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## **\$49,772 AWARDED FOR ARTS & HUMANITIES PROGRAMS**

(LANSING)-----The Michigan Humanities Council (MHC) recently awarded \$49,772 in Arts and Humanities Touring Program grants to Michigan organizations to support 142 artistic and cultural presentations in 28 counties between April 1 and September 30, 2008. The touring program, funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA), consists of a wide variety of cultural programs from school assembly musical performances to library storytellers.

“These grants bring some of Michigan’s best arts and humanities presenters to communities across the state,” stated Jan Fedewa, MHC executive director. “These programs demonstrate how arts and cultural programs add quality to our lives.”

A complete listing of touring program events is attached and also listed at [michiganhumanities.org](http://michiganhumanities.org). Examples of the programs funded by Michigan’s Arts & Humanities Touring Program include:

- The Blue Water Ramblers, a folk music duo, and Drew Nelson, an acoustic guitar musician, will perform at the Nor-East’r Music and Art Festival on the **Oscoda County Fairgrounds** in **Mio** on June 13, 2008.
- The **Cascade Park 2008 Summer Concert Series** in **Jackson** will feature performances throughout the summer at Cascade Falls Park in Jackson. The touring program supports Boogie Woogie Babies on June 7; the Dave Bennett Quartet on June 13; the Ambassadors Big Band on June 22; Detroit Women on June 29; Gemini on July 9; the Rhythm Society Swing Orchestra on July 12; Rich Eddy’s Rockin’ Oldies Band on July 20; and the New Reformation Jazz Band on September 1.
- **The Troy Museum and Historical Village** will host the Music in the Air 2008 concert series on consecutive Sundays from July 20 – August 17, 2008: the touring program supports performances by the Duclimer Days with Wanda Degen and Pete Witting on July 27; Gratitude Steel Band on August 3; Blackthorn on August 10; and, Rich Eddy’s Oldies Band on August 17.
- Storyteller LaRon Williams will perform at the **Kent District Library** in **Comstock Park** on July 29.

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Touring program grants support live presenters – musicians, storytellers, theater companies, tradition bearers, and dancers – and visual arts programs from the 2006-2009 Arts & Humanities Touring Directory. The programs are hosted and sponsored by community schools, libraries, museums, festivals, art councils, and other nonprofit organizations. Grants are awarded to support up to 35 percent of the performers' fees and expenses.

Michigan nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply for grants for programs scheduled from October 1, 2008 – March 30, 2009. The next application period is scheduled for August 25 – September 10, 2008. Applications are available on the MHC website, [www.michiganhumanities.org/touring](http://www.michiganhumanities.org/touring), and in the printed directory. The directory, a joint project of MHC and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, is sponsored by LaSalle Bank.

