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Four Salt Lake City area arts programs receive Rocky Mountain Power Foundation support

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has awarded \$16,000 to four Salt Lake City area arts institutions that provide cultural enrichment to the community.

Ballet West's I CAN DO program received a \$7,500 grant to help provide 22 weeks of dance instruction to fifth graders at 11 elementary schools, seven of which are designated as low-income. The schools are located in the Salt Lake, Davis and Granite school districts. I CAN DO is an acronym for "Inspiring Children About Not Dropping Out," and focuses on students who otherwise may not have the opportunity to experience dance.

"We believe that an enduring and vibrant fine arts scene is an important aspect of any healthy city," said Alene Bentley, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager. "Some of these grants will help open children's eyes to the magic of dance and theater, while other grants will support efforts to produce top-notch plays and performances in Salt Lake City."

Other Salt Lake City area arts organizations receiving Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grants are:

- **Pioneer Theatre Company/University of Utah** – \$5,000 toward production costs of performing "Miss Saigon." The company will hold 19 performances, May 1-16, 2009, at the Simmons Pioneer Memorial Theatre in Salt Lake City.
- **Utah Symphony and Opera** – \$2,500 toward production costs for the 2008-2009 season. The Utah Symphony will perform a variety of concerts from Beethoven to music from Broadway. Its opera season will include a western-theme twist on Gaetano Donizetti's "Don Pasquale."
- **Kingsbury Hall/University of Utah** – \$1,000 to provide Utah with a diverse and extraordinary range of performing arts, including music, dance, theatre and comedy. This year, it is arranging for artists to include matinee performances for students from low-income schools.

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About the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation is part of the PacifiCorp Foundation, one of the largest utility-endowed foundations in the United States. The foundation was created in 1988 by PacifiCorp, an electric utility serving 1.7 million customers in six Western states as Rocky Mountain Power (Utah, Wyoming and Idaho) and Pacific Power (Oregon, Washington and California). The foundation's mission, through charitable investments, is to support the growth and vitality of the communities served by Pacific Power and Rocky Mountain Power. For more information, visit www.rockymountainpower.net/rmpfoundation.