

# CITY OF McKINNEY - ARTS COMMISSION FINAL GRANT REPORT - SUMMARY

| Grantee Name:   | Drums Not Guns/Earth Rhyth   | nms   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Grant Amount:   | \$10,000   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Name of Event:  | Saturday Drum Workshops-F<br>Soli Drum and Dance Festiva   | ·   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Date(s) of Event:   | each Saturday, each Fourth F   | Friday, Festival 9-14 to 9-16-12  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Location(s) of Event:   | Old Settlers' Recreation Center and Mitchell Park  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Revenue:<br>(including the grant a  | Budget - \$ 30,192<br>ward)  | Actual - \$ 16,529.00   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Expenses:   | Budget - \$ 30,192   | Actual - \$ 19,817.14   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| # Performances 76   | í  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Attendance 83   | 7  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| # Tickets: Sold 10  | 6  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| # Tickets: Comp 73  | 1  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>"This project is fu Arts Commission" If no, why not?</li> <li>Did you use the City If no, why not?</li> <li>How successful way vibrant and viable</li> </ul> | X YES  y of McKinney logo on printed  s your event in accomplishing  arts community in which div  cKinney residents and visito | IcKinney through the City of McKini NO material? X YES NO the Arts Commission goal "to create of verse, high quality arts opportunities ors".                         | a |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| percussion in McKinne<br>arts, the level of skills f  | <ul> <li>y. Each of the events added to<br/>or participants and the expans</li> </ul>  | ng created a constant source of growth to the overall expansion of interest in the sion of a vibrant arts environment in the dided to the diversity of the offerings. | е |  |  |  |  |  |  |

• At the conclusion of any funded project, the Grantee shall submit to the City a Final Project Report including a detailed and comprehensive financial report covering all receipts and expenditures for the funded project. A narrative report of the project should be **submitted**. This report should be submitted **within 30 days** after the event or season depending on the type of application submitted.

• Grantee should provide the following information regarding the season or special project funded, as appropriate:

| Current Season – Workshops - Drum Circles |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|-----|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| # of Performances                         | 66  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tickets sold or persons attending         | 526 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Comp Tickets                              | 486 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Season Attendance                   | 526 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| Special Project – Soli Drum and   | Dance Festival |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| # of Performances                 | 10             |
| Tickets sold or persons attending | 311            |
| Comp Tickets                      | 245            |
| Total Season Attendance           | 311            |

