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## ***WELLS FARGO RENEWS \$35,000 GRANT TO UNITED ARTS***

**ORLANDO, Fla. – Sep. 13, 2013** – United Arts of Central Florida announced today that Wells Fargo has renewed a \$35,000 grant supporting educational arts, science and history programming in Orange County public schools.

United Arts is the one-stop shop for funding of the arts, sciences and history through more than 50 constituent institutions and artists in Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. For the past 21 years, United Arts has served as the primary partner to Orange County Public Schools, facilitating kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup>-grade arts and cultural programming.

“Wells Fargo is pleased to support programs that help our students develop a greater appreciation for arts and culture,” said Kate Wilson, Wells Fargo vice president and community affairs officer and United Arts of Central Florida board member. “We are proud of the work that programs like United Arts of Central Florida have accomplished in our community and are pleased to join them in helping our students succeed.”

Through this leadership gift, Wells Fargo Foundation will provide access to diverse curriculum-based experiences in music, visual arts, dance, theatre, science, history and literacy. Much of this programming meets Sunshine State standards and features in-school experiences, field trips, hands-on activities and performances. Second-graders may attend a performance by the Orlando Ballet; third- through fifth-graders can enjoy the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra. For many children, these are their first and only cultural experiences, yet studies show schoolchildren who participate in the arts have greater educational success.

“This renewed gift is inspiring,” said Scott Bowman, vice president of client services at Sara Brady Public Relations Inc. and chairman of United Arts’ development committee. “I’m excited to see Wells Fargo Foundation’s sustained commitment to helping our schoolchildren, including those in underserved communities, gain access to arts and cultural education.”

### **About Wells Fargo Foundation**

Wells Fargo is proud to support organizations working to strengthen our communities. Through the efforts of enthusiastic team member volunteers and contributions, Wells Fargo shares its success within its communities by giving back to nonprofits and educational institutions that address vital community needs and issues. Wells Fargo Foundation helps nonprofit organizations identify appropriate grant

resources for specific funding needs. Wells Fargo Philanthropic Services provides a full array of fiduciary services to private and family foundations across the country, including administration, investment management, grant-making support and consulting services. To learn more about Wells Fargo Foundation and its many areas of investment and giving, visit [www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable](http://www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable)

### **About United Arts of Central Florida**

United Arts is a collaboration of individuals, businesses, governments and school districts, foundations, arts and cultural organizations, and artists. Its mission is to unite, strengthen and enhance the Central Florida community through the arts and culture.

United Arts serves residents and visitors in Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties through more than 50 local arts, sciences and history organizations. It raises and distributes funds for these cultural groups and provides management, administrative and advisory services.

United Arts has invested more than \$126 million in local organizations and education since its founding in 1989. Visit [www.UnitedArts.cc](http://www.UnitedArts.cc) for more information.

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