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The Whiting Receives \$5,000 Grant from Katharine B. Miner Charitable Trust

Flint, MI – We are pleased to announce the *Katharine B. Miner Charitable Trust* has awarded a \$5,000 grant to support The Whiting's *Performing Arts Community Outreach Program*. The purpose of *The Whiting Education Outreach Program* is to bring artists deeper into our communities and schools to share elements of our collective national and international musical and theatrical history that are not currently offered in public schools. The Whiting is a member organization of the Flint Cultural Center Corporation (FCCC).

Enriching the lives of more than 9,000 young people and adults, *The Whiting Educational Outreach Program* offers performances, workshops, lectures and demonstrations in area schools and other community locations that benefit those who face barriers in accessing high-quality cultural experiences.

Harmonia and *Dance China NY* is part of The Whiting's international program *Global Rhythms Fest* and will involve week-long residencies that will provide multiple school performances and workshops along with a public performance presented by The Whiting. *Harmonia* presents traditional folk music of Europe from the lands that inspired such legend as Count Dracula and the tales of the Roma Gypsies. *Dance China NY* is the renowned resident company of the New York Chinese Cultural Center.

Sophie Milman, Vance Gilbert and Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials are part of The Whiting's Jazz, Blues and Beyond Series. Mini-residencies and outreach activities are scheduled with each of these groups prior to their public performances presented by The Whiting.

The Flint Cultural Center Corporation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the ongoing development and vitality of the Flint Cultural Center. In addition to maintaining the Cultural Center campus, the FCCC operates and governs its member organizations: Longway Planetarium, Sloan Museum and The Whiting, and coordinates campus-wide marketing, planning and activities.

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