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# MICHIGAN ARTS AND HUMANITIES TOURING PROGRAM

Grant Awards: April - September 2008

County	City	Organization	Event	Date	# of progs	Award	County Total
Allegan	Otsego	Otsego Public Schools	Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra	4/26/2008	1	\$2,450	
Allegan	Plainwell	Plainwell Music Society	Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra	7/16/2008	1	\$3,000	\$5,450
Barry	Hastings	Thornapple Arts Council Of Barry County	Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra	4/24/2008	1	\$2,450	\$2,450
Bay	Bay City	State Theatre Of Bay City	Three Men And A Tenor	4/12/2008	1	\$3,000	\$3,000
Berrien	Saint Joseph	Lincoln Elementary School	Jerry Jacoby	4/22/2008	1	\$210	
Berrien	Saint Joseph	Brown Elementary School	Jerry Jacoby: Kid Motivator	4/21/2008	1	\$210	\$420
Calhoun	Albion	Greater Albion Chamber Of Commerce	Marcus Belgrave	9/20/2008	2	\$2,275	
Calhoun	Albion	Greater Albion Chamber Of Commerce	Richard Paul	9/20/2008	2	\$307	
Calhoun	Albion	Greater Albion Chamber Of Commerce	Drumcommunity	9/20/2008	1	\$175	\$2,757
Cheboygan	Cheboygan	Cheboygan Area Arts Council	Wild Swan Theater	5/7/2008	6	\$1,353	\$1,353
Chippewa	Paradise	Paradise Area Chamber Of Commerce	Richard Paul	8/16/2008	2	\$490	
Chippewa	Paradise	Paradise Area Chamber Of Commerce	Mustards Retreat	8/16/2008	2	\$420	
Chippewa	Paradise	Paradise Area Chamber Of Commerce	Chautauqua Express	8/15/2008	2	\$350	
Chippewa	Paradise	Paradise Area Chamber Of Commerce	The Amazing Clark	8/15/2008	2	\$298	
Chippewa	Paradise	Paradise Area Chamber Of Commerce	Blue Water Rambler	8/17/2008	3	\$298	
Chippewa	Paradise	Paradise Area Chamber Of Commerce	Marjorie Schaefer, A.K.A. Mother Goose	8/15/2008	3	\$273	
Chippewa	Paradise	Paradise Area Chamber Of Commerce	Carl Behrend	8/15/2008	2	\$210	
Chippewa	Paradise	Paradise Area Chamber Of Commerce	Ann & Rob Burns As A Reasonable Facsimil	8/16/2008	2	\$210	
Chippewa	Paradise	Paradise Area Chamber Of Commerce	Bill Jamerson	8/15/2008	1	\$158	\$2,707
Crawford	Grayling	Grayling Promotional Association	The Classics Band	9/19/2008	1	\$630	
Crawford	Grayling	Grayling Promotional Association	Stepping Out	5/8/2008	1	\$560	\$1,190
Ingham	East Lansing	Michigan 4-H Foundation	The Amazing Clark	7/14/2008	3	\$315	\$315
Jackson	Jackson	Jackson County Parks & Recreation Dept.	New Reformation Jazz Band	9/1/2008	1	\$875	
Jackson	Jackson	Jackson County Parks & Recreation Dept.	Gemini	7/9/2008	1	\$525	
Jackson	Jackson	Jackson County Parks & Recreation Dept.	Detroit Women	6/29/2008	1	\$700	
Jackson	Jackson	Jackson County Parks & Recreation Dept.	Rhythm Society Swing Orchestra	7/12/2008	1	\$525	
Jackson	Jackson	Jackson County Parks & Recreation Dept.	Boogie Woogie Babies	6/7/2008	1	\$350	
Jackson	Jackson	Jackson County Parks & Recreation Dept.	Rich Eddy'S Rockin' Oldies Band	7/20/2008	1	\$315	
Jackson	Jackson	Jackson County Parks & Recreation Dept.	Dave Bennett'S Quartet	6/13/2008	1	\$700	
Jackson	Jackson	Jackson County Parks & Recreation Dept.	Ambassadors Big Band	6/22/2008	1	\$735	
Jackson	Jackson	Jackson District Library	Jenifer Strauss	6/25/2008	2	\$184	\$4,909
Kalamazoo	Richland	Gull Lake Rotary Club	Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra	7/9/2008	1	\$3,000	
Kalamazoo	Portage	City Of Portage	Dodworth Saxhorn Band	6/21/2008	7	\$1,155	
Kalamazoo	Portage	Amberly Elementary School	Scheer Genius Assembly Show	4/23/2008	2	\$235	\$4,390
Kent	Comstock Park	Kent District Library	Laron Williams	7/29/2008	1	\$158	\$158
Lapeer	Lapeer	Bishop Kelley Catholic School	Cirque Amongus	4/28/2008	2	\$700	\$700
Leelanau	Northport	Northport Community Arts Center	Dave Bennett Quartet	7/19/2008	1	\$1,225	\$1,225
Lenawee	Adrian	Adrian Public Library	Scheer Genius Assembly Shows	8/8/2008	1	\$123	\$123
Macomb	Eastpointe	Eastpointe Parks & Recreation	Gratitude Steel Band	9/27/2008	1	\$225	
Macomb	Eastpointe	Eastpointe Parks & Recreation	Anshu Varma	9/27/2008	1	\$175	
Macomb	Clinton Township	Clinton-Macomb Public Library	Chautauqua Express	8/6/2008	1	\$175	
Macomb	Clinton Township	Macomb County Library	Drumcommunity!	6/17/2008	1	\$122	
Macomb	Clinton Township	Macomb Center F/T Performing Arts	Dodworth Saxhorn Band	5/4/2008	1	\$630	
Macomb	Clinton Township	Macomb Center F/T Performing Arts	Fred & Bonnie Prieb	4/4/2008	3	\$438	\$1,765
Manistee	Onkama	Portage Lake Association	Blue Water Ramblers	7/31/2008	1	\$193	\$193
Marquette	Marquette	Peter White Public Library	Song Of The Lakes	8/14/2008	2	\$1,643	\$1,643
Mason	Ludington	Sandcastles-A Lake Michigan Children'S M	Reg Pettibone'S Authentic Native America	8/21/2008	1	\$245	
Mason	Ludington	Sandcastles-A Lake Michigan Children'S M	Greg Lester'S Puppet Adventure	7/10/2008	1	\$187	
Mason	Ludington	Mason County District Library	Gordon The Magician	7/7/2008	2	\$175	
Mason	Ludington	Mason County District Library	Harpbeat!	8/11/2008	1	\$138	\$745
Montcalm	Howard City	Reynolds Township Library	Tom Plunkard	6/10/2008	1	\$79	\$79
Muskegon	Whitehall	White Lake Performing Arts Company	Like Water Drum & Dance	4/25/2008	1	\$700	\$700
Newaygo	Fremont	Arts Center For Newaygo County	Ray Kamalay & His Red Hot Peppers	4/12/2008	1	\$1,120	\$1,120
Oakland	Rochester	Hugger Elementary Pta	Kevin Kammeraad	5/22/2008	2	\$228	
Oakland	Troy	Troy Museum & Historic Village	Blackthorn	8/10/2008	2	\$560	
Oakland	Troy	Troy Museum & Historic Village	Gratitude Steel Band	8/3/2008	1	\$472	
Oakland	Troy	Troy Museum & Historic Village	Rich Eddy'S Oldies Band	8/17/2008	1	\$350	
Oakland	Troy	Troy Museum & Historic Village	Dulcimer Days With Wanda Degen & Pete Wi	7/27/2008	1	\$175	
Oakland	Highland	Highland Elementary Pto	Cirque Amongus	5/15/2008	2	\$875	
Oakland	Royal Oak	Addams Early Childhood Center	Maureen Schiffman & Coco	4/9/2008	2	\$193	
Oakland	Novi	Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry	Cirque Amongus	8/4/2008	5	\$1,050	
Oakland	Walled Lake	Oakley Park Elementary School	Scheer Genius Assembly Shows	4/2/2008	2	\$230	
Oakland	White Lake	White Lake Township Library	Drumcommunity!	4/19/2008	1	\$120	
Oakland	Troy	Leonard Elementary Pto	Gemini	6/17/2008	1	\$280	
Oakland	Troy	Leonard Elementary Pto	Scheer Genius Assembly Shows""	9/25/2008	2	\$254	
Oakland	Farmington Hills	Hillel Day School	Tom Woodruff	4/28/2008	4	\$996	
Oakland	Milford	Celtic Kettle Coffeehouse	Neil Woodward	4/19/2008	1	\$123	
Oakland	White Lake	White Lake Township Library	Picks & Sticks Stringband	7/29/2008	1	\$200	\$6,106

