

New Partnership for French-American Jazz Exchange

Baltimore, MD - February 2, 2011 - Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, [FACE](#) and the [Cultural Services of the French Embassy](#) have announced a new partnership to administer the French-American Jazz Exchange ("FAJE"). Created in 2005, the program is dedicated to furthering the creative and professional development of jazz artists from France and the United States through the interchange of artistic practice and exposure to new constituencies. FAJE is made possible through the generous support of [Cultural Services of the French Embassy](#), [Doris Duke Charitable Foundation](#), [Société des Auteurs et Compositeurs de Musique](#) (SACEM), Florence Gould Foundation and [CulturesFrance](#).

FAJE supports projects designed collaboratively by French and American professional jazz artists that encourage artistic exploration, foster intercultural dialogue, and contribute to the dynamism of the art form. Creative residencies, composition, recording, performances, and other activities that develop new professional relationships and audiences are eligible for support. Projects may include jazz artists in France and the United States working together or investigating other musical forms with artists working in different genres.

"A one-day summit for French and American jazz professionals sponsored by the Foundation in 2010 affirmed the value of international artistic collaboration, even while participants yearned for deeper, longer, potentially larger experiences," noted Ed Henry, President of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. "This new program-by significantly increasing the size of the potential grant award and by expanding the potential focus of the funded projects-represents a new set of opportunities for jazz." Antonin Baudry, Cultural Counselor for the French Embassy to the United States commented, "The Cultural Services of the French Embassy and FACE look forward to continuing their remarkable collaboration with the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and to the exciting new partnership with Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation that will result in the further development and expansion of FAJE, which continues to serve the international community of jazz musicians." Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation Executive Director Alan Cooper stated, "We are pleased to join our French partners in administering the French-American Jazz Exchange, which furthers the Foundation's longstanding commitment to jazz and international cultural exchange."

FAJE will annually award \$100,000 in grants, not to exceed \$25,000 each, through a competitive application process to support projects that take place either in France or the United States and their territories or both, within a 16-month period. Individual artists or ensembles whose members are citizens or permanent residents of France or the United States and are based in their resident countries are eligible to participate in the program. Funding may be used towards artist stipends, communications, equipment and space rentals, marketing, recording and production fees, shipping, travel-related expenses, and visa fees.

Program guidelines are available [here](#).

Additional support will be available to artists who received funding through FAJE for

touring in the mid-Atlantic region of the United States. Presenters in Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, U.S. Virgin Islands, and West Virginia will be eligible to receive fee-subsidy for booking selected FAJE artists beginning in the 2012-2013 season.

Questions concerning the FAJE program should be directed to its two program officers. French applicants should contact Emmanuel Morlet, Director Music Office, Cultural Services of the French Embassy at emmanuel.morlet@diplomatie.gouv.fr. American applicants should contact Sara Donnelly, Program Officer, Jazz at sara@midatlanticarts.org.

About Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation

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About FACE (French-American Cultural Exchange)

FACE is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting contemporary creative work in the context of French-American cultural and educational exchange. FACE administers programs and projects in dance, secondary and higher education, film, music, theater, and the visual arts. FACE is overseen by a Board of Trustees and works in partnership with the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in the United States. Visit: www.facecouncil.org

About the Cultural Services of the French Embassy

The Cultural Services of the French Embassy is dedicated to the promotion of French culture and language throughout the United States. With headquarters in New York, the Cultural Services also maintains regional offices in Washington, D.C. and other major cities in the U.S. It offers a broad spectrum of opportunities for the American public to learn about and experience French culture, in the fields of performing and visual arts, television and cinema, literature and humanities, and education. Visit: www.frenchculture.org

About the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation

The mission of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation is to improve the quality of people's lives through grants supporting the performing arts, environmental conservation, medical research and the prevention of child maltreatment, and through preservation of the cultural and environmental legacy of Doris Duke's properties. Visit: <http://www.ddcf.org>

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