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Americans for the Arts Announces 2007 Convention Scholarship Winners

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Americans for the Arts announced today the recipients of ten full scholarships, including travel and lodging, to the 2007 Americans for the Arts Annual Convention in Las Vegas, NV, from June 1-3. 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 Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, NV, and travel was provided by multiple airlines.

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

- **Kim Dabbs**, Michigan Youth Arts Festival, Birmingham, MI
- **Ben Fyffe**, Museum of Cultural Affairs, El Paso, TX
- **Nathaniel May**, SPACE Gallery, Portland, Maine
- **Nadine Sehnert**, Young Audiences of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN
- **Naomi Strom-Avila**, Community and Economic Development Department, Tacoma, WA
- **Marisa Catalina Casey**, Starting Artists, Inc., Brooklyn, NY
- **DeLynn Coppoletti**, Portsmouth Area Arts Council, Portsmouth, OH
- **Christine Jewell**, Waterbury Regional Art & Culture Collaborative, Waterbury, CT
- **Dr. Mitsu Kumagai**, Arts Council of Silicon Valley, San Jose, CA

- **Rebecca Williams**, A.R.T.S. for People, Dallas, TX

***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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