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MID-ATLANTIC ARTS FOUNDATION SUPPORTS "QUETZALLI" FOR 2004/05 TOURING

The Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation (MAAF) has announced it will support 2004/05-season touring of Ballet Folklorico "Quetzalli" de Veracruz (SRO Artists, Inc.). Arts presenters in Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, U.S. Virgin Islands, and West Virginia may qualify for performance grants with the group.

According to Martha Dodson, Performing Arts & Leadership Development Program Officer at MAAF, "Funding for [2004/05 season] engagements of "Quetzalli" will be the lesser of 40% of the negotiated artist fee or \$4,000."

"Quetzalli" was founded in 1985 in Veracruz, Mexico. Their performances showcase the culture and folklore of old Mexico with live music and dance. The company has been the official representatives for Secretary of Tourism and Economic Development for the State of Veracruz since 1986 having given hundreds of performances across Mexico and the United States, South America, Asia, Europe and the Caribbean.

The mid-Atlantic tour of "Quetzalli" is funded, in part, by MAAF in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program.

MAAF is also collaborating with arts agencies in the Washington, DC region to implement a multidisciplinary cultural exchange program with Mexico entitled Capital Region Cultural Exchange with Mexico (CAP/MEX/EX). The program will feature short-term artist-residency projects in both Mexico and the National Capital region. Four residencies for DC-area artists are currently planned in Mexico.

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