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Chagrin Arts Awarded \$24,000 in Project Support from Cuyahoga Arts and Culture

October 26, 2010 – At its regularly scheduled October board meeting yesterday, the trustees for Cuyahoga Arts and Culture announced its official list of grantees for the 2011 funding cycle. Among the recipients was *Chagrin Arts*, receiving a \$24,000 grant in project support for the 2011 *Chautauqua-in-Chagrin* series. *Chagrin Arts* was part of a select group that received a score of 85-100, qualifying the organization for 100% of its requested funding for this specific project. This is the first time that Chagrin Arts applied for funding from CAC, submitting the application in August. “This is an incredible achievement for our organization that ensures our ability to continue our mission of presenting high quality arts and cultural programming in the Chagrin Valley for next summer,” said Chagrin Arts Executive Director Rachel Lappen. “As we continue to seek funding for our all our programs, this gives us the momentum and assurance that our programs have been recognized by Cuyahoga Arts and Culture as enriching the region, truly realizing our mission.”

More than 130 new and returning organizations from all across Cuyahoga County will share in nearly \$15 million over the coming year for both project support and operational support. “More people need to be aware of the incredible impact that this public funding for the arts is having in this region,” said CAC Board President Steven Minter. “Every dollar of CAC funding is an investment in the economic development of our county, helping bring about ticket sales, event attendance, which leads to more restaurant and nightlife activity, which results in greater income and salaries, which goes back into our region’s tax base. It’s a great symbiotic process.”

This list of 2011 grantees includes recipients from both of CAC’s grant programs, General Operation Support and Project Support, which are open to arts and culture focused nonprofit organizations that are based in Cuyahoga County.

CAC is a subdivision of the State of Ohio, which collects a dedicated tax on cigarettes sold in Cuyahoga County, to fund local arts and culture organizations. County voters approved the creation of Cuyahoga Arts and Culture in 2006, and since then \$50 million has been invested in hundreds of arts and culture programs. The CAC is the fifth largest public arts funder in the United States.

About Chagrin Arts

Chagrin Arts, created to enrich lives and promote economic well-being in the Chagrin Valley and Northeast Ohio, collaborates with local, regional, and national organizations to present inspiring programs that raise the profile of Chagrin Falls as a highly regarded destination for arts and culture. The organizations most visible programs are its summer *Chautauqua-in-Chagrin* evenings, its *Chagrin Arts Winter Series*, and its annual *Fire Up!* benefit.

To Obtain Additional Information

For more information about the *Chagrin Arts* or its programs, please call the *Chagrin Arts* main office at 440-247-9700.

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