



ARLINGTON COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES  
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 414, Arlington, Virginia 22201

June 12, 2006

Mr. Christopher Zimmerman, Chairman  
Arlington County Board  
1 Courthouse Plaza, Suite 300  
2100 Clarendon Boulevard  
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

The Arlington Commission for the Arts is pleased to submit its recommendations for financial support of our local artists and arts organizations for the Fiscal Year 2007. The Commission remains proud of Arlington's tradition as a community that supports and embraces the arts and of the Board's continuing support of the arts through the Grants Program.

On behalf of Arlington's supported arts groups, the Commission wants to express our gratitude to you and your fellow County Board members for the additional funding approved for Fiscal Year 2007. By providing additional resources, the County is able to respond effectively to the ongoing growth of the arts in Arlington. It means a great deal to all in the Arlington community.

The County continues to receive recognition for its support of the arts through its outstanding contributions to public art and the quality of our arts organizations' programming. The arts are recognized, and appropriately so, as a significant economic engine and draw for both businesses and residents for the County.

The Commission received 39 grant applications requesting a total of \$537,195 as well as requests for facilities and technical services. Of the 39 applications, 35 were from non-profit arts organizations and four were from individual artists. A total of 30 applications, all from organizations, are recommended to receive County funding totaling \$279,077.

County financial support is being recommended under our two grant programs - General Operating Support Grants and Project Grants. Monies under the General Operating Support category are awarded to assist arts organizations with the expenses involved with overall administration and program offerings -- and represent 9.85% of their total budgets for FY 2007. Monies awarded under Project Grants fund specific projects planned by organizations.

Applicants are given the opportunity to appeal the Commission's decisions. The Commission did not receive any appeals this grant cycle.



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The Commission recommends that the following organizations receive financial aid under the General Operating Support program:

American Century Theatre	\$ 8,224.94
Andrew Keegan Theatre	\$ 6,719.28
Arlington Artists' Alliance	\$ 345.12
Arlington Arts Center	\$16,055.76
Arlington Players	\$10,242.88
Bowen McCauley Dance	\$10,996.83
Center Dance Company	\$ 7,593.85
Classika-Synetic Theatre	\$50,000.00
Educational Theatre Company	\$ 4,018.18
Encore Stage and Studio	\$ 5,542.46
Hesperus	\$11,916.93
Jane Franklin Dance	\$ 4,771.51
Metropolitan Chorus	\$ 6,468.40
Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia	\$ 7,696.57
Potomac Harmony Chorus	\$ 5,360.01
Signature Theatre	\$50,000.00
Teatro de la Luna	\$17,684.56
Washington Balalaika Society	\$ 6,787.20
Washington Shakespeare Company	\$11,002.52
Total, General Operating Support Grants	\$241,427.00

The Board's policy provides the Commission the option of supporting small and emerging organizations with space and services in lieu of cash grants. The Arlingtonges Barbershop Chorus, Charter Theatre, Dominion Stage, Firebelly Productions, Los Quetzales Mexican Dance Ensemble, and Trumpet Vine Theatre Company are recommended for general operating support in the form of facilities and services only.

The Commission recommends that the following organizations receive project grant support for these specific projects:

Arlington Arts Center	Fundraising/Membership Software and Training	\$ 4,000.00
Bowen McCauley Dance	Executive Director Salary Support	\$ 6,000.00
Hesperus	Executive Director Salary Support	\$10,000.00
Indian Dance Educators Association	<b>Gul-E-Bakawali</b> , a collaborative dance production	\$ 7,650.00
Washington Shakespeare Company	Director of Development Salary Support	\$10,000.00



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Total, Arts Organizations Project Grants \$37,650.00

**TOTAL, GRANTS PROGRAM \$279,077.00**

Overall the Commission is pleased with the results of the current funding process and we look forward to this year's new season of arts activities. The Arlington County Board has always been a strong supporter of the arts and this support is evident in the size, diversity and quality of the cultural program available to our citizens.

Sincerely,

Wendy Rahm, Chair  
Arlington Commission for the Arts

cc: Ron Carlee, County Manager  
Norma Kaplan, Cultural Affairs Division Chief