



FURTHERING A TRADITION OF GRASSROOTS GIVING

## FROM THE BEGINNING

The Grateful Dead was always known for generosity and the performance of numerous benefits. In the fall of 1983, the Rex Foundation was established as a non-profit charitable organization by members of the Grateful Dead and friends. The Rex Foundation enabled the Grateful Dead to go beyond responding to multiple requests for contributions, and provide extensive community support to creative endeavors in the arts, sciences, and education. The first benefit concerts for the Rex Foundation were held in the spring of 1984 at the Marin Veteran's Memorial Auditorium.

Since 1984 Rex Foundation has granted \$8.3 million to over 1,000 recipients.

## CHANGES SINCE 1995

With the death of Grateful Dead lead guitarist Jerry Garcia in 1995, the Rex Foundation lost a friend and board member. With the cessation of Grateful Dead touring, Rex lost its main source of funding, and until 2001 had limited its grant making to three annual awards.

Current board members – Bob Weir, Tim Walther, Cameron Sears, John Scher, Cliff Palefsky, Nick Morgan, Roger McNamee, John Leopold, Michael Klein, Rosalie Howarth, Mickey Hart, Freddy Hahne, Carolyn Garcia, Andy Gadiel, Kristin Dolan, Stefanie Coyote, Barry Caplan, Diane Blagman and Steve Bernstein – have reaffirmed the importance of the Rex Foundation and their desire to have the foundation once again carry out its mission in full force.

## REX FOUNDATION MISSION

The Rex Foundation aims to help secure a healthy environment, promote individuality in the arts, provide support to critical and necessary social services, assist others less fortunate than ourselves, protect the rights of indigenous people and ensure their cultural survival, build a stronger community, and educate children and adults everywhere.

## MOVING FORWARD

Continuing to embody the spirit of generosity and concern that evolved in the culture surrounding Grateful Dead concerts, the Rex Foundation is on a path that seeks to include and engage many people. With activities that honor the spirit of community, service and creativity, Rex is building the funding necessary to carry out our mission. Thanks to the resounding response of so many generous supporters, since December 2001 we have granted \$947,000 to 177 programs, across the United States and internationally. We seek to multiply our grant making each year so that we can once again support *many* grassroots programs across the United States and beyond that might otherwise be overlooked by mainstream funders, yet work in innovative and bold ways to bring about helpful solutions to challenging situations.

## HELP SUPPORT REX

Your tax-deductible donations make all the difference - they bring us together as a grassroots philanthropic community. We are pleased to keep you up to date on upcoming activities that support Rex. Thank you for considering a gift to Rex and letting us know how you would like to stay connected.

### YES, I WANT TO BE PART OF THE REX COMMUNITY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (any amount is appreciated)

Please keep me up-to-date on Rex activities

Mail information to me at the above address

E-mail me at \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the Rex Foundation and mail to P.O. Box 29608,

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