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Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation Receives Mississippi Arts Commission Grant

JACKSON, MISS. – (March 2, 2022) – The Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation (SCHF) of Vicksburg, MS has been awarded a \$13,300 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission. This grant is a portion of the more than \$1.4 million in grants MAC awarded in Fiscal Year 2022 and will be used to continue the mission of the SCHF and bring exceptional events and quality programming to the community through artistic excellence. The grants are made possible by continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"The state's arts community has displayed such resiliency during tumultuous times, and we are very pleased to provide support to these worthy organizations," said Sarah Story, executive director of MAC. "These funds will help organizations recover from the past year and build upon their successes for future arts-based programming. MAC awards annual grants to organizations in nearly every area of the state, helping broaden the reach of arts to serve the state's diverse population."

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.

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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