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### UNITED ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES GRANT RECIPIENTS

Naples, Florida (April 1, 2011) - The United Arts Council announces the recipients of the 2011 Community Arts Fund grants. Funding for this year's grants was provided by the Community Foundation of Collier County in support of worthy projects at the smaller non-profit arts organizations.

Grant awards were presented in a ceremony at the United Arts Council's meeting of the Arts Forum on Friday, April 8, at Rookery Bay.

This year's grant recipients and their projects are:

- **Naples Concert Band** - printing costs for their annual brochure
- **Music Makers Show Band** - new sheet music for the organization's library
- **Naples Music Club** - expansion of master classes for low-income middle school students
- **Voices of Naples** - expansion of student mentor program
- **Friends of Rookery Bay** - purchase supplies and equipment for use at art gallery exhibit openings
- **Music for Minors** - purchase new instruments and re-furbish donated instruments for low-income middle-school music students
- **Everglades Society for Historic Preservation** - purchase of mats & frames for donated paintings
- **Friends of the Everglades** - purchase of covers for Rob Storter traveling exhibition
- **Naples Historical Society** - purchase supplies for use in student history programs
- **Bayshore CAPA** - part-time employee to handle details related to expanded performance schedule
- **Naples Opera Society** - funding for website changes and communication upgrades
- **Naples ArtCrafters** - purchase of supplies for annual Empty Bowls event

- **Naples Orchestra & Chorus** – funding of costs related to annual performances

The United Arts Council is designated by the state of Florida as the official local arts agency for Collier County. The non-profit organization is responsible for promoting the arts locally and coordinating a consolidated calendar for the county's arts and cultural organizations. To view the calendar and for more information about the local arts community, visit [www.collierarts.com](http://www.collierarts.com).