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**United Performing Arts Fund Announces 2016-17 Affiliate Grants**

*Smaller performing arts groups receive UPAF support and add to the region’s cultural richness*

MILWAUKEE (Oct. 14, 2016) The United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF) announced its selection of Affiliates for the 2016-17 performance season. A total of 14 performing arts organizations have been named a UPAF Affiliate, collectively receiving \$104,500 in grants. An additional \$36,555 was allocated to participating Affiliates for performing at 2016 Campaign events.

UPAF recently announced that it allocated a record breaking total of \$9,245,000 as a result of the 2016 Campaign, with nearly 85 percent of which going to the six Cornerstone Groups.

“UPAF’s Affiliate Program is a way for UPAF to support smaller performing arts organizations in Southeastern Wisconsin that add to our region’s richness and diversity,” said Deanna Tillisch, UPAF president and CEO. “The Affiliates’ wide array of music, dance and theater performances increases our community’s accessibility to the performing arts, enhance arts education programs and promote creative vitality in our region. We are proud to support our 14 Affiliates, which in turn help expand the geographic footprint of UPAF’s impact beyond Milwaukee County.”

**UPAF Affiliates for the 2016-17 Season**

<b>2016-17 Affiliate</b>	<b>2016-17 Grant</b>
Black Arts MKE	\$ 18,000
In Tandem Theatre	\$ 18,000
Latino Arts, Inc.	\$ 14,000
Racine Symphony Orchestra	\$ 10,000
Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts	\$ 10,000
Festival City Symphony	\$ 5,000
Frankly Music	\$ 4,500
Milwaukee Opera Theatre	\$ 4,000
Theatre Gigante	\$ 4,000
TRUE Skool, Inc.	\$ 4,000
Wild Space Dance Company	\$ 4,000
Early Music Now	\$ 3,000
PianoArts of Wisconsin	\$ 3,000
Windfall Theatre	\$ 3,000
<b>Total Affiliate Grant Funding</b>	<b>\$ 104,500*</b>

\*An additional \$36,555 was allocated to participating Affiliates for 2016 Campaign support.

## **UPAF AFFILIATES / ADD ONE**

### **About UPAF**

United Performing Arts Fund's mission is to secure community resources, promote the performing arts as a regional asset and improve the quality of life through responsible investment in and financial support of the performing arts in Southeastern Wisconsin. Our vision is to shape a diverse, vibrant and sustainable cultural life for all. In 2016 UPAF's Annual Campaign raised more than \$12 million to support the area's vibrant performing arts environment. UPAF proudly bears Charity Navigator's highest distinction for nonprofits – a four-star rating.

As an umbrella organization, UPAF supports a breadth of performing arts groups that collectively offer something for everyone through its 15 Member Groups and numerous Affiliates. More than one million people are touched each year through performances, educational outreach, special events and community partnerships.

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