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Oregon Arts Commission Announces May 2, 2011 Deadline for Grant Applications *Oregon Nonprofit Arts Groups May Request Competitive Grant Funds*

The Oregon Arts Commission reminds arts organizations that the May 2 deadline for applications for FY2012 operating support, arts services and arts learning grants to Oregon arts organizations is fast approaching.

Operating Support Grants support the operations of, and public access to, the programs of Oregon's medium and large nonprofit arts organizations. Applications may be mailed and postmarked or delivered to the Arts Commission office by May 2, 2011.

Arts Services Grants support the services, activities and outreach of local and regional arts councils and other organizations providing arts services that benefit Oregonians on a local or regional level. Applications may be mailed and postmarked or delivered to the Arts Commission office by May 2, 2011.

Grants for Arts Learning support teaching and learning in and about the arts in Oregon's K-12 schools and communities. Applications will be accepted only through an online process. Applications must be completed and submitted by 10:00 pm, May 2, 2011.

The Commission's grants recognize artistic excellence as well as the role that arts organizations play in the broader social, educational and economic areas of community life. In its FY2011 cycle, the Oregon Arts Commission awarded over \$1.19 million in 114 grants to Oregon arts organizations through these categories.

Guidelines and applications are available online at www.oregonartscommission.org. Applicants are encouraged to review the program guidelines, and seek further assistance from Arts Commission staff. All programs are competitive.

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The Oregon Arts Commission provides leadership, funding and arts programs through its grants, special initiatives and services. Nine commissioners, appointed by the Governor, determine arts needs and establish policies for public support of the arts. The Arts Commission became part of Business Oregon (Oregon Business Development Department in 1993, in recognition of the expanding role the arts play in the broader social, economic and educational arenas of Oregon communities. In 2003, the Oregon legislature moved the operations of the Oregon Cultural Trust to the Arts Commission, streamlining operations and making use of the Commission's expertise in grantmaking, arts and cultural information and community cultural development.

The Arts Commission is supported with general funds appropriated by the Oregon legislature and with federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts as well as funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust.

More information about the Oregon Arts Commission is available online at www.oregonartscommission.org

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