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Mississippi Theatre Receives Mississippi Arts Commission Grant

JACKSON, MISS. – July 31, 2023 – The Mississippi Theatre Association of (Flowood, MS) has been awarded a \$12,000 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission. This grant is a portion of the more than \$1.75 million in grants MAC awarded in Fiscal Year 2024 and will be used to foster appreciation of and participation in theatre. Through this the MTA will create a Mississippi where art is valued through the power of theatre. This will be upheld by MTA's values to advocate, communicate, and educate.

“With the additional funds provided to MAC this fiscal year, we are able to fund 37 more grants that are providing an economic impact for Mississippi communities, the arts, and education throughout the state,” said David Lewis, executive director for the Mississippi Arts Commission. “We are grateful for the support from the Mississippi Legislature and elected officials who helped prioritize the arts in Mississippi.”

The MTA is a statewide organization that acts as an advocate to government agencies, businesses and the public; sponsors festivals, workshops, and networking opportunities; communicates with members and the public, recognizes excellence in performance and production; and sanctions representatives to regional festivals.

MAC's annual grant funds come from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Mississippi State Legislature. Awards were made in 104 Mississippi House of Representatives districts and 60 state Senate districts.

The Mississippi Arts Commission is a state agency serving more than two million people through grants and special initiatives that enhance communities, assist artists and arts organizations, promote arts education, and celebrate Mississippi's cultural heritage. MAC is funded by the Mississippi Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Mississippi Endowment for the Arts at the Community Foundation for Mississippi, and other private sources. For more information, visit www.arts.ms.gov.

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