alabama 35235
Phone: 205-854.3957 --or--
205-902.2704
Email: Jryan@
threeonastring.com

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Demondrae Thurman is considered one of the stars of the formidable generation of brass soloists. His euphonium playing has been described as "awe inspiring," and he is touted as "an amazing musician." Thurman has a firm international reputation as a euphonium soloist having performed in France, Germany, England, Norway, Romania, and throughout North America. He is quickly becoming one of the most recognized names in a new generation of euphonium soloists. Thurman has performed and recorded as euphoniumist with several orchestras included the Atlanta Symphony under the baton of Grammy Award-winning conductor Robert Spano. As a champion of contemporary music, Demondrae has premiered numerous works for solo euphonium including Soliloquies by John Stevens and Fantasy for Euphonium and Orchestra by Doug Bristol.

Demondrae Thurman
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Greenville, AL 36037
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Gulf Coast Arts Council
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Gulf Shores, AL 36547
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Huntsville Chamber Music Guild
4800 Whitesburg Dr., Suite 30-359
Huntsville, AL 35802
Contact: Dr. Robert Fletcher
Phone: 256/882-3463 --or--
Phone: 256/489-7415
Email: info@hcmg.us
www.hcmg.us

Jubilee CityFest, Inc.
416 North McDonough St.
Montgomery, AL 36104
Contact: Marianne McLeod
Phone: 334/834-7220
Fax: 334/834-7226
Email: marianne@jubileecityfest.org
www.jubileecityfest.org

Judson College Concert/Lecture
PO Box 120
Music Department
Marion, AL 36756
Contact: Dr. Judy Ransom
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Fax: 334/683-5147
Email: jransom@judson.edu

Knox Concert Series
PO Box 2501
Anniston, AL 36202
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Phone: 256/235-2553 --or--
Phone: 256/225-2553
Fax: 256/240-9886
Email: knoxconcert@aol.com
www.knoxconcert.org

The Library Theatre
200 Municipal Drive
Hoover, AL 35216
Contact: Matina Johnson
Phone: 205/444-7882 --or--
Phone: 205/444-7888
Fax: 205/444-7894
Email: matinaj@bham.lib.al.us
www.thelibrarytheatre.com

Leeds Arts Council
PO Box 684
8140 Parkway Drive
Leeds, AL 35094
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Merrimack Hall Performing Arts Center
3320 Triana Boulevard
Huntsville, Alabama 35805
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www.merrimackhall.com

McCraney-Cottle Arts Council
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Mobile Chamber Music Society
PO Box 3121
Mobile, AL 36652-3121
Email: music@mobilechambermusic.org
www.mobilechambermusic.org

Mobile International Festival
2900 Dauphin Street
Mobile, AL 36606
Contact: Bobbie S. Bayne
Phone: 251/208-1555
Fax: 251/208-1561
Email: mif@cityofmobile.org
www.mobileinternationalfestival.org

Montgomery Performing Arts Centre

201 Tallapoosa Street
Montgomery, AL 36104-2662
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Phone: 334/481-5100
Fax: 334/481-5126
Email: allen.sanders@renaissancemontgomery.com
www.mpaonline.org

Mountain Valley Arts Council

300 Gunter Ave
Guntersville, AL 35976-1129
Contact: Patti Opacinch
Phone: 256/571-7199
Email: artscouncil@mindspring.com

Music Preservation Society/ W. C. Handy Music Festival

PO Box 1827
Florence, AL 35631
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Phone: 256/766-7642
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Email: ngonce@bellsouth.net
www.wchandymusicfestival.org

Old Alabama Town

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www.oldalabamatown.com

Princess Theatre

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Decatur, AL 35601
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www.princesstheatre.org

Ritz Theatre

111 West Third Street
Sheffield, AL 35660
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www.tvaa.net

Shoals Community Theatre

123 North Seminary Street
PO Box 622
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Email: shoalstheatre@gmail.com
www.shoalsonstage.org

Shoals On Stage

PO Box 255
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Fax: 256/760-9004
Email: vanmorganjr@comcast.net
www.shoalsonstage.org

South Alabama Symphony Association

PO Box 274
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Email: rwatford@sw.rr.com
www.musicsouth.com

Selma Community Concert Association

PO Box 1083
Selma, AL 36701
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Phone: 334/875-9201 --or--
Phone: 334/872-3387
Email: dorissholland@gmail.com

Old Towne Brass of Huntsville, Alabama, perform and dress in the manner of early American bands. With a special emphasis on the War Between the States, Olde Towne Brass presents programs that give the history of a song, facts about the composer, and then plays the song in the manner it was performed more than 130 years ago. The music library of Old Towne Brass includes more than 400 songs of both the Confederate and Union bands of this period

The group has performed for numerous civic and historic events throughout the Southeast United States. Their music library includes classical, Dixieland, jazz and easy listening selections.

