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## Funding Available for Arts & Humanities Programs

*Michigan Humanities Council reopens statewide program to meet community needs*

(LANSING)-----The Michigan Humanities Council is now accepting applications for grants to support arts and humanities programs between April 1 and September 30, 2010. The grants will be awarded as part of [Michigan's Arts and Humanities Touring Program](#), which consists of an online, juried directory of some of the state's best cultural offerings including dance, music, storytellers, theatre, tradition bearers, exhibits, and visual artists. Grants of up to 40 percent of the cost of performances are awarded to schools, libraries, cultural centers, and nonprofit organizations to support presentations of those listed in the directory.

The Council is reopening the application process after it exhausted its annual funding for programs on November 13. At that time, the Council awarded \$39,995 in grants for 67 presentations through September 30, 2010. However, there were more requests for funding than the Council could support: 108 applications were received totaling \$68,716, and 18 requests from K-12 schools could not be funded.

“The Michigan Humanities Council is pleased to be able to reopen this popular program to reach more communities and schools who need financial support for quality cultural programs,” said Janice Fedewa, executive director of the Michigan Humanities Council. “Arts and cultural programs in the Touring Directory provide perspective, spur creativity and critical thinking, and enhance our quality of life.”

The Arts & Humanities Touring Program is a collaborative effort between the Michigan Humanities Council and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs. For 11 years, through this partnership, the Councils have provided thousands of programs, engaged more than 8,500 performers/interpreters, reached more than 1.5 million citizens, and invested \$1,019,219 generating about \$5.7 million in economic activity.

An application for grants and the online directory of arts and cultural presenters are available on the Council's website at [www.michiganhumanities.org](http://www.michiganhumanities.org).

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### **About the Arts & Humanities Touring Program**

The 2009-2012 edition of [Michigan's Arts & Humanities Touring Program Directory](#) features 204 of the state's most talented performing and visual artists and humanities presenters. The Touring Program, a joint project of the Michigan Humanities Council and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, offers performers and presenters the opportunity to present their work throughout the state and provides grants to Michigan nonprofit organizations to help cover costs of engaging them for arts and cultural programs.

### **About the Michigan Humanities Council**

The Michigan Humanities Council, founded in 1974, is a non-profit organization funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Each year, the Council reaches tens of thousands of Michigan citizens by supporting humanities and cultural programming in hundreds of Michigan communities.

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