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MUSIC FOR ALL RECEIVES NEA GRANT TO SUPPORT SUMMER SYMPOSIUM

Grant is one of 832 Art Works grants totaling \$23.3 million in funding nationwide

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Chairman Rocco Landesman announced today that Music for All is one of 832 non-profit organizations nationwide to receive an NEA Art Works grant. Music for All is recommended for a \$20,000 grant to support the Directors’ Academy component of the Music for All Summer Symposium at Ball State University.

The Music for All Summer Symposium at Ball State University is a weeklong camp for both high school students and directors. This grant will support the Directors’ Academy, which is a weeklong, instrumental music, professional development program. Music teachers will improve their classroom rehearsal techniques, conducting, score study and repertoire selection by working with field experts and a live student ensemble. The camp is at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana from June 24-29, 2013.

"I'm proud to announce these 832 grants to the American public including Music for All's Summer Symposium Directors' Academy," said Chairman Landesman. "These projects offer extraordinary examples of creativity in our country, including the creation of new work, innovative ways of engaging audiences, and exemplary education programs."

"Music for All is honored to be receiving one of the NEA Art Works grants. This grant will allow us to enhance our Directors' Academy curriculum and make the Music for All Summer Symposium more accessible and available to more directors, including young educators just starting their careers and collegiate students interested in becoming future music educators," said Eric L. Martin, President and CEO of Music for All.

In March 2012, the NEA received 1,509 eligible applications for Art Works requesting more than \$74 million in funding. The 832 recommended NEA grants total \$22.3 million, span 13 artistic disciplines and fields, and focus primarily on the creation of work and presentation of both new and existing works for the benefit of American audiences.

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Applications were reviewed by panels of outside experts convened by NEA staff and each project was judged on its artistic excellence and artistic merit.

For a **complete listing of projects** recommended for Art Works grant support, please visit the NEA website at arts.gov.

Music for All's mission is to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all. Music for All's vision is to be a catalyst to ensure that every child across America has access and opportunity to participate in active music making in his or her scholastic environment. Music for All provides national and regional music education programs that recognize and support students' performance and success, offer music educator training and professional development, and deliver tools and resources to participants that assist in supporting music education by promoting awareness of music's impact on student growth and achievement. Headquartered in Indianapolis, Music for All is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization. MFA's programs include more than 20 annual events, including the Music for All National Festival, Music for All Summer Symposium, and Bands of America Grand National and Regional Championships for marching band. Learn more at www.musicforall.org.

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