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Arts Commission announces new Regional Arts Partner for Region Eight

(Indianapolis, Indiana) – The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) and the Brown County Community Foundation announced today that the Nashville-based nonprofit began serving as Regional Arts Partner for the IAC’s Region 8 effective July 1, 2015.

“We are eager to have the Brown County Community Foundation represent the Commission and serve the cultural needs in Region 8,” said Lewis C. Ricci, IAC Executive Director. “This region of the state has a very high concentration of artists, arts organizations, and cultural programming providers. We are confident they will be well served by the partnership.”

Region 8 includes: Brown, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Morgan, Orange, and Owen counties.

“The Brown County Community Foundation is honored to have been chosen to be the new Indiana Arts Commission Region 8 Arts Partner,” said Larry Pejeau, CEO of the Brown County Community Foundation. “The Board of Trustees has committed the organization’s discretionary grant dollars to support four areas of focus: early childhood education, the environment, health and wellness, and arts and cultural preservation. Expanding our ability to award state funded grant dollars to artists and arts organizations throughout the region is a natural fit for Brown County’s long and storied arts traditions. We welcome this opportunity to increase awareness of the importance of arts to our communities, our commitment to arts grant support and to advocating for increased arts funding.”

Regional Arts Partner organizations must be nonprofit or public organizations that meet IAC criteria for providing services to multiple counties in their geographic region. Organizations are awarded a grant to meet key service delivery in their regions. The IAC’s network of Regional Arts Partners annually provide grants to more than 300 community-based arts organizations and cultural programming providers statewide.

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The selection of the Brown County Community Foundation was approved by the Commission during its March 20, 2015 Quarterly Business Meeting in Fort Wayne, and fiscal Year 2016 funding for all Regional Arts Partners was authorized at the June 19, 2015 Quarterly Business Meeting in Indianapolis.

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