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University Park, IL, November 29, 2012 - For the second straight year, The Chicago Community Trust has awarded a \$50,000 grant to Governors State University Center for Performing Arts. The grant will be used to support GSU Center's "One More Night" series, which brings the best in Chicago-area live performance to local audiences in the Southland region served by Governors State University.

Under the terms of the grant, the Center for Performing Arts will introduce its audiences to Chicago-based theater, dance, and musical ensemble companies and develop new audiences through collaboration with diverse arts organizations. "One More Night" is designed to increase attendance from underserved communities, increase theater participation by minority populations, and increase the number of first-time attendees.

"We are pleased that The Chicago Community Trust has once again recognized the work that GSU is doing to bring part of the lively Chicago arts scene to the south suburbs," said Governors State President Elaine P. Maimon. "Our further goal is to develop new audiences for Chicago performing arts organizations. The Trust is supporting a true win/win arrangement."

GSU Center is celebrating its 18th year of enhancing the cultural landscape of the Chicago Southland. "One More Night" fulfills the GSU Center mission, which is to present the finest in world-class performing arts entertainment and education to area citizens at affordable prices.

This year's "One More Night" series reflect a wide range of cultural experiences – they entertain, educate, and enlighten. And they all offer shared, profound insight into what it is to be human.

This season's presentations include:

- "Speaking in Tongues: The Chronicles of Babel," which was presented by MPAACT Productions on November 17. This powerful production explores the oral histories of an extended family living in Chicago's now-demolished Washington Park housing project. "Speaking In Tongues" is not a fictionalized account of the urban poor.
- "Braid Tales," on Saturday, January 26 at 8 p.m., presented by Kuumba Lynx / FootworkKINGz and featuring the South Shore Drill Team. This double bill features a diverse explosion of genres and styles. Sample powerful poetry, incredible footwork and movements influenced by classical music, hip hop, jazz, and modern dance.
- "Shakti Chakra – The Energy Cycle," on Saturday, February 16 at 8 p.m., presented by Natya Dance Theatre. Natya Dance Theatre is one of the most critically acclaimed and culturally treasured Indian dance companies in the United States. In this production, stories from Indian mythology are interpreted through movement and expression in order to explore humanity's place in the universal cycle of creation.
- Orbert Davis' Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, on Sunday, March 10, at 4 p.m. Music from the Emmy Award-winning soundtrack from the critically acclaimed WTTW public television documentary "DuSable to Obama: Chicago's Black Metropolis" will be performed live by the CJP Chamber Ensemble, led by trumpet virtuoso Orbert Davis.

Prior to all of the "One More Night" shows, Governors State University is presenting a discussion of the performance, and its importance to the community. Discussions are free and open to the public.

For 97 years, The Chicago Community Trust, our region's community foundation, has connected the generosity of donors with community needs by making grants to organizations working to improve metropolitan Chicago. In 2011, The Trust, together with its donors, granted more than \$130 million to nonprofit organizations. From strengthening schools to assisting local art programs, from building health centers to protecting the safety net for those hardest hit by the recession, The Trust continues to enhance our region. To learn more, please visit The Trust online at www.cct.org.

GSU Center for Performing Arts is located on the campus of Governors State University, 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois. For further information, contact the box office at (708) 235-2222 or www.centertickets.net.