

## **JEROME FOUNDATION FY 2008 Grants Awarded in Miscellaneous**

### **The Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies**

In an exception to its geographic policy, but in accordance with the history and circumstances of the Foundation's creation, the Board approved a two-year grant of \$15,000 to THE ASPEN INSTITUTE's Nonprofit Sector and Philanthropy Program, Washington, D.C., which is acting as the base for a study under the direction of Christine Vincent. There is a growing number of private foundations being created and endowed by artists, especially visual artists. Vincent is studying this expanding sector at a critical moment of development in order to support and strengthen it. The study will measure and profile the sector, examine trends in the formation and focus of artist-endowed foundations, convene foundation leaders to discuss issues influencing artist-endowed foundations, and document sound practices. Outcomes will include a published study with recommendations, a database housed at Princeton University's Cultural Policy and Arts National Data Archive, an online resource directory and annotated bibliography. A dissemination initiative consisting of published articles, papers, conference programs and other strategies will encourage the formation and vitality of artist-endowed foundations. The Jerome Foundation was created and endowed by artist and philanthropist Jerome Hill.

### **Council on Foundations**

Annual membership and general support grants totaling \$20,400 were awarded to the COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS, Washington, D.C. to provide services to its members and the general public. Jerome Foundation has been a member since 1975. The Council engages its members in a commitment to the public good and to their individual philanthropic purposes. The Council calls on its members to adhere to the highest standards of ethical behavior, stewardship, accountability and transparency, diversity and inclusiveness, sound governance and respect for applicants.

### **Grantmakers in Film + Electronic Media**

#### **ReNew Media**

The Jerome Foundation Board approved a two-year commitment of \$5,000 to RENEW MEDIA, New York City, acting as fiscal sponsor for GRANTMAKERS IN FILM + ELECTRONIC MEDIA (GFEM). Open to all foundations as well as government agencies and nonprofit organizations with significant media grantmaking programs, GFEM is an active forum and source of learning for grantmakers concerned with media. It advocates for the funding of innovative and public interest media as a vital and essential cultural force within the dominant forms of creative, social and journalistic expressions of our time. GFEM engages funders in key media issues and developments in the field through festivals, grantmaker briefings, annual conferences, regional conferences, a media policy working group, information services and special projects.

### **Grantmakers in the Arts**

Jerome Foundation provided two years of general support to GRANTMAKERS IN THE ARTS, Seattle, Washington, for a total commitment of \$22,000. Grantmakers in the Arts is an affinity group of the Council on Foundations. Its membership includes public and private sector grantmakers as well as individual donors. Its mission is to work within philanthropy to improve society's health by strengthening the role of arts and culture. It promotes discourse and ideas about arts philanthropy within a diverse community of grantmakers. It accomplishes this through publications, conferences and research.

### **Minnesota Council on Foundations**

An annual membership and general support grant of \$6,750 was awarded to the MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to provide services to its members and the general public. The Council promote responsible and effective philanthropy.

### **New York Regional Association of Grantmakers**

The NEW YORK REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GRANTMAKERS, New York City, is a nonprofit forum that conducts research, advocates for its members, tracks proposed legislation and regulations that affect its membership, offers an array of educational programs, provides a networking function, convenes and provides support services to members, posts employment opportunities, and interfaces with the general public on behalf of its members. Founded in 1979, NYRAG is at the forefront of grantmaking in the New York metropolitan area. Jerome Foundation made a \$750 commitment as an Associate Member.