## FINANCIAL DETAILS

#### MAC 2012 Revenue Expense tracking SATURDAY WORKSHOPS - FOURTH FRI.DRUM CIRCLES

| Item                            | Date                     | R  | evenue | ue Expense       |                |    | In Kind        | Travel<br>Airfare | Tickets<br>Sold | Comp<br>Tickets | Status   | tatus Results                       |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----|--------|------------------|----------------|----|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Pro Service Fees                |                          |    |        |                  |                |    |                |                   |                 |                 |          |                                     |  |  |
| Saturday Workshops              |                          |    |        |                  |                |    |                |                   |                 |                 |          |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp fees waived          | 10/1/2011                |    |        | waived           |                | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 7               |          |                                     |  |  |
| Fode Lavia Camara               | 10/8/2011                |    |        | \$               | 209.00         | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 0               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Student Fees                    | 10/8/2011                | Ş  | 109.00 |                  |                | ,  | 62.00          |                   | 11              |                 | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp-                     | 10/15/2011               |    |        | waived<br>waived |                | \$ | 63.00<br>63.00 |                   |                 | 6<br>4          |          |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp-                     | 10/22/2011<br>10/29/2011 |    |        | waived           |                | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 5               |          |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      |                          |    |        | \$               | 21 10          | \$ |                |                   |                 | 5<br>7          | nd       |                                     |  |  |
| randy Harp                      | 11/5/2011                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ |                |                   |                 | 2               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| randy harp                      | 11/12/2011               |    |        | \$               | 31.18<br>31.18 | \$ |                |                   |                 | 5               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 11/19/2011<br>11/26/2011 |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 6               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp<br>Randy Harp        | 12/3/2011                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00<br>63.00 |                   |                 | 5               | pd<br>pd |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 12/3/2011                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 8               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 12/17/2011               |    |        | \$               |                | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 7               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| N/A Holiday                     | 12/24/2011               |    |        | J                | 31.10          | ڔ  | 03.00          |                   |                 | ,               | ρū       |                                     |  |  |
| N/A Holiday                     | 12/31/2011               |    |        |                  |                |    |                |                   |                 |                 |          |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 1/7/2012                 |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 8               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Tony Browne                     | 1/14/2012                |    |        | \$               | 60.00          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 9               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Lucy Watkins fees waived        | 1/21/2012                |    |        | Waived           | 00.00          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 6               | ρū       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 1/28/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 8               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 2/4/2012                 |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 7               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 2/11/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 6               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 2/11/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 10              | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 2/18/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 9               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 3/10/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 8               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 3/10/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 6               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 3/17/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 9               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 3/31/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 11              | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| nanay narp                      | 3/31/2012                |    |        | ب                | 31.16          | Ç  | 05.00          |                   |                 | 11              | ρu       | Special school troupe 22 children   |  |  |
| Randy Harn                      | 4/7/2012                 |    |        | \$               | 21 10          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 22              | nd       | ages 7-12                           |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      |                          |    |        | \$               | 31.18<br>31.18 | \$ |                |                   |                 | 4               | pd       | ages 7-12                           |  |  |
| Lucy Watkins                    | 4/14/2012                |    |        | \$               |                | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 7               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 4-21-122<br>4/28/2012    |    |        | \$               | 31.18<br>31.18 | \$ | 63.00<br>63.00 |                   |                 | 8               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 5/5/2012                 |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 8<br>11         | pd<br>pd |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 5/12/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 8               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp<br>Randy Harp        | 5/12/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 8               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
|                                 |                          |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 7               |          |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 5/26/2012<br>6/2/2012    |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 5               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 6/9/2012                 |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ |                |                   |                 | 9               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 6/16/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00<br>63.00 |                   |                 | 9               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp<br>Randy Harp        | 6/23/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ |                |                   |                 | 12              | pd<br>pd |                                     |  |  |