The members of the group are Werner Smock, E-flat cornet; Dale Proctor, B-flat cornet; Bob Baccus, E-flat alto; Rory Hamaker, B-flat tenor; Bill Deiss, E-flat bass; Terry Cornett, snare drum; Steve Androlake, bass drum.

Old Towne Brass
Contact: Bob Baccus
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Dr. Henry Panion, III, a producer, composer, arranger, and orchestrator, has received two Grammy Awards, two Dove Awards, and a host of other national music awards and nominations. ComPanion Enterprises, LLC. He is most known for his work as conductor and arranger for superstar Stevie Wonder. Other artists for whom Panion has had the opportunity to conduct and/or arrange for include: The Winans, Chet Atkins, Eugenia Zuckerman, Aretha Franklin, The Blind Boys of Alabama, Chaka Khan, the Lionel Hampton Orchestra, and American Idol winners Carrie Underwood and Ruben Studdard.

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Southern Danceworks is Alabama's only professional modern dance company. Partnerships and collaborations include the Metropolitan Arts Center for the Honda Dream Lab Project, Birmingham City Schools, the Jefferson County Schools, the Alabama Dance Summit, the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame, and nationally renowned choreographers. Their touring programs, presentation of exciting guest artists, educational outreach, and local performances, provides exceptional quality to the public.

Southern Danceworks
Contact: Rosemary Johnson,
Managing Director
P.O. Box 11983
Birmingham, AL 35202-1983
www.southerndanceworks.com
Phone: 205.602.3599
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The Kimoni Duo has been dedicated to performing standard and newly composed literature for the harp and flute. The Duo has performed throughout the United States. Kimoni is a dynamic and versatile ensemble with decades of combined professional experience. Its members, Monica Hargrave (harp), and Kimberly Felder-Scott (flute), present their wide-spanning repertoire from Baroque to Contemporary, Pop to Jazz. Both musicians are classically trained concert artists in their own right and bring this level of attention to detail, passion and skill to the Duo's music. Their wide range of music creates a colorful palette of musical expressions.

The Kimoni Duo
 Booking & Contact info
 Phone: 770-987-7581
 Email: booking@harp411.com
 Email: moniharp2@aol.com

The Mariachi Garibaldi Band travels all over Alabama as well as Mississippi, Georgia, Florida performing their music. Everesto Hernandez, Conductor, a recent recipient of a Folk Art Apprenticeship Grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts, leads the band in traditional as well as contemporary musical entertainment for dances, festivals and other cultural events.

The Mariachi Garibaldi Band Contact: Jose Hernandez
 247 B Eastdale Road S
 Montgomery, AL 36117
 Phone: 334.244.0611

The Montgomery Ballet was selected as a member of SERBA (South Eastern Regional Ballet Association) in 1964. Under present leadership of Elie Lazar, (artistic director) and Priscilla Crommelin, (executive director) the professional company has grown to 14 fabulous, full-time professional dancers and two apprentices. The company's diverse repertoire includes classical ballets as well as new works by Mr. Lazar. The ensemble performs regularly before Montgomery audiences and tours throughout the state.

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 Email: info@montgomeryballet.org
www.montgomeryballet.org

String Quartet Society of Tuscaloosa
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 PMB #144
 Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
 Contact: Guy Burrows
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 Email: burr8200@bellsouth.net
www.stringquartetsof.org
www.tuscaloosa.org

Sumter County Fine Arts Council
 PO Box 1038
 Livingston, AL 35470
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 Fax: 205/652-3591
 Email: dmt@uwa.edu
www.scfac.uwa.edu/

Sylacauga Area Council on Arts and Humanities
 211 South Norton Avenue
 Sylacauga, AL 35150
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Tennessee Valley Art Association
 PO Box 474
 511 North Water Street
 Tusculmbia, AL 35674
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 Phone: 256/383-0533
 Fax: 256/383-0535
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www.tvaa.net

UNA/University Events
 UNA Box 5068
 Florence, AL 35632-0001
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 Phone: 256/765-4658
 Fax: 256/765-4507
 Email: nmjennings@una.edu
www.una.edu/events/

Winston County Arts Council
 PO Box 436
 Arley, AL 35541
 Contact: J. D. or Theresa Snoddy
 Phone: 205/489-6569
 Email: theresa.snoddy@gmail.com

