

WORKPLACE GIVING PROGRAM FUNDS 2008 ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Through the Workplace Giving Program at The St. Petersburg Times, twenty arts education and outreach projects throughout the county are supported, enhanced and expanded. The financial donations derived through the generosity of over seventy employees of the Times, with matching dollars provided by the St. Petersburg Times Fund, Inc., and the Pinellas County Cultural Council, provide grants for arts and cultural organizations. Funds from the grants awards must be used to directly support arts education and outreach programs —administrative or operational expenses are not allowed. The number of cultural institutions receiving grants increased 30% in 2008 compared to the number of grants awarded in 2007. Total funding for the 2008 Arts Education and Outreach grants program is \$56,560.

Level I Organizations that successfully applied for grants include:

EMIT, Inc., \$1,700 to organize workshops with visiting artists Shripad Jail, Haroldo Mauro, Jr.; and jazz combo workshops at several Pinellas high schools; the **Florida West Ballet, Inc.**, \$1,700 for the production of Don Quixote at the Palladium Theater; and the **Sunsation Show Chorus**, \$1,700 to produce a six-week Choral Tune-up Clinic & Community Talent Showcase.

Levels II & III Organizations that successfully applied for grants include:

American Stage, Inc., \$3,200 for their summer camp scholarship fund to provide tuition for disadvantaged students to attend summer camp; **The Arts Center Association, Inc.**, \$3,200 which will help to fund their 10-week Summer Art Camp's supplies, tuition waivers and teacher assistant stipends; the **Choral Masterworks Festival, Inc.**, \$900 to complement The Festival of Voices, a two-day outreach event and workshop for high school choral students and teachers; **Clearwater Jazz Holiday, Inc.**, \$3,200 which will be used for 50% tuition waivers for middle and high school students to attend week-long summer Jazz Intensives at Ruth Eckerd Hall; the **Dunedin Fine Art Center, Inc.**, \$3,200 which will support tuition costs through scholarships for students with financial need, providing access to attend the Sizzlin Summer Art Enrichment Program, Mini Masters, and the Art Squad Teen Program; **Florida Craftsmen, Inc.**, \$3,200 to support summer workshops with notable fiber artists such as Christopher Maloney; **The Florida Orchestra, Inc.**, \$3,200 for their Musicians in the Schools Program; **Great Explorations, Inc.**, \$3,200 for 38 tuition waivers for children with need, including before & after care, meals and snacks, off-site field trips, & tutoring; **Gulf Beach Art Center, Inc.**, \$2,560 which will support tuition scholarships to Creative Arts Camp this summer for students with financial need; the **Museum of Fine Arts of**

St. Petersburg, FL, Inc., \$3,200 to print Museum Masterpiece treasure hunt guides; the **Pier Aquarium, Inc.**, \$3,200 for the Counting on Fish cultural arts program for children & adults; the **Pinellas Youth Symphony**, \$3,200 for financial support of the Serenade Strings Orchestra for advanced string students; **St. Petersburg Historical Society, Inc.**, \$3,200 to expand the Family Aviation Weekend Program and "Diversity in Aviation" Art Exhibit; the **St. Petersburg Little Theatre, Inc.**, \$3,200 to provide additional funding for set construction, supplies, royalties, scripts, props, costumes and fees for camp instructors during the Summer Camps 2008 program; the **Salvador Dali Museum, Inc.**, \$3,200 for the annual Summer Workshop Program for young people, which takes place in financially deprived local neighborhoods; the **Science Center of Pinellas County**, \$3,200 for scholarships awarded to economically disadvantaged students to attend the 2008 Summer Workshops program; and to **Life Force Cultural Arts Academy**, \$3,200 to support production costs for Summer Camp including tap shoes, fabric for costumes and materials for set construction.