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### **Americans for the Arts Announces 2006 Convention Scholarship Winners**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Americans for the Arts announced today the recipients of full scholarships, including travel and lodging, to the Americans for the Arts 2006 Annual Convention—*Living Cultural Democracy: Arts In Changing Communities*—in Milwaukee, WI, June 3–5. 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 will be provided by the convention site, the Hilton Milwaukee City Center in Milwaukee, WI, and travel will be provided by Midwest Airlines. Other scholarships were also awarded for both the convention and for its preconferences on arts education, 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:

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

- **Paul Berg**, The Arts Council of Northwest Florida, Pensacola, FL
- **Michelle Cruz**, The Lost Chord, Providence, RI
- **Katie Guernsey**, Center for Arts Management Technology, Pittsburgh, PA
- **Jan Hanvik**, Columbia County Council on the Arts Hudson, NY
- **Jennifer Jones**, Steamboat Springs Arts Council, Steamboat Springs, CO
- **Tina Lilly**, Madison-Morgan Cultural Center, Madison, GA
- **Priscilla Rodriguez**, Brownsville Heritage Complex, Brownsville, TX
- **Trisha Spanbauer**, Lincoln Arts Center, Lincoln, NE
- **Jill Warford**, The Gordon Parks Center for Culture and Diversity, Fort Scotts, KS

- **Sherri Young**, African-American Shakespeare Company, San Francisco, CA

The Americans for the Arts recipients of preconference scholarships are arts leaders attending the 2006 public art, united arts funds, or arts education preconferences. These scholarship awardees receive three nights' paid accommodations at the convention hotel, the Hilton Milwaukee City Center, courtesy of Hilton. The recipients are as follows:

### **Americans for the Arts Preconference Scholarship**

- **Lynn Basa**, Basa Projects, LLC, Chicago, IL
- **Warren Baumgart Jr.**, Columbus Area Arts Council, Columbus, IN
- **Robyn Burror**, City of Stockton, Stockton, CA
- **Mary Len Costa**, Arts Council of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA
- **Annette Grieshaber**, La Jolla Music Society, La Jolla, CA
- **Joan Israelite**, Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City, Kansas City, MO
- **Shawn Renee Lent**, Center for Community Arts Partnerships, Chicago, IL
- **Catherine O'Brian**, New Hampshire State Council on Arts, Concord, NH
- **Allison Sarmo**, Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture, Grand Junction, CO
- **Jennifer Dobbs Woods**, Arts Council of Erie, Erie, PA

Americans for the Arts will also provide support for 40 community arts leaders to attend the convention through \$500 expense reimbursement scholarships. For a complete list of scholarship recipients, please visit the scholarship page of our convention website.

***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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