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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**

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

### **Emerging Leaders Convention Scholarships Recipients**

<b>Amanda Ault</b> , National Alliance of Media Arts and Culture	San Francisco, CA
<b>Kathryn Fitzpatrick</b> , The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust	Pittsburgh, PA
<b>Michelle Godoy</b> , City of Ventura Cultural Affairs Division	Ventura, CA
<b>Julia Klaiber</b> , Central Ohio Student Advocates for the Arts	Columbus, OH
<b>Laura Zabel</b> , 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**

<b>Jeanette Albert</b> , Colorado Council on the Arts	Denver, CO
<b>Carrie Brown</b> , City of Glendale Library and Arts Department	Glendale, AZ
<b>Karen Bubb</b> , Boise City Arts Commission	Boise, ID
<b>Janet Echelman</b> , Janet Echelman Inc.	Chestnut Hill, MA
<b>Lara Holman Garritano</b> , 4Culture	Seattle, WA
<b>Sara Gummere</b> , Regional Arts & Culture Council	Portland, OR
<b>Jennifer Lovvorn</b> , San Francisco Arts Commission	San Francisco, CA
<b>Allison Manion</b> , DC Arts & Humanities Education Collaborative	Washington, DC
<b>Regina Piunno</b> , Playhouse Square Foundation	Cleveland, OH
<b>Joanne Riley</b> , 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](http://www.AmericansForTheArts.org).

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