



NEA Funds Arts Projects Nationwide Including \$10,000 Awarded to ArtsBridge Foundation

Atlanta, GA --- National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu has approved more than \$82 million to fund local arts projects across the country in the NEA's second major funding announcement for fiscal year 2017. Included in this announcement is an Art Works \$10,000 grant to ArtsBridge Foundation at Cobb Energy Centre to support the 2017 – 2018 ArtsBridge Field Trip Program Season, a calendar of high quality arts education programs designed to engage, motivate and elevate the next generation of artists and arts supporters.

"The arts reflect the vision, energy, and talent of America's artists and arts organizations," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. "The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support organizations such as ArtsBridge Foundation in serving their communities by providing excellent and accessible arts experiences."

"ArtsBridge Foundation is extremely grateful to the National Endowment for the Arts for its support of our Field Trip Program," states Jennifer Dobbs Hill, Executive Director of ArtsBridge Foundation. "NEA funding will help ArtsBridge make art accessible to everyone, and ensure that thousands of schoolchildren will be introduced to and touched by the arts – some of them for the first time."

Built in collaboration with leading regional and national organizations, the ArtsBridge Field Trip Season exposes students to performances by leading arts organizations such as The Atlanta Opera, Atlanta Ballet, Kennesaw State University's College of the Arts and The Kennedy Center, to name a few. Since 2007, ArtsBridge has paved the way for more than 300,000 students from public, charter, private and home schools to experience and benefit from the positive power of the arts. In the 2016 – 2017 ArtsBridge Season, 27,258 students and educators from 182 schools attended Field Trip Programs.

The NEA received 1,728 Art Works applications and will make 1,029 grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000. For more information on projects included in the NEA grant announcement, go to arts.gov. To join the Twitter conversation about this announcement, please use hashtag #NEASpring17 and tag @ArtsBridgeGA.

ArtsBridge Foundation is dedicated to providing quality arts education and community programs that engage, motivate, inspire, and elevate the next generation of artists and arts supporters. ArtsBridge provides arts education opportunities to students in grades K-12 through programs at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre including Field Trips, Master Classes, a Family Series, and the annual Georgia High School Musical Theatre Awards – The Shuler Hensley Awards. Since inception in 2007, ArtsBridge has served more than 300,000 students and educators from 57 Georgia counties, plus students from Alabama, Tennessee, Florida and South Carolina. ArtsBridge Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. To learn more about their programs and how you can get involved, visit artsbridgega.org.

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