

Duke Energy Named One of Top 10 Companies for Support of Arts

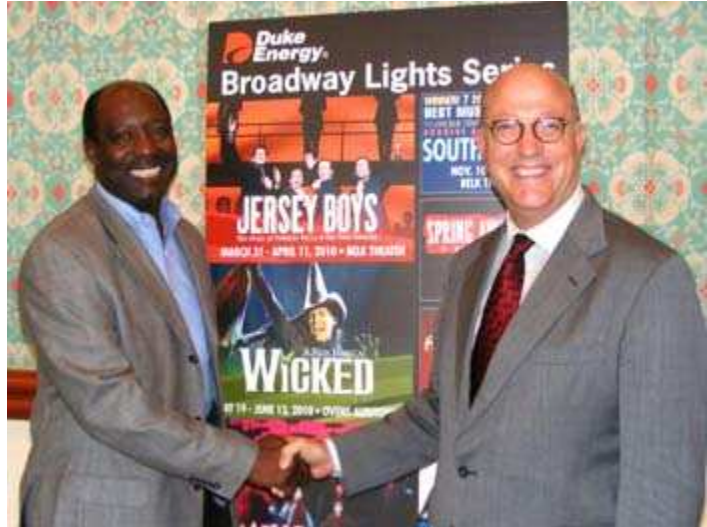
Duke Energy has been named by the Business Committee for the Arts (BCA) as one of the top 10 companies in the country for its exceptional involvement in the arts.

The company was selected for the honor, which has annually recognized companies for their support of the arts through grants, volunteer programs, matching gifts, local partnerships, sponsorships and board memberships.

Nominated by the Arts and Science Council in Charlotte, the recognition honors Duke for its leadership in the arts across its service territory. As part of the company's presenting sponsorship of this year's Blumenthal Broadway Light Series, Duke will provide scholarships for underserved populations to experience the magic of a Broadway performance.

In addition, the company has served as one of the leading supporters of the new Cultural Facility Campus, which will house some of our future neighbors including the Betchler Museum, Harvey B. Gantt Center, Knight Theater and the Mint Museum of Craft and Design.

Duke is also a supporter of the Fine Arts Fund in Cincinnati and numerous other arts organizations in the Midwest, including the Terre Haute, Ind., Children's Museum and the Cincinnati Children's Museum which has been named as one of the top 10 children's museums in the world. The company is also signature sponsor of the Yuletide Celebration benefiting the Indianapolis Symphony, and supporter of the symphonies in Cincinnati and Charlotte.



Stick Williams (left), senior vice president and president of the Duke Energy Foundation, is shown with Tom Gabbard, president of the N.C. Blumenthal Performing Arts Committee. Duke is one of the top corporate supporters of the arts in country.