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STEOLOGY Receives NEA Access to Artistic Excellence Grant for the Bay Area Tap Festival

STEOLOGY, a San Francisco-based nonprofit corporation, received an "Access to Artistic Excellence" grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in support of the 2008 Bay Area Tap Festival. The Festival, now in its sixth year, celebrates the uniquely American art form of tap dance, and features Festival artists in a week of instructional workshop classes and a free panel discussion hosted by San Francisco Dance Center. The Festival culminates with the *Bay Area Rhythm Exchange* – a production which features Festival artists in a concert performance with live musical accompaniment at San Francisco's historic Herbst Theatre. A diverse, multi-generational roster of today's tap stars from Broadway, film, and the concert stage have earned the *Bay Area Rhythm Exchange* a listing in the San Francisco Chronicle's Top Ten Dance Performances of the Year for both 2005 and 2006.

About the National Endowment for the Arts

The NEA is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts -- both new and established -- bringing the arts to all Americans, and providing leadership in arts education. Established by Congress in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government, the Arts Endowment is the largest national funder of the arts, bringing great art to all 50 states, including rural areas, inner cities, and military bases. For more information, please visit www.arts.gov.