



Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 2, 2007

The Kennedy Center's Partners in Education Program announces the addition of 14 new partnership teams from across the nation

Teams are from Juneau, Alaska; Stanford, California; Arvada, Colorado; Honolulu, Hawai'i; Boise, Idaho; Lafayette, Indiana; Stonington, Maine; New Bedford, Massachusetts; East Lansing, Michigan; Meridian, Mississippi; Concord, New Hampshire; Camden, New Jersey; Lancaster, South Carolina; and Salt Lake City, Utah

**Teams will be inducted at the Partners in Education Institute
MAY 9-12, 2007**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts has selected 14 teams of arts organizations and school systems from across the nation to participate in the Partners in Education Institute, May 9-12, 2007. The Institute, funded by the U.S. Department of Education; the National Committee for the Performing Arts; the Kennedy Center Corporate Fund; and the Bank of America Foundation, promotes partnerships in communities across the nation between arts organizations and local schools, focusing on the development of education programs for teachers. *(Please see attached list of the arts organizations and their school partners selected to participate in the Institute).*

“The arts must be at the heart of every student’s learning experience,” says Darrell M. Ayers, Vice President of Education at the Kennedy Center. “The education of teachers is an essential component of any effort designed to affect the artistic literacy of America’s young people. The Kennedy Center Partners in Education program lends opportunities to reach this goal.”

These new teams will join the 92 teams from 42 states and the District of Columbia already participating in the Partners in Education program, now in its 16th year. At the Institute, participants will examine the variety of educational offerings for teachers developed and refined at the Kennedy Center since 1976. The newly selected teams met the criteria for selection by effectively demonstrating the

-more-

potential for the arts organization and school system to initiate or expand programs for teachers and the stated commitment by both partners to collaborate on developing programs.

The Kennedy Center's workshops for Washington, D.C.-area teachers serve as a focus for the Partners in Education Institute. Institute participants will see events in action, examine how they are planned, implemented and evaluated, and have the opportunity to explore program designs.

Nearly 1,000 teachers from 16 public school systems in the Washington metropolitan area attend 60 Kennedy Center events each year. The Kennedy Center's events are designed for teachers working at the preschool through high-school levels.

Since its establishment in 1972, the Kennedy Center's Education Department believes the inclusion of the performing arts in a broad-based curriculum improves the quality of a child's educational experience. The Kennedy Center's Education Department is committed to its leadership role in promoting higher standards of national performing arts education programs and policy.

For more information about the participating teams and the Partners in Education program, call (202) 416-8806 or visit www.kennedy-center.org/education/partners.

###

PRESS CONTACT:

Rae Bazzarre
(202) 416-8441
rbazzarre@kennedy-center.org

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Jamie Bosley
(202) 416-8806
jkbosley@kennedy-center.org

SELECTED TEAMS

Kennedy Center Partners in Education “Fostering partnerships among arts organizations, schools and communities”

Institute
May 9-12, 2007

Juneau, Alaska

Juneau Arts & Humanities Council
City and Borough of Juneau School District

Stanford, California

Stanford Lively Arts
(Stanford University)
Palo Alto Unified School District

Arvada, Colorado

Mountain Chamber Music Society
Jefferson County Public Schools

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Honolulu Theatre for Youth
State of Hawai'i Department of Education

Boise, Idaho

The Velma V. Morrison Center for the Performing Arts
(Boise State University)
Joint Meridian School District No. 2

Lafayette, Indiana

Purdue University Convocations
Lafayette School Corporation

Stonington, Maine

Opera House Arts
Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School

New Bedford, Massachusetts

The Zeiterion Theatre
New Bedford Public Schools

East Lansing, Michigan

Wharton Center for the Performing Arts
(Michigan State University)
Ingham Intermediate School District

Meridian, Mississippi

Riley Center for the Performing Arts
& Education
(Mississippi State University)
Meridian Public Schools
Lauderdale County School District

Concord, New Hampshire

Capitol Center for the Arts
Concord School District

Camden, New Jersey

Center for the Arts, Gordon Theater &
Stedman Gallery
(Rutgers University-Camden)
Camden City Board of Education

Lancaster, South Carolina

Lancaster County Council of the Arts
Lancaster County School District

Salt Lake City, Utah

Kingsbury Hall, University of Utah
Salt Lake City School District