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Oscoda	Mio	Ausable Valley Nor-East'R Assoc.Of Folk	Drew Nelson	6/13/2008	3	\$105	\$455
St. Clair	Saint Clair	City Of St Clair Recreation Department	Cirque Amongus	7/28/2008	5	\$875	
St. Clair	Port Huron	St Clair County Health Dept	Kelly Church: Black Ash Basketry	4/19/2008	1	\$105	
St. Clair	Algonac	Downriver Recreation Commission	Guy Louis And His Chautauqua Express	8/7/2008	1	\$315	
St. Clair	Ira Township	Immaculate Conception Catholic Church	The Amazing Clark	7/19/2008	8	\$385	\$1,680
St. Joseph	Three Rivers	City Of Three Rivers	Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra	7/17/2008	1	\$3,000	\$3,000
Washtenaw	Milan	Milan Public Library	Gordon The Magician	6/20/2008	1	\$105	\$105
Wayne	Wyandotte	Bacon Memorial District Library	Pianolady Wendy Rollin	7/17/2008	1	\$133	
Wayne	Livonia	Livonia Civic Center Library	Chautauqua Express	6/17/2008	3	\$525	
Wayne	Wyandotte	City Of Wyandotte	Guy Louis & His Chautauqua Express	6/7/2008	1	\$280	
Wayne	Lincoln Park	Lincoln Park Parks And Recreation Dept	Baffling Bill'S Magic Of Learning	9/26/2008	1	\$96	\$1,034
<b>STATEWIDE TOTALS</b>					<b>142</b>	<b>\$49,772</b>	