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**Advisory Committee of the Department of Economic
and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the
Arts award NTD an Arts Endowment Grant**

West Hartford, CT: The National Theatre of the Deaf is delighted to be the recipient of a grant from the Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the Arts from the Connecticut Arts Endowment Fund. This non-matching grant will be used to offset operation costs of the touring theatre company.

In 1988, the state established the Arts Endowment Fund in order to stimulate the development of private sector resources and assist in the long-term stabilization of Connecticut's arts organizations. "This year, 101 organizations are sharing a total of \$670,530 in interest earnings," said Deputy Commissioner, Christopher "Kip" Bergstrom.

Awards are calculated based on statutory formula designed to reward organizations that have reported an increase in the amount of private sector contributions in the most recent year for which a tax return has been filed. Funding is unrestricted and may be applied toward capital expenses, administrative costs, programming or the organization's endowment.

"We publicly wish to thank Governor Daniel P. Malloy, State Senator Beth Bye and State Representatives Andy Fleischmann and Brian Becker for this generous grant," said Interim Executive Director Betty Beekman, "We are grateful to the State of Connecticut for their continuing commitment to the performing arts and our unique theatre company.

Additional funding for NTD is provided by the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation Fund of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, J. Walton Bissell Foundation, Connecticut Office of the Arts, Crown Foundation, The Katherine Lindsay Howell Fund, The Frederick Loewe Foundation, Mead Witter Foundation, NewAlliance Foundation and Edward T. & Anne E. Roberts Foundation, The Dorothy Strelsin Foundation, Spiritus Gladius Foundation, State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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