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Americans for the Arts Announces 2009 Convention Scholarship Awardees

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Americans for the Arts announced today the recipients of ten full scholarships, including travel and lodging, to the 2009 Americans for the Arts Annual Convention in Seattle, WA, from June 18-20. 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, Renewable Resources: Arts in Sustainable Communities, will promote strategies for attendees to lead the way for sustainable arts, organizations, communities, and careers.

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 Scholarships

Kimberly Bergeron
The City of Slidell
Slidell, LA

Amber Cote
FutureSelf
Colorado Springs, CO

Elaine Poost
Bradford County Regional Arts Council

Towanda, PA

Vanessa White
Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts
Cincinnati, OH

Tessa Windt
Center for Creative Aging - NC
Carrboro, NC

Emerging Leader Scholarships

Janelle Fletcher-Kilmer
University of Wyoming
Laramie, WY

Brendan Greaves
North Carolina Arts Council
Raleigh, NC

Pagiela Hill
Johnson City Area Arts Council
Johnson City, TN

Melissa Houghland
Fairbanks Arts Association
Fairbanks, AK

Tanya Tobias
The Saratoga County Arts Council
Saratoga Springs, NY

Brief biographies of scholarship winners are available. Please contact Americans for the Arts for more information.

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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