

Congressman Rothman Announces Federal Dollars for Hackensack's Center for Modern Dance Education

Federal Stimulus Bill funding helps preserve jobs

(Washington, DC) — Today, Congressman Steve Rothman (D — NJ), a member of the U.S. House Appropriations Committee, announced a federal grant totaling \$25,000 for the Center for Modern Dance Education in Hackensack. The grant, obtained through the Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Stimulus Bill) and distributed through the National Endowment for the Arts, will be used to support the preservation of jobs at the Center, such as dance instructors and administrators, during the current economic decline.

"I was delighted to help direct these federal dollars to the Center for Modern Dance in Hackensack," said Rothman. "Dance and other artistic endeavors are important to nurture talent and instill confidence in students, and encourages them to reach their full artistic potential. The Center will receive \$25,000 through the Recovery Act, enabling it to continue to serve Hackensack's children and adults who want to pursue dance."

These grants through the Recovery Act help support projects that involve the arts — both new and established. Projects include commissions, residencies, rehearsals, workshops, performances, exhibitions, publications, festivals and training programs. This round of grants includes 631 Recovery Act grants across the United States, totaling \$29.775 million that will be used to retain jobs across all arts' disciplines.

"This grant will not only directly help support jobs in the arts, but will also help us continue to offer the kind of accessible programs that are such a big part of our mission as a community organization," said Elissa Machlin-Lockwood, the Center for Modern Dance's Artistic Director.

The Center for Modern Dance Education, a non-profit organization founded in 1962, provides a communitywide artistic outlet by making modern dance accessible to everyone.

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