



LEXARTS

## **2008 Campaign for the Arts Exceeds Goal**

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Lexington, KY, May 23, 2007 --- LexArts is pleased to announce that the 2008 Campaign for the Arts raised \$1,153,522 to date, exceeding our goal of \$1,125,000.

This amount is pending the Urban County Council's approval of LexArts' \$350,000 allocation and \$100,000 challenge grant, in Mayor Jim Newberry's proposed budget for next fiscal year, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

"The historic support of Mayor Newberry, Vice-Mayor Gray and the Urban County Council reflects this city's fundamental belief that the arts are an integral part of our economic and social well-being," said Jim Clark, President and CEO of LexArts. "In a challenging economic environment we are all the more grateful for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's support."

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of the Campaign Cabinet under the leadership of Chair Julie Young, LexArts has met the Campaign goal earlier than ever before. "We have a very effective Campaign Cabinet this year and the efforts of these dedicated volunteers are a large part of why we have already exceeded our goal. The Campaign Cabinet's work must be commended and the arts community is fortunate to have a strong base of people donating their time to the Campaign for the Arts," said Young.

"This has been a remarkable Campaign, never before has LexArts reached its goal so quickly," said Clark. "We are grateful to all the individuals and businesses who have steadfastly contributed their time, energy and financial resources to the arts and ultimately to the betterment of the Bluegrass."

Proceeds from the Campaign go towards broadening the base of support for the arts, promoting excellence in the arts and arts management and ensuring that arts organizations are financially stable. As a result of the Campaign, institutional support is provided to Actors Guild of Lexington, Central Kentucky Youth Orchestras, the Lexington Art League, Lexington Children's Theatre, the Lexington Philharmonic, and the Living Arts & Science Center. Program and project support is provided to organizations such as the Singletary Center for the Arts for the Corner on Classics series; the University of Kentucky Art Museum for school and teacher outreach; and the Jazz Arts Foundation for Jazz: Live at the Library.

### **About LexArts**

LexArts is a nonprofit community organization that works for the development of a strong and vibrant arts community as a means of enhancing the quality of life in central Kentucky. Through its annual *Campaign for the Arts*, LexArts raises millions of dollars in support

of local arts. In turn, LexArts underwrites the operating expenses for a variety of Beneficiary Groups, offers affordable exhibition and performance space for arts organizations, as well as competitive grants for community outreach projects. Visit LexArts website at [www.lexarts.org](http://www.lexarts.org).

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