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FRANKFORT, Ky. – On Feb. 22 arts leaders came from across the Commonwealth to celebrate the public value of the arts and to thank legislators for their continued support of the Kentucky Arts Council.

State Sen. Bob Leeper and Rep. Brent Housman presented the Paducah Symphony Orchestra with a ceremonial check for \$20,560 for a Kentucky Arts Partnership competitive grant awarded by the Kentucky Arts Council in July 2010. David Mast, former board member, Paducah Symphony Orchestra and Mary Hammond, executive director, Paducah Convention and Visitors Bureau, accepted the check on behalf of the Paducah Symphony Orchestra.

Kentucky Arts Partnership grants provide operational support to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations to ensure year-round arts activities and opportunities are available to Kentuckians.

"The Paducah Symphony Orchestra contributes to Paducah's reputation as an arts destination through its concerts at the Carson Center and different venues in the community," said Rep. Housman.

"To have a symphony of the caliber of Paducah Symphony Orchestra in western Kentucky is a great asset in drawing in visitors and new economic development," said Sen. Leeper.

The Paducah Symphony Orchestra, the Carson Center's orchestra-in-residence, provides high quality orchestral and choral music to area residents and employment to professional musicians in western Kentucky. It encompasses a wide range of ensembles, including the professional orchestra, Paducah POPS, an auditioned 70-member symphony chorus and a multi-county 60-member children's chorus.

The [Kentucky Arts Council](#), the state arts agency, creates opportunities for Kentuckians to value, participate in and benefit from the arts. Kentucky Arts Council funding is provided by the Kentucky General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Photo Caption: L. to R. Wilma Brown, board member, Kentucky Arts Council; Rep. Brent Housman; David Mast, former board member, Paducah Symphony Orchestra; Mary Hammond, executive director, Paducah Convention and Visitors Bureau; and Sen. Bob Leeper

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