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#### **Americans for the Arts Announces 2008 Convention Scholarship Awardees**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Americans for the Arts announced today the recipients of ten full scholarships, including travel and lodging, to the 2008 Americans for the Arts Annual Convention in Philadelphia, PA from June 20-22. 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.

Americans for the Arts annual convention is the largest gathering in the nation of arts leaders and their partners in creative business, education, and government. The convention entitled, *American Evolution: Arts in the New Civic Life*, will share strategies for leading creative communities

Accommodations for the full convention scholarship recipients were provided by the convention site, Sheraton Philadelphia City Center in Philadelphia, PA, and travel was provided by multiple airlines.

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

#### **Underserved Communities and Emerging Leader Scholarships**

Miki'ala Catalfano, Native Arts Cultural Collective, Redding, CA

Karen Crossley, Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission, Madison, WI

Mark Eamer, TriCounty Arts Council, Cobleskill, NY

Christopher Hubbard, City of Clearwater Public Art Specialist, Clearwater, FL

Richard Hunt, Center ARTES California State University, San Marcos San Marcos, CA

Julia Lazarus, Cultural Programmer, Providence, RI

Whitney Rose Llewelyn, Wyoming Arts Alliance, Casper, WY  
Ben Owen, New Mexico Arts, Santa Fe, NM  
Jennifer Reis, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY  
Michelle Williams, Arts Council Napa Valley, Napa, California

Brief biographies of scholarship winners are available.

**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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