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**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES GRANT TO  
THE MANN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**

***\$30,000 grant will support the Orchestra Summer Concert Series***

December 8, 2010 Philadelphia, PA Rocco Landesman, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, has announced that The Mann Center for the Performing Arts has been approved for a grant of \$30,000 to support the Orchestra Summer Concert Series. The Mann Center is one of 1,057 not-for-profit organizations recommended for a grant as part of the federal agency's first round of fiscal year 2011 grants. In total, the Arts Endowment will distribute \$26.68 million to support projects nationwide.

An independent agency of the federal government, the National Endowment for the Arts advances artistic excellence, creativity, and innovation for the benefit of individuals and communities. NEA Chairman Rocco Landesman said, "I continue to be impressed with the creative, innovative, and excellent projects brought forward by arts organizations across the country. Our grantees are not only furthering their art forms but also enhancing their neighborhoods by making them more vibrant, livable, and fun."

Catherine M. Cahill, CFO and President of The Mann said, "The Mann Center has a long and proud tradition of presenting our Orchestra Concert Series each year in Fairmount Park. With this vital grant from the NEA, once again the people of Philadelphia and the tri-state area will experience a wonderful summer of music. We are most grateful for the continued support from the NEA."

The Mann Center for the Performing Arts will present its Summer Orchestra Concert Series as the highlight of the 2011 summer season, with decisions on repertoire to be made winter 2010/ spring 2011. Additional programming for the 2011 season at The Mann Center will include jazz, pops, contemporary, rock, new music, dance, operatic, education and a visual art installation. This wide variety of programming supports The Mann's mission of cultural enrichment of the community and enhanced public awareness and enjoyment of the performing arts. Regardless of the diversity of programming presented at The Mann Center, the Board and administration view the Orchestra

Summer Concert Series as the foundation of our season and an essential element of Philadelphia's rich cultural fabric to which The Mann is dedicated.

### **ABOUT THE MANN CENTER**

Accessible, attractive, festive and fun, The Mann Center for the Performing Arts presents diverse, world class entertainment in a casually elegant and relaxing setting at affordable prices. The venue underwent extensive renovations in 2007, enhancing the uniquely wonderful Mann Center experience for its 173,000 visitors annually.

The summer home of the Philadelphia Orchestra since the 1930s, The Mann Center for the Performing Arts, located in Philadelphia's beautiful Fairmount Park, continues its rich tradition as Delaware Valley's premiere outdoor cultural arts center. Concerts and programs encompass all musical genres from pop, jazz, r & b, rock and contemporary, to dance theater, opera and classical. Dine under the stars at Stephen Starr's Crescendo, our tented restaurant overlooking the spectacular Philadelphia skyline, or spread out a picnic blanket on the lush lawn of The Mann Center. There are several bars and concession stands for food and beverages as well as an Encore booth for concert keepsakes. For more information on The Mann Center visit [www.manncenter.org](http://www.manncenter.org)

*The **National Endowment for the Arts** was established by Congress in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government that has awarded more than \$4 billion on projects of artistic excellence, creativity, and innovation for the benefit of individuals and communities. The NEA extends its work through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector. To join the discussion on how art works, visit the National Endowment for the Arts at [arts.gov](http://arts.gov).*

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