



sample news release for individual artists

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CONTACT: (your name)
(your phone number and email address)

DATE:

(Your name) **RECEIVES**
MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION (GRANT or FELLOWSHIP)

(Jackson, MS) – (Your name) of (your city) has been awarded a (\$ amount) grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC). This grant is a portion of the \$1.61 million in grants the Commission awarded in 2015-2016 and will be used to (do what?). The grants are made possible by continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

“The arts in Mississippi are now being recognized as a key component to economic development and as a driver for creative strategies for the growth of our communities,” said Dr. Tom Pearson, Executive Director of MAC. “Individual artists play a vital role as really the backbone of this movement, and it is an honor for this agency to be a part of their professional growth.”

.....insert short paragraph about your work and accomplishments.....

The Mississippi Arts Commission is a state agency serving residents of the state by providing grants that support programs to enhance communities; assist artists and arts organizations; promote the arts in education and celebrate Mississippi’s cultural heritage. Established in 1968, the Mississippi Arts Commission is funded by the Mississippi Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Mississippi Endowment for the Arts at the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson and other private sources. The agency serves as an active supporter and promoter of arts in community life and in arts education.

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