| Herman Kathan-Germany           | 6/30/2012                | ć  | 250.00 | \$               | 500.00         | ڔ  | 03.00          | \$ 300.00         | 10              | 10              | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Herman Kathan-Germany           | 7/1/2012                 |    | 275.00 | \$               | 500.00         |    |                | \$ 300.00         | 12              | 12              | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 7/7/2012                 | ب  | 275.00 | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   | 12              | 9               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 7/14/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 9               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 7/21/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 6               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 7/28/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 8               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Lucy Watkins                    | 8/4/2012                 |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 6               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Tony Browne                     | 8/11/2012                | \$ | 70.00  | \$               | 45.00          | \$ | 63.00          |                   | 7               | 7               | pd       | paid by Randy out of pocket         |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 8/18/2012                | Ÿ  | 70.00  | \$               | 17.36          | \$ | 94.00          |                   | ,               | 10              | pd       | paid by namely out of pocket        |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 8/25/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 94.00          |                   |                 | 10              | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 9/1/2012                 |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 9               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 9/8/2012                 |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 8               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| SOLI Drum and Dance Festival    | 9/15/2012                |    |        | see Soli         | 31.10          |    | ee Soli        |                   |                 | J               | ρu       |                                     |  |  |
| SOLI Drum and Dance Festival    | 9/16/2012                |    |        | see Soli         |                |    | ee Soli        |                   |                 |                 |          |                                     |  |  |
| Lucy Watkins                    | 9/22/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 5               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 9/29/2012                |    |        | \$               | 31.18          | \$ | 63.00          |                   |                 | 6               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Total Workshop Expense          | 3,23,2012                | \$ | 704.00 |                  |                |    | 3,086.00       | \$ 300.00         | 40              | 384             | Pu       |                                     |  |  |
|                                 |                          | -  |        |                  | ,              | ~  | -,-30.00       | ,                 | 5               |                 |          |                                     |  |  |
| Fourth Friday drum circles      |                          |    |        |                  |                |    |                |                   |                 |                 |          |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 10/28/2011               |    |        | \$               | 30.00          | Ś  | 63.00          |                   |                 | 4               | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| ,                               | ., .,                    |    |        |                  |                | 7  | ,              |                   |                 | •               |          | family groups and two sessions with |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 11/25/2011               |    |        | \$               | 30.00          | Ś  | 63.00          |                   |                 | 27              | pd       | 4-5 children each                   |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 12/23/2012               |    |        | N/A Hol          |                | 7  | ,              |                   |                 |                 |          |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 1/27/2012                |    |        | \$               | 30.00          | Ś  | 63.00          |                   |                 | 12              | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 2/24/2012                |    |        | \$               | 30.00          |    |                |                   |                 | 18              | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Lucy Watkins                    | 3/24/2012                |    |        | \$               | 30.00          |    |                |                   |                 | 5               | pd       | rough weather                       |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 4/28/2012                |    |        | \$               | 30.00          | \$ |                |                   |                 | 21              | pd       | <u> </u>                            |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 5/26/2012                |    |        | \$               | 30.00          |    |                |                   |                 | 12              | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| Lucy Watkins                    | 6/23/2012                |    |        | \$               | 30.00          |    |                |                   |                 | 17              | pd       |                                     |  |  |
| ,                               | 0, 23, 2012              |    |        | ~                | 55.00          | ب  | 33.00          |                   |                 |                 | ρū       |                                     |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 7/28/2012                |    |        | \$               | 30.00          | Ś  | 63.00          |                   |                 | 22              | pd       | Plenty of excitement and drop ins   |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 8/25/2012                |    |        | \$               | 30.00          |    |                |                   |                 | 18+             | pd       | Great night- many families          |  |  |
| Randy Harp                      | 9/28/2012                |    |        | \$               | 30.00          |    |                |                   |                 | 4               | pd       | rough weather-Oktoberfest           |  |  |
| ,                               | -,, <b>-</b> , <b>-</b>  |    |        | -                | 23.00          | Ÿ  | 33.00          |                   |                 | •               | ,,,,     | <u> </u>                            |  |  |
| Total Fourth Friday Drum Circle |                          | \$ | -      | \$               | 330.00         | \$ | 693.00         |                   |                 | 142             |          |                                     |  |  |
|                                 |                          |    |        |                  |                | •  |                |                   |                 |                 |          |                                     |  |  |
| Totals                          |                          | \$ | 704.00 | \$ 2             | 2,877.38       | \$ | 3,779.00       | \$ 300.00         | 40              | 526             |          |                                     |  |  |
|                                 |                          |    |        |                  |                |    |                |                   |                 |                 |          |                                     |  |  |

