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Americans for the Arts Announces 2005 Convention Scholarship Winners

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Americans for the Arts announced today the recipients of full scholarships, including travel and lodging, to the 2005 Americans for the Arts Annual Convention—called Leading the Charge—in Austin, Texas, from June 11-13, 2005. These scholarships provide an opportunity for emerging leaders and those working in underserved communities to network with peers, gain professional development at workshops, and bring new ideas and skills back to the communities they serve.

Accommodations for the full convention scholarship recipients were provided by the convention site, the Hilton Austin, and travel was provided by Delta Airlines. Reimbursement scholarships were also awarded both for the convention and for preconferences on emerging leaders, public art, and united arts funds.

The full convention scholarships were awarded on a competitive basis and presented to five emerging leaders and five arts leaders working in underserved communities. This year’s full convention scholarship winners are as follows:

**Underserved Communities Convention Scholarships Recipients**

- **Cristina Balli**, Narcisco Martinez Cultural Arts Center, San Benito, TX
- **Maryo Ewell**, Gunnison Arts Center, Gunnison, CO
- **David Fogel**, Gateway Georgia Avenue Revitalization Corporation, Silver Spring, MD
- **Mitsu Kumagai**, Arts Council Silicon Valley, San Jose, CA
- **Lowell (Chris) Matthews**, Music Theatre Workshop, Chicago, IL

**Emerging Leaders Convention Scholarships Recipients**
Amanda Ault, National Alliance of Media Arts and Culture  
San Francisco, CA

Kathryn Fitzpatrick, The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust  
Pittsburgh, PA

Michelle Godoy, City of Ventura Cultural Affairs Division  
Ventura, CA

Julia Klaiber, Central Ohio Student Advocates for the Arts  
Columbus, OH

Laura Zabel, Springboard for the Arts  
St. Paul, MN

The Americans for the Arts recipients of preconference reimbursement scholarships are arts leaders attending the 2005 public art, united arts funds, or emerging leader preconferences. These scholarship awardees receive $500 to cover preconference registration, travel, housing, or other expenses incurred by attending the preconferences. The recipients are as follows:

Americans for the Arts Preconference Reimbursement Scholarships

Jeanette Albert, Colorado Council on the Arts  
Denver, CO

Carrie Brown, City of Glendale Library and Arts Department  
Glendale, AZ

Karen Bubb, Boise City Arts Commission  
Boise, ID

Janet Echelman, Janet Echelman Inc.  
Chestnut Hill, MA

Lara Holman Garritano, 4Culture  
Seattle, WA

Sara Gummere, Regional Arts & Culture Council  
Portland, OR

Jennifer Lovvorn, San Francisco Arts Commission  
San Francisco, CA

Allison Manion, DC Arts & Humanities Education Collaborative  
Washington, DC

Regina Piunno, Playhouse Square Foundation  
Cleveland, OH

Joanne Riley, The Cultural Alliance of York County, Inc.  
York, PA

Americans for the Arts will also provide support for 34 community arts leaders to attend the convention through $500 expense reimbursement scholarships.

Americans for the Arts is the leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts and arts education in America. With offices in Washington, D.C. and New York City, it has a record of more than 50 years of service. Americans for the Arts is dedicated to representing and serving local communities and creating opportunities for every American to participate in and appreciate all forms of the arts. Additional information is available at www.AmericansForTheArts.org.

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