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THE SOUTHERN CULTURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION RECEIVES MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION GRANT

(Vicksburg, MS): The Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation (SCHF) of Vicksburg has been awarded a \$14,400 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC). This grant is a portion of the more than \$1.7 million in grants MAC awarded in Fiscal Year 2026 and will be used to continue the mission of the SCHF and bring exceptional events and quality programming to the community through artistic excellence. MAC grants are made possible by continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation, a non-profit organization, is committed to preserving the history and architecture of the Southern Cultural Heritage Center, while providing all citizens with the opportunity to experience cultural, educational and artistic programs. Among the numerous activities scheduled throughout the year, these funds are vital in supporting the River Kids free after-school art program, a variety of concerts, workshops, lectures, exhibits and the many other events and programs that are instrumental in growing the awareness of the arts to the Vicksburg community and surrounding areas.

“Mississippi is a vibrant hub of artistic talent that enriches lives and fuels local economies throughout our state,” said David Lewis, executive director for the Mississippi Arts Commission. “With the generous support from the Mississippi Legislature, we can leverage our citizens’ creativity to invest in our communities.”

MAC’s annual grant funds come from the [National Endowment for the Arts](#) and the [Mississippi State Legislature](#). Awards were made in 94 Mississippi House of Representatives districts and 49 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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