



A Message from the Director

Please accept the enclosed materials as your Fiscal Year 2013 Grant Notification Packet.

Greetings from the Arizona Commission on the Arts! As you consider the results of your grant application(s), please review the following important updates.

- **REAUTHORIZATION:** On Tuesday, April 17, 2012, Governor Jan Brewer signed HB2265 into law, reauthorizing the Arizona Commission on the Arts for the next 10 years. This was made possible, in large part, due to expert guidance provided by the Arts Commission's Governor-appointed Commissioners, the commitment of many supportive Arizona State Legislators, and leadership provided by Arizona Citizens/Action for the Arts and diligent arts advocates across the state. At the end of this long process, we are proud to say that the Arts Commission is committed in its service to the arts and culture sector and the citizens of Arizona, and will remain so for at least the next 10 years.
- **ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET:** The Arts Commission's budget for the upcoming fiscal year remains relatively flat from FY2012. The agency will not receive a general fund appropriation for FY2013 (the agency's general fund appropriation was eliminated in FY2012), however the Arts Trust Fund earnings will not be reduced (by legislative action) in FY2013 as they have been for the last four fiscal years.
- **FUTURE GRANTMAKING:** Beginning this fall, applicants will have the opportunity to learn more about the Arts Commission's new grantmaking programs for organizations and schools, developed to better address the Arts Commission's statutory mandate, mission and strategic plan. The Arts Commission's updated grant programs for FY2014 will continue to focus on serving Arizona residents and ensuring that all Arizonans have *the opportunity to participate in and experience the arts*. Stay tuned for more information in the latter months of 2012.
- **ARIZONA CULTURAL DATA PROJECT:** I am happy to report that nearly 300 arts and cultural organizations have now entered their data in the [Arizona Cultural Data Project](#), an important data collection tool supporting the work of arts and cultural organizations and helping Arizona funders to reduce redundancy in application processes.
- **NEW IN FY2013, REGARDING "REVIEW COMPLETE":** GOS grantees might be pleased to know that they no longer have to submit updated financials as a part of the "claims" process. Instead, grantees must achieve "Review Complete" status in CDP (for FY2011 data) by Monday, October 22, 2012 to claim their FY2013 grants. The Arizona CDP Task Force will use aggregate data to construct a report in support of the arts and culture sector. Please do not delay! *For data to be included in the statewide report, organizations must reach "review complete" status for FY2011 data by August 1, 2012.*

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Beyond these updates, I want you to know that we appreciate all of your hard work during these trying financial times – and we encourage you to continue your proactive action in support of arts and culture.

We ask that you do the following immediately:

- **Review this packet and return required paperwork**, signifying acceptance of your award.
- **Contact your state legislators** with a personal note or letter of thanks. Let them know what this support means to your organization and community. Consider inviting them to attend and/or speak at an event of your organization. Sample thank you letters and invitations can be found in the Arts Commission's publication, *Building Public Value for the Arts*. <http://www.azarts.gov/arts-advocacy/>
- **Get engaged with Arizona Citizens/Action for the Arts, Arizona's statewide arts advocacy organization**. Call them at 602.253.6535, visit their website at <http://www.azcitizensforthearts.org/>, join their mailing list, and follow their social networking efforts.
- **Get to know elected officials and candidates for elected office who make decisions about the State of Arizona's investment in arts and culture**. Acquaint them with the important work your organization does to serve our state economically, educationally, and in supporting civic engagement and cultural understanding.

Across the state, arts and culture contributes to economic revitalization, lifelong learning and community vibrancy – and we know the arts and culture sector will continue playing a significant role in Arizona's recovery and future.

Thank you for your continued service. If there are specific ways we can be of assistance to you, your organization or school, please contact us.

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Robert C. Booker, Executive Director