SOLI Drum and Dance Festival 2012 Revenues and Expenses not including in-kind

|                       |    |          |   |            |    |           |   |    | ent in   |             |           |           |
|-----------------------|----|----------|---|------------|----|-----------|---|----|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Income                |    |          | Expenses  |            |    |           | ı | Мc | Kinney   |             | Subtotals |           |
| Workshop Fees         | \$ | 925.00   | Dance Council Dance Pad                         | facilities | \$ | 95.00     |   |    |          |             |           |           |
| Workshop Fees         | \$ | 413.00   | Truck rental for load in and out                | facilities | \$ | 196.73    | m | \$ | 196.73   |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          |   |            |    |           |   |    |          |             |           |           |
| Workshop Fees         | \$ |          | Facility Rental Old Settler's recreation center | facilities | \$ | 300.00    |   | \$ | 300.00   |             |           |           |
| Workshop Fees         | \$ |          | Gas for rental truck                            | facilities | \$ | 8.00      | m | \$ | 8.00     | facilities  | \$        | 599.73    |
| Workshop Fees         | \$ |          | Moussa Traore Pro Fees                          | fees       | \$ | 1,050.00  |   |    |          |             |           |           |
| Food Donations        | \$ | 48.00    | Djeneba Sako Pro fees                           | fees       | \$ | 1,050.00  |   |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       | \$ | 2,046.00 | Mohamed Camara Pro Fees                         | fees       | \$ | 675.00    |   |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | Fode Camara Pro Fees                            | fees       | \$ | 675.00    |   |    |          |             |           |           |
| Attendees             |    |          | Moussa Diabate Pro Fees                         | fees       | \$ | 340.00    |   |    |          |             |           |           |
| Workshop participants |    |          | Abou Sylla ProFees                              | fees       | \$ | 500.00    |   |    |          |             |           |           |
| Drum Circle Fri PM    |    | 43       | Alsynny Sylla Pro Fees                          | fees       | \$ | 550.00    |   |    |          |             |           |           |
| Spectators Sat        |    |          | Yamoussa Pro Fees                               | fees       | \$ | 450.00    |   |    |          |             |           |           |
| Spectators Sun        |    | 92       | Aciable Band- Sat performance                   | fees       | \$ | 875.00    |   |    |          | fees        | \$        | 6,165.00  |
|                       |    |          | Food and refreshments for attendees and         |            |    |           |   |    |          |             |           |           |
| TOTAL                 |    | 311      | performers                                      | food       | \$ | 678.71    | m | \$ | 678.71   | food        | \$        | 678.71    |
|                       |    |          | banner signs editing                            | promo      | \$ | 40.44     |   |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | email marketing                                 | promo      | \$ | 41.16     |   |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | Printing posters flyers                         | promo      | \$ | 27.06     | m | \$ | 27.06    | promo       | \$        | 108.66    |
|                       |    |          | Dinner D. Sako 9-14                             | rmbd       | \$ | 6.80      | m | \$ | 6.80     |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | Breakfast 9-15-12M.Traore/D. Sako               | rmbd       | \$ | 15.70     | m | \$ | 15.70    |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | Lunch9-15-12 D.Sako,M.Traore,F.Camara           | rmbd       | \$ | 63.00     | m | \$ | 63.00    |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | lunch 9-16-12-Alsynny, Fode, Abou,              |            |    |           |   |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | Moussa, djeneba                                 | rmbd       | \$ | 36.24     | m | \$ | 36.24    |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | Brkfst 9-16-12 Abou                             | rmbd       | \$ | 11.04     | m | \$ | 11.04    |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | dinner Mohamed/Fode                             | rmbd       | \$ | 18.34     | m | \$ | 18.34    |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | Hotel Moussa Traore                             | rmbd       | \$ | 445.19    | m | \$ | 445.19   |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | Hotel djeneba sako                              | rmbd       | \$ | 455.45    | m | \$ | 455.45   |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | Rm+board Mohamed camara                         | rmbd       | \$ | 300.00    |   |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | Room +board Yamoussa Camara                     | rmbd       | \$ | 535.84    | m | \$ | 535.84   |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | Room +Board Fode lavia camara                   | rmbd       | \$ | 400.00    | m | \$ | 400.00   |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | Room +Board Abou Sylla 9-14 to 9-16-12          | rmbd       | \$ | 266.18    | m | \$ | 266.18   |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          |   |            |    |           |   |    |          | artist Rm a | nd        |           |
|                       |    |          | Room +Board Alsynny Sylla 9-15-12               | rmbd       | \$ | 137.28    | m | \$ | 137.28   | Board       | \$        | 2,691.06  |
|                       |    |          | airfare-Moussa Traore                           | travel     | \$ | 464.60    |   |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | airfare-Djeneba Sako                            | travel     | \$ | 189.60    |   |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | airfare-Yamoussa Camara                         | travel     | \$ | 251.60    |   |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | airfare- Mohamed Camara                         | travel     | \$ | 425.60    |   |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | transp- to airport Mohamed Camara               | travel     | \$ | 100.00    |   |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | airfare -Abou Sylla                             | travel     | \$ | 275.60    |   |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | airfare Fode Camara                             | travel     | \$ | 453.00    | 1 |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | Moussa traore Bag Check fees                    | travel     | \$ | 50.00     | 1 |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | F.Camara bag Check Fees                         | travel     | \$ | 50.00     | 1 |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | Yamoussa Bag Check fees                         | travel     | \$ | 25.00     | 1 |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | bus fare Dallas to Austin-Alsynny               | travel     | \$ | 57.00     | 1 |    |          |             |           |           |
|                       |    |          | Abou Sylla Airfare                              | travel     | \$ | 275.60    | L |    |          | Travel      | \$        | 2,617.60  |
|                       |    |          | Total   |            | \$ | 12,860.76 |   | \$ | 3,601.56 |             | Ś         | 12,860.76 |

#### Narrative:

## Saturday Hand Drumming Workshops -

Perhaps the most successful of the programs conducted by Drums Not Guns are the Saturday Hand Drumming Workshops. These workshops are held consistently every Saturday morning 10AM-12:30PM with the class meeting at 9:30AM to set up.

