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## **BURNSVILLE COUNCIL APPROVES ART CENTER ‘ANGEL FUND,’ ACCEPTS FIRST DONATION**

*VenuWorks Donates \$10,000 to Performing Arts Center*

The Burnsville City Council officially approved the establishment of an Economic Development Account, or “Angel Fund,” for the Burnsville Performing Arts Center (BPAC) as part of its consent agenda at a regular Council meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 16.

As part of the unanimous decision, the City Council – acting as the City’s Economic Development Authority – transferred \$50,000 into the Performing Arts Center Enterprise fund. This “Angel Fund” will allow the City to accept private donations for the Art Center, which can then be matched by the Angel Fund.

The public and private dollars will be used to book programming and allow the Art Center to provide its own programming series. According to the Council, the purpose of the fund is to increase economic activity and revenue generation for the Art Center and within the Heart of the City.

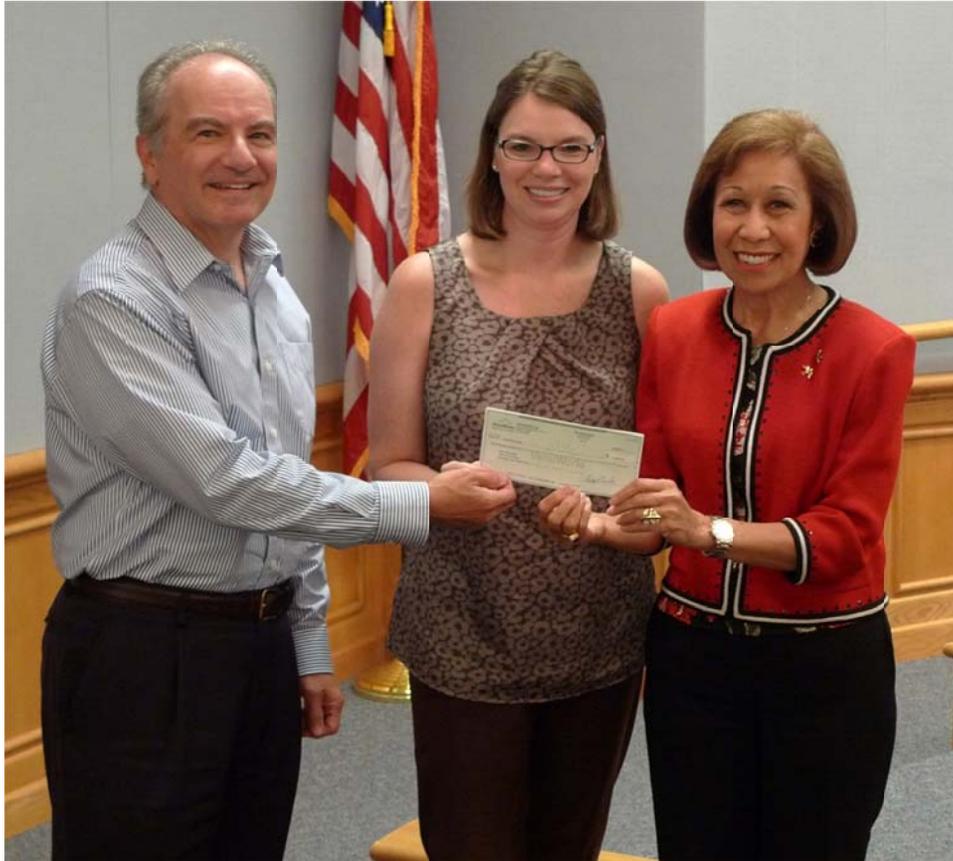
According to the terms of the fund, private donors will be recognized as contributors, but will not share in any profits generated by the facility.

The Angel Fund is expected to help fund the following entertainment series for the upcoming Performing Arts Center season:

- Duluth Festival Opera’s Pocahontas
  - Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.
- Away in the Basement: A Church Basement Ladies Christmas: Troupe America
  - Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011 at 2 p.m.
- Rhythmic Circus – Feet Don’t Fail Me Now!
  - Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.
- Spencers Theatre of Illusion
  - Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
- Celtic Crossroads
  - Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

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The first private donation – a check for \$10,000 – was presented at Tuesday’s Council meeting by the Art Center’s management company, VenuWorks. At this time, the Angel Fund has received two additional \$10,000 verbal commitments from private donors.



**Cutline:** VenuWorks Vice President Tammy Koolbeck presents a check for \$10,000 for the BPAC Angel Fund to BPAC Advisory Commission Chair Sal Mondelli and Mayor Elizabeth Kautz.

From left to right: Mondelli, Koolbeck and Kautz.

*For more information on the Angel Fund, contact Tom Hansen at 952-895-4466. For information on the BPAC and upcoming events, visit [www.burnsvillepac.com](http://www.burnsvillepac.com).*

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