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PRESS ADVISORY

Alameda County Supervisors Award \$50,000 in Grants to Arts Organizations

(Oakland, CA) – The Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved \$50,000 in grants to 48 nonprofit organizations providing high-quality arts services to the people of Alameda County. The awards were approved on May 1, 2007 and distributed to the nonprofit organizations on May 15, 2007. Award of these grants was recommended by the Alameda County Arts Commission, an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors which administers the annual County Supervisors' ARTSFUND Grants Program. This is the 31st consecutive year that the ARTSFUND Grants Program has distributed funds. This year, 48 organizations were selected to receive grants from a field of 54 applicants in all artistic disciplines including dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual arts, and multidisciplinary art forms. 2007 ARTSFUND grant awards range from \$1000 to \$1600 for a 24-month period. ARTSFUND grant awards are made through a widely advertised, competitive application and review process. Annual grant guidelines are available in November with an application deadline of February 28.

The 2007 Alameda County Supervisor's ARTSFUND Grant Awardees are: Alameda Little Theatre (Altarena Playhouse), AXIS Dance Company, Berkeley Art Center, Berkeley Chamber Performances, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Berkeley Symphony Orchestra, California Chinese Orchestra, California Revels, Choreographers' Performance Alliance, Creative Growth Art Center, Crowden Music Center, Diamano Coura West African Dance Company, Dublin Fine Arts Foundation, East Bay Children's Theatre, Inc., East Oakland Youth Development Center, FACES of the East Bay, Fremont Art Association, Fremont Symphony Orchestra, Friends of Children with Special Needs, Hayward Arts Council, Island Alliance of the Arts, K Star Productions, Kala Art Institute, League of Volunteers, Live Oak Concerts, Lower Bottom Playaz, Luna Kids Dance, Oakland LEAF, Oakland Symphony Chorus, Oakland Youth Orchestra, Oaktown Jazz Workshops, Pleasanton Art League, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, Poetry Flash, Prescott-Joseph Center for Community Enhancement, Inc., Pro Arts, Prometheus, Symphony Orchestra, Rock Paper Scissors Collective, Shotgun Players, Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County, Stage Door Conservatory, The Jazzschool, Trinity Lyric Opera, Valley Concert Chorale, Valley Dance Theatre Ballet School & Company, Wee Poets, Woman's Will, and Youth Orchestra of Southern Alameda County.

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