

**The Fulton County Arts Council has awarded over \$2-million to arts and culture, art services, and social service organizations this year through the Contracts for Services (CFS) Program. Check back each month as we highlight these organizations and keep you up to date on all the wonderful programs in Fulton County!**

### **Contract for Services Monthly Contractor Highlight – June 2009**

#### **Urban Youth Harp Ensemble**

Everyone has a unique gift that can be used to make a positive impact in the life of a child. For Elisabeth Remy Johnson, she chose to use her gift as a harpist to be a catalyst for positive change in the lives of urban at-risk youth. Ms. Remy Johnson is principal harpist of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and is the co-founder and artistic director of the Urban Youth Harp Ensemble (UYHE), a very unique program serving 65 students from 8 schools in the Atlanta Public School system.



Ms Remy Johnson and Roselyn Lewis, an Atlanta Public Schools music teacher, partnered in 2000 to bring this very economically inaccessible instrument instruction to inner city youth. The mission of the Urban Youth Harp Ensemble is simple - to deliver quality musical instruction on the harp; and to develop music reading skills and musicianship- but its impact is beyond measure.

Comprised of both boys and girls, the UYHE offers students at Carver High School daily harp instruction that is designed to fit the specific needs of each individual student. UYHE also provides after school instruction and runs an annual Summer Harp Camp held in the beautiful mountains of north Georgia.

The Urban Youth Harp Ensemble performs throughout the year at various locations. For more information on UYHE; please visit [www.urbanharp.org](http://www.urbanharp.org).

**\*information for article gathered from [www.urbanharp.org](http://www.urbanharp.org) and correspondence with organization.\***