

## Jazz.NEXT Guidelines Available New National Program Supporting Technology in the Jazz Field

**Baltimore, MD - April 15, 2009** - Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation announces the availability of guidelines for Jazz.NEXT, a new national jazz initiative designed to encourage the application of technology in innovative approaches to developing audiences; communicating with the public; marketing, distributing and selling the work of jazz artists; and building a more robust jazz infrastructure better positioned to meet the challenges of a fast-changing marketplace.

Jazz.NEXT is designed to foster creative thinking that may result in the development of new models to help shape future operating practice for jazz artists, organizations, and presenters across the United States. Funding support will be available for planning grants of up to \$25,000 and implementation grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$75,000. Annual meetings will bring together Jazz.NEXT grantees to promote dialogue, disseminate information, and audit program progress.

Guidelines for Jazz.NEXT are available online at [www.midatlanticarts.org](http://www.midatlanticarts.org). Questions concerning the program should be addressed to Sara Donnelly, Program Officer, Jazz at [sara@midatlanticarts.org](mailto:sara@midatlanticarts.org) or 410-539-6656 x116. Application deadlines for the program are July 1, 2009 for both planning and implementation grants and July 1, 2010 for implementation grants only.

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### About Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation

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