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**AARON COPLAND FUND FOR MUSIC AWARDS GRANTS  
TO PERFORMING ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE US**

*The Fund provides support for contemporary American music*

The Aaron Copland Fund for Music recently awarded 89 grants totaling \$409,500 to performing organizations with a substantial commitment to contemporary American music. Among the ensembles granted were the American Composers Orchestra, Kronos Quartet, Mark Morris Dance Group, Glimmerglass Opera, Synchronia, from St. Louis, Missouri, Third Angle, from Portland, Oregon, Thamyris, from Atlanta, Georgia, and the Auros Group for New Music, from West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

The selection of grantees and the amounts awarded were determined by a five-person panel appointed by the Fund. The panel considered 144 applications requesting a total of over \$1,531,000. One hundred and three grants were awarded for general operating support; the others for special purposes such as touring, artist residency programs, and concert series'. Grants were made to organizations from 24 states throughout the U. S. and ranged from \$1,000 to \$50,000. The average grant awarded was approximately \$4,600.

John Harbison, President of the Fund, commented: "This year's group of grantees provides a wonderful example of the strength of new American music in the United States. The 89 organizations receiving support from the Copland Fund represent remarkable depth and breadth of disciplines including dance, symphony, chamber music and opera. These groups range from large traditional American arts institutions to small avant-garde community-based ones. We applaud the commitment to serious music evidenced by all the applicants. Their achievements point to the growing need for support from the philanthropic community of corporations, foundations, individuals and government agencies."

In keeping with his lifelong devotion to contemporary American music, 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 and appreciation of contemporary American music. In addition to the Performing Ensembles Program, the Fund has established a Recording Program under which the panel can grant up to \$500,000, and a Supplemental Program for service and other non-profit organizations.

The Recording Program and the Performing Ensembles Program are administered by the American Music Center, a national service organization founded by Aaron Copland with other prominent composers to promote the creation, performance and appreciation of contemporary American music.

The next postmark deadline for receipt of applications to the Performing Ensembles Program is June 30, 1998. To receive guidelines, contact: The American Music Center, 30 West 26th Street, Suite 1001, New York NY 10010; (tel. 212-366-5260).

**Aaron Copland Fund for Music  
Grants to Performing Ensembles 1997**

<b>Grantee</b>		<b>Award</b>
Albany Symphony Orchestra	Albany, NY	\$ 25,000.00
American Baroque	Oakland, CA	\$ 1,000.00
American Chamber Opera Company, Inc	New York, NY	\$ 1,000.00
American Composers Orchestra, Inc.	New York, NY	\$ 50,000.00
American Opera Projects	New York, NY	\$ 1,000.00
American Women Composers Midwest, Inc.	Chicago, IL	\$ 2,000.00
Assoc. for the Advancement of Creative Musicians	New York, NY	\$ 5,000.00
Auros Group for New Music	West Roxbury, MA	\$ 1,000.00
Bang on a Can All-Stars	New York, NY	\$ 4,000.00
Boston Modern Orchestra Project	Cambridge, MA	\$ 8,000.00
Boston Musica Viva	Cambridge, MA	\$ 7,000.00
Bronx Arts Ensemble	Bronx, NY	\$ 6,000.00
Cabrillo Music Festival	Santa Cruz, CA	\$ 13,000.00
California EAR Unit	Los Angeles, CA	\$ 13,000.00
Catskill Chamber Players	Oneonta, NY	\$ 2,000.00
Center for Contemporary Opera	New York, NY	\$ 2,000.00
Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center	New York, NY	\$ 5,000.00
Cleveland Chamber Symphony	Cleveland, OH	\$ 30,000.00
Collage New Music	Boston, MA	\$ 4,000.00
Common Sense Composers' Collective	San Francisco, CA	\$ 2,000.00
Composers Conference	Wellesley, MA	\$ 2,000.00
Composers, Inc.	San Francisco, CA	\$ 1,000.00
Contemporary Music Forum	Washington, DC	\$ 1,000.00
Continuum	New York, NY	\$ 7,000.00
Core Ensemble	Lake Worth, FL	\$ 4,000.00
Da Capo Chamber Players	New York, NY	\$ 4,000.00
Dale Warland Singers	Minneapolis, MN	\$ 5,000.00
Dinosaur Annex Music Ensemble	Boston, MA	\$ 3,500.00
EarPlay	San Francisco, CA	\$ 1,000.00
Empyrean Ensemble	Davis, CA	\$ 1,000.00
Essential Music, Inc.	New York, NY	\$ 1,500.00
Fred Ho & The Afro Asian Music Ensemble	Brooklyn, NY	\$ 2,500.00
Glimmerglass Opera	Cooperstown, NY	\$ 5,000.00
Gregg Smith Singers, Inc.	New York, NY	\$ 10,000.00
Hildegard Chamber Players	Bryn Mawr, PA	\$ 1,000.00
June in Buffalo Ensembles	Buffalo, NY	\$ 4,000.00
Kronos Quartet	San Francisco, CA	\$ 4,000.00
League of Composers/ISCM	New York, NY	\$ 2,000.00
Mark Morris Dance Group	New York, NY	\$ 2,000.00
Metamorphosen	Cambridge, MA	\$ 4,000.00
Mosaic	New York, NY	\$ 1,500.00
Music From China	New York, NY	\$ 2,500.00
Music-Theatre Group	New York, NY	\$ 2,000.00
Musicians' Accord	New York, NY	\$ 1,500.00
National Musical Arts	Washington, DC	\$ 2,000.00
Network for New Music	Philadelphia, PA	\$ 1,000.00
New Ear	Kansas City, MO	\$ 2,000.00