The workshops draw individuals of all ages from McKinney and outside of the City. There are regular attendees who come to McKinney for the workshop from as far away as Dallas and Denton on a regular basis. There are a core group of individuals who have been attending for the last three years and another core group who have begun in the last year but continue to come nearly every

week. Additionally, there are always 2-3 beginners who are in attendance and make headway in learning the rhythms. This has resulted in a constant group of 10-12 people learning each week with 4-5 drop ins regularly. The classes take place every Saturday unless the recreation center is closed for a holiday.

The outcome of the class is that there a number of McKinney residents that have grown in their percussion skills and attend the other Drums Not Guns events. They are always prominent at the Fourth Friday Drum Circles and the Soli Drum and Dance Festival.

Additionally, each Saturday, there are at least 5-7 people that travel to McKinney specifically for the workshops, who end up staying and shopping and eating prior to their departure. The community is growing stronger and the percussion community in Dallas, Ft. Worth and Denton see McKinney as a leader in support of the rhythmic arts.

The consistency of the workshops along with the occasional guest teachers add to the drawing power and high caliber of the material being covered.

One extra special event was included in the program this year with the full weekend workshop conducted by the world famous percussionist Herman Kathan who traveled from Germany to share his in-depth knowledge of world rhythm and his all weekend workshop was attended by over about 20 people, again, showing that McKinney can draw some very diverse subject matter experts with this Arts Commission event.

## Fourth Friday Drum Circles-

One of the biggest challenges to creating events of this type is the need for consistency so that people always know there is an event to attend. The Fourth Friday Drum Circle has been a marvelous venue for those from out of town and in town families and is often attended by large groups of families, whose children feel comfortable drumming and dancing with the drum community. The outsiders seem to have a little difficulty determining the Fourth Friday and it would benefit the community to do the drum circle every week, rather than only on fourth Fridays. The Circles have been so successful that there is discussion of continuing them.

The drum circles are truly spontaneous events and add considerably to the ambience of downtown on Fourth Fridays. Situated in Mitchell Park, visitors are entertained by the drums and drawn to the park. Families stop and play. Children have easy access to the circle and quickly pick up the drums and various rhythm instruments.

Conflicting events downtown, in Mitchell Park and in bad weather have occasionally caused the circle to move to the gazebo in the municipal parking lot next to the Heard house, which can cause some confusion. Even in bad weather there are a number of hardy souls who meet and drum at the gazebo.

It appears that the success of the circles will have them continue into the next year even without grant funding.

#### Soli Drum and Dance Festival-

The Soli Drum and Dance Festival 2012 was a huge success in spite of the intermittent rain all weekend. Starting with the opening drum circle attended by nearly 40 people, the Festival got off with a bang. Each of the visiting teachers lead the circle and gave and impressive display of drumming prowess engaging everyon ethere in the process.

The next day, the workshops began in earnest and the initial drum workshop had about forty students from as far away as Houston, Louisiana and New Mexico. Continuing on throughout the day with two very successful dance workshops that brought many dancers into town from around the metroplex.

The evening was capped off with a free community concert featuring the Afro Reggae Pop Band Aciable from Austin Texas, lead by Jean Claude Lessou of Ivory Coast, West Africa. The target audiencefor the Soli Drum and Dance Festival were the residents of McKinney and the rest of the state of Texas It successfully pulled people from all over the state and beyond.

The roster of professional drummers, dancers and teachers was an impressive list of some of the best drummers and dancers in the world, including from Mali,Djenba Sako and Moussa Traore, and from Guniea, Mohamed Camara, Fode "Lavia" Camara Alseny Sylla, Abou Sylla, Yamoussa Camara and Moussa Diabate. Many of these teachers are vetreans of the world famous Les Ballets Afrcaines.

Attendees paid minimal workshop fees to participate in the classes and the community was invited to participate as spectators or join in on some of the classes.

While the rain did chase away some of the spectators, the core participants were not dissuaded and ended up engaged on Saturday and Sunday from 10AM - 8PM each day.

This event puts McKinney on the map as a major destination for world music fans and the students of drum and dance. This type of event os typical in Atlanta, Miami, New York and Seattle, but rare in a community like McKinney and it is testament to the diversity of McKinney's commitment to the arts and its' ability to deliver uniquely to the culture of North Texas.

### Samaritan Inn Drum Workshops-

The drum workshops for the children at the Samaritan Inn were not placed into the schedule for this year's events due to a lack of funding and a lack of qualified personnel, combined with some scheduling challenges at the Inn. We hope to return to the Inn in the future to continue our work.