Tennessee Valley Jazz Society
 604 Jordan Lane
 Huntsville, AL 35816
 Contact: Howard Bankhead
 Phone: 256/604-8172
 Email: tvjazzsociety@bellsouth.net
www.tvjs.webs.com

Two Rivers Arts Council
 PO Box 1187
 Demopolis, AL 36732
 Contact: Morgan Grimes
 Phone: 334/289-1595
 Email: vgrimes@gmail.com

Troy Arts Council
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 Troy, AL 36081
 Contact: William Denison
 Phone: 334/566-3657
 Fax: 334/808-1327
 Email: wdenison@troycable.net
www.troyartscouncil.com

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 1200 10th AVE South
 Birmingham, AL 35294-1261
 Contact: Elizabeth Thomas
 Phone: (205) 975-9540
 Fax: (205) 975-2341
 Email: ecthomas@uab.edu
www.AlysStephens.org

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The Alabama Shakespeare Festival, located in Montgomery, is the sixth largest Shakespeare festival in the world and attracts more than 300,000 annual visitors from all 50 states and over 60 countries.

ASF operates year-round, producing 14 world-class productions annually, including three works of William Shakespeare. The remainder are classics of the stage - works by playwrights such as Molière, George Bernard Shaw, Anton Chekhov, Tennessee Williams, Thornton Wilder, and Eugene O'Neill - along with musicals and new works commissioned by the Festival.

Alabama Shakespeare Festival
1 Festival Drive
Montgomery, Alabama 36117-0001
Geoffrey Sherman - Producing & Artistic Director
Phone: 334-271-5378
www.asf.net

The Alabama Symphony Orchestra is recognized for displaying artistic excellence and critical acclaim for its broad repertoire of classical compositions, with an emphasis on choral and baroque works.

The symphony has 54 full-time musicians. The ASO continues to be an integral part of the cultural fabric of Alabama by making professional symphonic music available to every resident of our state.

Alabama Symphony Orchestra
3621 Sixth Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35222
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Yaniv Attar is a guitarist and Orchestral Conductor who studied from an early age with Israel Edelson and Irit Eventov at the Royal College of Music. Yaniv continued his conducting studies with Neil Thomson and guitarist Charles Ramirez. He served as the assistant conductor of the Tempus Chamber Orchestra and the Alabama Symphony. Yaniv has been a featured guest conductor with the Contemporary Music Ensemble in Montreal and the Lithuanian State Symphony Orchestra.

Yaniv Attar
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The Birmingham Children's Theatre has grown to become one of America's largest professional theatres for young audiences, and now operates in a three-theatre complex at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center (BJCC) in Birmingham, Alabama. BCT produces 8 shows seasonally, four of which tour, giving the theatre a combined audience of over 200,000 each year.

Birmingham Children's Theatre
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Birmingham, AL 35201
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www.bct123.org

Eric Essix is a recording and touring artist that decided to explore the soul, R&B, gospel and country music that he grew up listening to in his home state of Alabama. As a guitarist, it was the start of a musical journey that began with "Southbound" followed by "Somewhere In Alabama" on his own Essential Recordings label and now has brought him full circle with his latest offering, "Birmingham." His early exposure to Wes Montgomery, Miles Davis and Jimi Hendrix greatly contributes to Eric's sound and style as a guitarist.

Eric Essix
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Tracy Heavner is an internationally known performance artist and distinguished music educator. Heavner performs in a variety of genres ranging from classical to jazz. His talents as a saxophonist, clarinetist and flutist are witnessed on stage as a soloist, chamber ensemble member and within the orchestra. His professional achievements off the stage are equally impressive in the areas of education, teaching and scholarship.

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The Heim Duo has been featured on the internationally syndicated program Classical Guitar Alive. Pan Magazine of the British Flute Society called their performance of Robert Baksa's Celestials "a dazzling performance of a dazzling work!" The Duo was invited to perform at the 2004 National Flute Association Convention in San Diego, California. The Duo presented a series of concerts of American works for flute and guitar in London and the surrounding area in summer of 2006. Their performance at the National Czech and Slovak Museum was described as "absolutely astonishing!"

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Dolores Hydock is a story performer and spoken-word artist, whose one-woman shows and story concerts have been featured at special events throughout the U.S. Her performances include adaptations of stories from modern and medieval literature, historical stories from the lives of famous and not-so-famous adventurers, and original stories from the peculiarities of everyday life. One reviewer called her work "Smart but not cynical, heartwarming yet never corny...a swirl of characters and a cascade of lovely language."

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