CLORE DUFFIELD FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES FINAL ROUND OF ARTS AWARDS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TOTALLING £118,485

The Clore Duffield Foundation today announced 17 Clore Performing Arts Awards – totalling – £118,485 for inspirational creative projects for children and young people across the UK.

This final round of the Programme attracted a very high standard of applications from a variety of organisations. The projects funded include: music-making with musicians and composers for young people in an area with few such opportunities; a project for young people making site-specific theatre; a steel-pan project for 13 to 18 year-olds; a project in Manchester focusing on dance for boys and young men; a song-writing project for 14 to 19 year-olds; a choreography project for 16 to 18 year-olds; technical theatre courses for over 7s; and a project focusing on the development of jazz, involving a performance by young people in which they will teach the audience basic steps. The projects span urban and rural areas throughout England, Northern Ireland and Scotland. The highest of the 17 recommended grants is £10,000; the lowest £800; and the average is £6970.

The Clore Performing Arts Awards have been awarded twice a year since 2005, since when 151 awards have been allocated, totalling £986,853. The Awards have encouraged direct participation in the arts by children and young people, particularly by those living in areas – rural and urban – where high quality provision in the performing arts is more difficult to access. Recipients have included early years groups; special needs pupils; and primary and secondary-age pupils, both in and out of school. The recipients in this round are four schools, and 13 arts or community-based organisations.

Sally Bacon, Executive Director of the Foundation, said: "This Programme has been very rewarding for us over the past five years. We have sought to focus on high quality, memorable, performing arts projects across a range of diverse rural and urban settings. The growth in number of schools projects we have funded has been a testament to the commitment which so many schools and teachers share to ensure that their students experience a memorable involvement with culture. We look forward to devising a new awards programme for 2010, focused on under 18s and on another aspect of their cultural experience."

The list of all 17 newly-funded projects is below – additional information on the projects is available on the Clore Duffield Foundation website, www.cloreduffield.org.uk, together with a full list of all 151 projects funded through the Programme. A full review of the five years of the Programme will be published on the website in summer 2010.

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	Organisation	Location	Amount
1.	Alton College	Alton, Hampshire	£2,000
2.	Big Telly Theatre	Portstewart, Northern Ireland	£9,850
3.	Castle Federation	Morpeth, Northumberland	£7,200
4.	Changemakers (Youth Action Team)	Birmingham, West Midlands	£4,700
5.	Charter Academy	Portsmouth, Hampshire	£8,750
6.	Dance Initiative Greater Manchester	Liverpool, Merseyside	£9,891
7.	Dundee Repertory Theatre	Dundee, Scotland	£9,500
8.	Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival	Huddersfield, Yorkshire	£9,700
9.	Manchester Camerata	Greater Manchester	£8,329
10.	North Devon Theatres Trust	Barnstaple, North Devon	£6,460
11.	Prema	Uley, Gloucestershire	£10,000
12.	Pyramid of Arts	Leeds, Yorkshire	£10,000
13.	Spitalfields Music	Tower Hamlets, London	£8,400
14.	St Paul's Arts Trust	Tower Hamlets, London	£8,050
15.	The Abbey Primary School	Northampton, East Midlands	£800
16.	The King Edward VI School	Morpeth, Northumberland	£2,000
17.	Youth Dance Tynedale	Hexham, Northumberland	£2,855
TOTAL			£118,485