

## **AARON COPLAND FUND AWARDS GRANTS TO ENSEMBLES**

*–Seventeenth year of grants through the Performing Ensembles Program –*

DECEMBER 5, 2008, NEW YORK, NY – **The Aaron Copland Fund for Music, Inc.** has awarded grants totaling \$600,000 to performing ensembles across America through its 2008 Performing Ensembles Program. Eighty-three organizations received awards in recognition of their commitment to contemporary American music. A complete list of grantees can be viewed below.

The Fund received applications from 171 organizations requesting a total of \$2,069,780. From these, an independent five-person panel reviewed the applications, discussed their relative merits, and made award determinations in the areas of general operating and project support. Among the organizations supported are the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, California EAR Unit, eighth blackbird, Jazz Composers Alliance and So Percussion.

“Once again, our hard-working panel has been able to recognize the indispensable contributions of a broad sampling of American ensembles, from San Francisco’s Adorno Ensemble to St. Paul’s Zeitgeist,” said John Harbison, Fund President. “The Copland Fund welcomes its opportunity to encourage these groups, and to foster their adventurousness and persistence.”

In keeping with his lifelong devotion to the music of America, Aaron Copland created the Fund and bequeathed to it a large part of his estate. The Fund’s purpose is to encourage and improve public knowledge of contemporary American music. In addition to the Performing Ensembles Program, the Fund has established a Recording Program and a Supplemental Program for service organizations and other non-profit institutions.

The next postmark deadline for applications to the Performing Ensembles Program is June 30, 2009. For more information, contact the program’s coordinator at [ensembles@coplandfund.org](mailto:ensembles@coplandfund.org). Complete guidelines and applications are available on this site.

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<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>GRANT</b>
Adorno Ensemble	San Francisco, CA	Project Support	\$4,000
Alabama Symphony Orchestra	Birmingham, AL	Project Support	\$5,000
Alarm Will Sound	New York, NY	General Operating	\$10,000
Albany Symphony Orchestra	Albany, NY	General Operating	\$32,500
American Brass Quintet	New York, NY	General Operating	\$2,000
American Composers Orchestra	New York, NY	General Operating	\$30,000
Anima	Glen Ellyn, IL	General Operating	\$6,000
Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians	New York, NY	General Operating	\$3,000
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra	Atlanta, GA	Project Support	\$5,000
Bang on a Can	Brooklyn, NY	General Operating	\$16,000
Bent Frequency	Atlanta, GA	General Operating	\$2,000
Boston Musica Viva	Somerville, MA	General Operating	\$13,000
Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music	Santa Cruz, CA	General Operating	\$27,500
California EAR Unit	Castaic, CA	General Operating	\$10,000
California Symphony Orchestra	Walnut Creek, CA	Project Support	\$5,000
Cassatt String Quartet	New York, NY	Project Support	\$3,000
Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center	New York, NY	Project Support	\$4,000
Colorado Chamber Players	Denver, CO	General Operating	\$2,000
Community MusicWorks	Providence, RI	Project Support	\$3,000
Contempo	Chicago, IL	General Operating	\$5,000
Contemporary Music Forum	Washington, DC	Project Support	\$2,500
Continuum	New York, NY	General Operating	\$13,000
Copland House	Cortlandt Manor, NY	Project Support	\$5,000
The Crossing	Westmont, NJ	Project Support	\$2,000
Da Capo Chamber Players	New York, NY	General Operating	\$7,000
Del Sol String Quartet	San Francisco, CA	Project Support	\$2,000
Dinosaur Annex Music Ensemble	Brookline, MA	General Operating	\$4,000
Earplay	San Francisco, CA	General Operating	\$6,000
eighth blackbird	Evanston, IL	General Operating	\$13,000
Empyrean Ensemble	Davis, CA	General Operating	\$2,000
Ethel	New York, NY	General Operating	\$8,000
Firebird Ensemble	Somerville, MA	General Operating	\$6,000
Glimmerglass Opera	Cooperstown, NY	Project Support	\$10,000
House Foundation for the Arts	New York, NY	Project Support	\$4,000

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International Contemporary Ensemble	Brooklyn, NY	General Operating	\$10,000
Jazz Composers Alliance	Waltham, MA	General Operating	\$4,000
Kronos Quartet	San Francisco, CA	General Operating	\$10,000
Left Coast Chamber Ensemble	San Francisco, CA	General Operating	\$4,000
Locrian Chamber Players	Jackson Heights, NY	General Operating	\$2,000
Long Leaf Opera	Chapel Hill, NC	General Operating	\$10,000
Los Angeles Master Chorale	Los Angeles, CA	General Operating	\$7,500
Manhattan Brass	New York, NY	General Operating	\$4,500
Manhattan Sinfonietta	New York, NY	General Operating	\$8,000
Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia	Philadelphia, PA	Project Support	\$3,000
Minnesota Orchestra	Minneapolis, MN	Project Support	\$25,000
Music from China	New York, NY	Project Support	\$3,000
Music Institute of Chicago	Winnetka, IL	Project Support	\$5,000
Musiqá	Houston, TX	General Operating	\$8,000
Network for New Music	Philadelphia, PA	General Operating	\$9,000
New World Symphony	Miami Beach, FL	Project Support	\$8,500
New York New Music Ensemble	Staten Island, NY	General Operating	\$5,000
New York Philharmonic	New York, NY	Project Support	\$7,500
New York Virtuoso Singers	South Salem, NY	General Operating	\$9,000
NewEar	Kansas City, MO	General Operating	\$5,000
Newspeak Ensemble	New York, NY	General Operating	\$2,000
NOW Ensemble	New York, NY	General Operating	\$2,000
Oakland East Bay Symphony	Oakland, CA	General Operating	\$13,000
Oakland Opera Theater	Oakland, CA	General Operating	\$10,000
Orchestra 2001	Philadelphia, PA	General Operating	\$6,000
Pacific Symphony	Santa Ana, CA	Project Support	\$8,000
Paul Drescher Ensemble	San Francisco, CA	General Operating	\$11,000
Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble	Pittsburgh, PA	General Operating	\$4,000
Present Music	Milwaukee, WI	General Operating	\$14,000
Providence Singers	Providence, RI	Project Support	\$3,000
Quintet of the Americas	Douglaston, NY	General Operating	\$3,500
Red Light New Music	New York, NY	General Operating	\$2,500
Rova Arts	San Francisco, CA	General Operating	\$4,000
S.E.M. Ensemble	Brooklyn, NY	Project Support	\$4,000
San Francisco Contemporary Music Players	San Francisco, CA	General Operating	\$11,000

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San Francisco Girls Chorus	San Francisco, CA	Project Support	\$6,000
Santa Fe New Music	Santa Fe, NM	General Operating	\$5,000
Sequitur	New York, NY	General Operating	\$6,000
So Percussion	Brooklyn, NY	General Operating	\$6,000
Society for New Music	Syracuse, NY	General Operating	\$11,500
SOLI Chamber Ensemble	San Antonio, TX	General Operating	\$2,000
Southwest Chamber Music	Pasadena, CA	Project Support	\$5,000
VocalEssence	Minneapolis, MN	General Operating	\$12,000
Voices of Change	Dallas, TX	General Operating	\$7,000
Volti	San Francisco, CA	General Operating	\$3,000
Washington Square Contemporary Music Society	New York, NY	General Operating	\$2,000
Westchester Jazz Orchestra	Chappaqua, NY	General Operating	\$4,000
Young People's Chorus of New York City	New York, NY	General Operating	\$5,000
Zeitgeist	St. Paul, MN	General Operating	\$7,000