

JERRY BROWN ARTS FESTIVAL SELECTED AS TOP 20 EVENT IN SOUTHEAST



ATLANTA, GA – The Jerry Brown Arts Festival has been selected by the Southeast Tourism Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and development of tourism throughout the Southeast, as a Top 20 event for the month of March 2009. The festival was nominated last summer by the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourism Association, and festival officials were presented the award by AMLTA president and CEO Dana Lee Jennings on Tuesday, February 3, at a special meeting of the Northwest Alabama Arts Council, the sponsor of the festival.

Northwest Alabama Arts Council president Tyna Pyburn stated, “What a tremendous honor it is for the Jerry Brown Arts Festival to be selected for such an esteemed award. This designation enhances the prestige of our festival, especially in the arts community. We are thrilled for our arts council, Jerry Brown, the city of Hamilton and Marion County to have been nominated and then selected from such an incredible list of nominees. Most of all, none of this would have been possible without the support and talent of all the outstanding artists that attend our festival each year.”

The best events across the Southeast compete to receive the prestigious Top 20 designation. Through a nomination process, the Southeast Tourism Society chooses the Top 20 events in the Southeast for each month of the year. The Top 20 Events publication is sent to over 1,600 newspapers, magazines, radio stations, TV stations, AAA publications and others.

The Southeast Tourism Society encompasses the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The Jerry Brown Arts Festival is scheduled for March 7 and 8 at the old Wal-Mart building, 1500 Military Street South, in Hamilton, Alabama.

For more information, call (205) 921-9483 or visit the official festival website, www.jbaf.org.