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MOODY FUND FOR THE ARTS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Grants Support Small Dallas Nonprofit Arts Organizations

Applications Will Be Accepted Until 3/15

(Dallas) The nonprofit AT&T Performing Arts Center today announced that applications for Moody Fund for the Arts (“MFA”) grants are now being accepted at moodyartsfund.org until March 15, 2019. MFA was created to provide flexible grants to small Dallas arts groups that are supported by the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs. They must be nonprofit and have annual budgets of less than \$1 million. In 2018, MFA awarded \$150,000 in grants to 36 groups. The maximum grant is \$7,500.

Submissions will be reviewed through a two-tiered panel selection process which will include arts educators, administrators, advocates, philanthropists and a Cultural Affairs Commissioner. Grants awards will be announced in June 2019. Applicants can find **information on categories and scoring**, including a judging rubric and downloadable application, on the [fund's website](http://moodyartsfund.org).

MFA Grants may be awarded for:

- Commissions of original works and artistic collaborations.
- Support for new works, innovative programs and offsetting rent and production costs at Moody Performance Hall and other venues.
- Programs, projects and exhibitions that address important issues of cultural equity and community access to the arts.
- Programs that create and deliver cultural experiences to all parts of Dallas and the hosting of artist-in-residency programs.
- Operating, staff and marketing support for new initiatives.
- Support of capacity building.
- Other projects deemed important to the vibrancy of the arts in the city.

The Moody Fund for the Arts is a \$10 million endowment that is part of a \$22 million gift from the Moody Foundation to the arts in Dallas, including a \$12 million gift to the AT&T Performing Arts Center's capital campaign. In recognition of the generosity of the Galveston-based Moody Foundation, the City of Dallas renamed Dallas City Performance Hall in the Dallas Arts District to Moody Performance Hall.

Applicants can e-mail questions about the grant submission process to grants@moodyartsfund.org or call 214-978-2840.

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ABOUT THE AT&T PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The AT&T Performing Arts Center is a nonprofit foundation that operates and programs a 10-acre campus comprised of three premier performance venues and a park in downtown Dallas. Opening in October 2009, the Center has helped complete the 30-year vision of the Dallas Arts District.

Audiences enjoy the best and most recent from Broadway; the finest dance companies from across the globe co-presented with TITAS Presents; top concerts and performers with Center Presents; and cutting-edge speakers from the #hearhere series. Thousands of students explore and more deeply experience the arts through the Center's education program, Open Stages. Working with local service agencies, the Center provides free tickets to underserved individuals and families through Community Partners. These programs are made possible by the ongoing support of donors and members.

The Center's five resident companies are among the city's leading arts institutions: Anita N. Martinez Ballet Folklorico, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, The Dallas Opera, Dallas Theater Center and Texas Ballet Theater.

Designed by internationally acclaimed architects, the Center's campus includes the Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House, Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre, Annette Strauss Square, and Elaine D. and Charles A. Sammons Park, which are some of the finest performance venues in the world.

The Center's mission is to provide a public gathering place that strengthens community and fosters creativity through the presentation of performing arts and arts education programs. For more information about the AT&T Performing Arts Center and to purchase tickets, become a member, or make a donation, visit www.attpac.org.

ABOUT THE MOODY FOUNDATION

The Moody Foundation was established in 1942 by William L. Moody Jr. and his wife, Libbie Rice Shearn Moody. Since its inception, the Foundation has donated more than \$1.4 billion in grants across the state for the perpetual benefit of present and future Texans. These grants have ranged from the establishment of the Moody Fund for the Arts, to the naming of the Moody Performance Hall in the Dallas Arts District and Moody Coliseum at Southern Methodist University, to the Highland Park Independent School District Moody Innovations Institute for STEAM, and an expanded volunteer training program for Dallas CASA. The Moody Foundation is governed by a board of three Trustees – Frances Moody-Dahlberg, Ross Moody and Elizabeth Moody. Learn more at www.moodyf.org.