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**MAYOR'S OFFICE—CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT**

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**Mayor Awards Arts Grants**

**Stamford, Connecticut--Wednesday, August 26, 2009 - Mayor Dannel P. Malloy** will conduct a press conference today and present grant funds to the recipients of the Community Arts Partnership Program. The press conference will take place today at 5:00 p.m. in the Lobby of the Government Center.

The Community Arts Partnership Program, an initiative of Mayor Dannel P. Malloy, fosters innovation in the arts in Stamford. The program encourages increased audience participation in and enjoyment of the arts for all residents of Stamford. For the past ten years, the City of Stamford has funded a community-wide grants program to expand and diversify the cultural services accessible to the people of Stamford.

Eligible applicants include Stamford-based tax-exempt organizations and community organizations. Types of eligible organizations include: arts organizations, neighborhood organizations, ethnic groups and clubs, social service and health agencies, housing organizations and community service organizations. All programs must be open to the public. Religious organizations can apply for an arts program that will be open to the public and not related to a religious service. The Mayor's office has released a total of \$147,000 for fiscal year 2009-2010, with grants provided to the following recipients ranging in amounts from \$1,000 to \$15,000:

Boys & Girls Club of Stamford	Sonya Van Norden	\$9,000
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O-Tatsu Taiko, Inc. Sandra Shen \$2,500  
O-Tatsu Taiko, Inc. will offer taiko drumming workshops for youth in preparation for performance at a Cherry Blossom Matsuri Festival to be held in Stamford during May 2010.

Prometheus' Fire Ray Aranha \$11,000  
Funding will support a dramatic concert reading and production of A Passion for the Shadows, a new play by Mr. Ray Aranha. Prometheus' Fire seeks to nurture professional actors working locally and to produce plays without artificial limitations or preconceived notions as to acceptable size or diversity of cast.

Raices Theatrical Group Eva Padilla \$5,000  
An emerging theatrical group, targeting Latino youth, will receive support to produce La Noche de Los Asecinos'.

Russian American Horizons, Inc. Barbara Viner \$2,000  
Russian American Horizons, Inc. will organize an exhibit by Stass Shpanin and concert.

Scofield Manor Anne Salthouse / Maureen Neuberger \$3,000  
A series of cultural programs by local artists in performance, demonstration and/or lecture including modern dance, ballet, Indian and Haitian dance, Mexican, and Afro-Caribbean music.

Stamford Art Association Christine Irvin \$4,000  
Stamford Art Association will present the 28th annual Faber Birren National Color Show. The Stamford Art Association seeks to archive and promote the work of Stamford artists.

Stamford Kwanzaa Association Josephine Fulcher-Anderson \$4,000  
Music, drumming, dance, craft-making, culinary arts, story telling, and dramatic arts will increase public knowledge, awareness and appreciation of the role art plays in the development of culture and society.

Stamford Young Artists Philharmonic Joyce DiCamillo \$10,000

Funding for three concerts at the Stamford Center for the Arts to enrich the lives of young people through classical instrumental music.

The Ballet School of Stamford                      Marti Etter    \$15,000  
The outreach program Dance for All is designed to reach children who otherwise would not be able to participate in dance classes.

The Historic Neighborhood  
Preservation Program    Renee Kahn    \$3,000  
The Historic Neighborhood Preservation Program will organize a traveling photography exhibit featuring barns in Stamford.

The Society of Albanian American  
Writers    Adi Memeti    \$1,000  
The Society of Albanian American Writers will present a series of readings at The Ferguson Library and local book stores.

The Stamford Chorale    Janet Gill-Gentry    \$2,500  
Two formal concerts will be presented. The group rehearses and recruits year round with the goal of creating an intergenerational organization which will mirror the community in which we live united by a passion and love of music and performance.

Treetops Chamber Music Society                      Oskar Espina-Ruiz    \$13,000  
Treetops will demonstrate the richness and diversity of chamber music through high profile chamber music concerts at the Treetops Studio in Stamford.

Westfair Chamber Singers, Inc.                      Rebecca Davidoff    \$2,500  
The Westfair Chamber Singers will provide two or more concerts in Stamford at low or no cost at locations including The Ferguson Library.

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