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ARTS COUNCIL SILICON VALLEY ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR 76 ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

San Jose, CA, June 8, 2010 – Arts Council Silicon Valley today announced that it has awarded \$282,002 in grants to 76 arts and cultural organizations focused on theatre, dance, music, and visual and literary art forms throughout Santa Clara County – a 10 percent increase in funding allocation over last year.

Through its Community Arts Fund (CAF) program, the Arts Council awarded 41 community-based, small-budget arts groups project support grants ranging from \$1,636 to \$4,000 for arts activities reflective of our multicultural region. Organizations receiving grants awards this year include the Afsaneh Arts and Culture Society (San Jose), Quadre – The Voice of Four Horns (Mountain View), South Valley Quilt Association (Morgan Hill), and the Rainbow Women’s Chorus (San Jose). To date, the Arts Council has distributed over \$2 million through this program’s history.

To provide general operating support to professional and semi-professional arts groups with budgets ranging from \$100,000 to \$2 million, the Arts Council awarded grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 to 35 organizations through its Regional Arts Fund (RAF) program. A few of the organizations receiving grants awards this year through this program include Teatro Vision de San Jose (San Jose), Triton Museum of Art (Santa Clara), San Jose Jazz (San Jose), and the Palo Alto Art Center (Palo Alto). Throughout the program’s history, more than \$3 million has been distributed through this program.

“In these challenging economic times, Arts Council support of these arts organizations not only helps financially sustain them, but adds to the economic and cultural vitality of this region,” said Bruce W. Davis, Executive Director, Arts Council Silicon Valley. “These organizations help build a vibrant, well-rounded community and we must do all we can to ensure that artistic and creative innovation continues.”

In partnership with the County of Santa Clara, and as the largest private nonprofit arts council in the state, the Arts Council funds the most arts organizations of any funder in Santa Clara County through its grants programs. Once the applications are submitted, a grants panel of community members representative of county demographics and professional expertise review the applicants and make a funding recommendation to the Arts Council Board of Trustees. Grants are distributed each year in July.

To view a complete listing of 2010 CAF and RAF grants recipients, visit:

www.artscouncil.org/about/grantees.asp.

About Arts Council Silicon Valley

Arts Council Silicon Valley is an independent, nonprofit arts agency dedicated to providing funding, advocacy support, and marketing services to the region's arts organizations and artists. As the official state/local partner with the California Arts Council, the County of Santa Clara, and the National Endowment for the Arts, Arts Council Silicon Valley is the largest nonprofit arts council in the state. Since the organization's inception in 1982, the Arts Council has provided nearly \$25 million in grants and services to local arts and cultural organizations, individual artists, schools, and community groups. For more information on Arts Council Silicon Valley go to: www.artscouncil.org

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