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Americans for the Arts and the MetLife Foundation Announce Grants for Youth Arts Development to 13 Organizations in 12 States and the District of Columbia

Grants will Support Program Development in Arts Education for At-Risk Youth

WASHINGTON, D.C. —the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts, and the MetLife Foundation announced today the recipients of their Youth Arts Resource Initiative Program Development Grants for 2002. These grants are designed to enable the recipient organizations to expand or create arts programs for youth—especially those at-risk. Through funding provided by the MetLife Foundation, each organization will receive \$10,000.

The recipient organizations were chosen from applications submitted by affiliates of the YMCA of the USA, the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and America's Promise. The grantees were selected by a national panel of arts education professionals, based on the capacity of their arts programs to meaningfully and creatively serve youth and the effectiveness of their partnerships with artists, arts organizations, and other community organizations. This year's grantees are:

- West Family YMCA & Boise City Aquatic Center
Boise, ID
- Merit School of Music
Chicago, IL
- Cleveland Public Theatre, Inc.
Cleveland, OH
- YMCA of Greater Fall River
Fall River, MA
- Artists Collective, Inc.
Hartford, CT
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Kalamazoo
Kalamazoo, MI
- Nevada Ballet Theatre
Las Vegas, NV

- Boys and Girls Club of Missoula, Montana
Missoula, MT
- Boys & Girls Club of Omaha
Omaha, NE
- Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra, Inc.
Providence, RI
- Center of Contemporary Arts
St. Louis, MO
- Dance Institute of Washington
Washington, DC
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware
Wilmington, DE

"With these grants, made possible by the MetLife Foundation, we recognize, as well as support, these important organizations and their role in bringing arts education to our nation's youth," said Robert L. Lynch, President and CEO of Americans for the Arts.

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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