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Stephens Auditorium received pandemic funding from Iowa Arts and Culture Recovery Grant

Ames, IA –Stephens Auditorium is pleased to announce that it has received a Iowa Arts and Culture Recovery Grant from the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. Grant funds will support eligible operating expenses.

The Iowa Arts and Culture Recovery Grant is a one-time grant program with the range of support from \$1,500 to \$175,000. The grant money provides relief to individuals, businesses and nonprofit organizations that can demonstrate lost income and extra expenses incurred due to the pandemic. The grants may be used to offset operating expenses, as well as costs associated with reopening in person or adapting programs to virtual formats.

“This funding was needed by venues and artists impacted by the pandemic. We thank Governor Reynolds and our federal legislators for this grant program,” said Tammy Koolbeck, Executive Director of Stephens Auditorium, managed by VenuWorks. “Although we have re-opened our doors, we are operating at less than 20% capacity, incurred additional operating costs due to the pandemic and our staff have been furloughed and taken pay cuts. These grant monies will help us to continue to operate and partner with local arts organizations and artists to safely host events.”

About Stephens Auditorium

Stephens Auditorium, a 2,602-seat hall managed by VenuWorks, hosts a dazzling array of international performances of music, theater and dance, as well as world-class orchestras, popular Broadway musicals, and explosive country and rock concerts.

About VenuWorks

VenuWorks provides customized management solutions for arenas, stadiums, theatres and convention centers throughout the country with services that include operations, catering, concessions, along with the booking and marketing of sports and entertainment events.

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