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New Horizons Chamber Ensemble	Baltimore, MD	\$ 1,000.00
New Music Consort	New York, NY	\$ 6,000.00
New York City Opera	New York, NY	\$ 7,500.00
New York Concert Singers	New York, NY	\$ 1,000.00
New York Festival of Song	New York, NY	\$ 1,000.00
New York New Music Ensemble	New York, NY	\$ 5,000.00
New York Virtuoso Singers	South Salem, NY	\$ 1,000.00
Newband	Nyack, NY	\$ 2,000.00
North Country Chamber Players	Littleton, NH	\$ 1,000.00
North/South Consonance	New York, NY	\$ 2,000.00
Orchestra 2001	Wallingford, PA	\$ 6,000.00
Pacific Serenades	Glendale, CA	\$ 1,000.00
Parnassus	New York, NY	\$ 2,500.00
Paul Drescher Ensemble	San Francisco, CA	\$ 3,000.00
Phantom Arts	Cambridge, MA	\$ 1,000.00
Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble	Pittsburgh, PA	\$ 10,000.00
Plymouth Music Series	Minneapolis, MN	\$ 5,000.00
Present Music	Milwaukee, WI	\$ 15,000.00
Prism Quartet	New York, NY	\$ 2,000.00
Quintet of the Americas	New York, NY	\$ 1,000.00
Rejoicensemble!	New York, NY	\$ 1,000.00
Relache, Inc.	Philadelphia, PA	\$ 1,000.00
Resounding Winds	Abilene, TX	\$ 1,000.00
Riverside Symphony Inc.	New York, NY	\$ 4,000.00
Rohnert Park Chamber Orchestra	Rohnert Park, CA	\$ 2,000.00
S.E.M. Ensemble, Inc.	Brooklyn, NY	\$ 2,000.00
San Francisco Choral Artists	San Francisco, CA	\$ 1,000.00
San Francisco Contemporary Music Players	San Francisco, CA	\$ 8,000.00
Santa Fe Desert Chorale	Santa Fe, NM	\$ 1,000.00
Seal Bay Festival	Vinalhaven, ME	\$ 1,500.00
Society for New Music	Syracuse, NY	\$ 10,000.00
Southwest Chamber Music Society	Pasadena, CA	\$ 5,000.00
Speculum Musicae, Inc.	New York, NY	\$ 2,000.00
St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble	New York, NY	\$ 3,500.00
Synchronia	St. Louis, MO	\$ 2,000.00
Thamyris	Atlanta, GA	\$ 2,500.00
Third Angle	Portland, OR	\$ 2,500.00
Univ. of Chicago Contemporary Chamber Players	Chicago, IL	\$ 5,000.00
Voices of Change	Dallas, TX	\$ 8,000.00
Washington Sq. Contemporary Music Society	New York, NY	\$ 1,000.00
Women's Philharmonic	San Francisco, CA	\$ 7,500.00
Zeitgeist	St. Paul, MN	\$ 4,000.00