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United Arts of Central Florida Announces Workshops to Assist Local Artists

ORLANDO – October 28, 2014 – United Arts of Central Florida announced workshops to help Central Florida artists apply for Artists in Communities Grants of up to \$2,500.

“While United Arts remains fully committed to providing operating support for our landmark, large budget cultural institutions,” says Flora Maria Garcia, President & CEO, “grassroots cultural groups and artists are important to the ecosystem and vitality of Central Florida’s cultural life. The artists who will be most successful in securing Artists in Communities Grants are those who are working in our neighborhoods to foster innovation, creativity and community engagement.”

United Arts’ Artists in Communities Grants place artists in local community settings, working on projects that benefit seniors, at-risk kids and other underserved groups. Projects ranging from arts in healthcare to public art and arts education have all been funded. Artists are encouraged to work with local nonprofits like a community or senior center, social service organizations or Main Street program. The maximum award is \$2,500 per artist per year and each requires a dollar-for-dollar cash match from the recipient of the award. Last year (the first year of the program), 13 artists shared a total funding pool of \$24,816.

The schedule of workshops follows. Those interested in attending should note that an RSVP through www.UnitedArts.cc/United-Arts-Events is **required**. Workshops without RSVPs may be cancelled.

Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, 2:00 – 3:30pm

Seminole County

Art House Casselberry

127 Quail Pond Circle, Casselberry, FL 32707

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015, 6:00 – 7:30pm

Bilingual Workshop – Orange County (*Overview only. Will also cover City of Orlando Mayor’s Matching Grants, and United Arts Mini-Grants*).

Primrose Community Center, HOLA Outreach Center

595 N. Primrose Drive, Orlando, FL 32803

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015, 6:00 – 7:30pm

Orange County

Germaine Marvel Building, Art & History Museums Maitland

210 W. Packwood Ave, Maitland, FL 32751

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015, 6:00 – 7:00pm

Bilingual Workshop – Osceola County *(Overview only. Will also cover United Arts Mini-Grants).*

Osceola County Welcome Center and History Museum

4155 W. Vine St, Kissimmee, FL 34741

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015, 6:00 – 7:30pm

Lake County

Lake Eustis Museum of Art

1 W. Orange Ave, Eustis, FL 32726

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015, 6:00 – 7:30pm

Osceola County

Osceola Center for the Arts

2411 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, FL 34744

For more information about United Arts grants programs, including General Operating Support Grants, please visit www.UnitedArts.cc/grantee-resources/.

About United Arts of Central Florida

United Arts is a collaboration of individuals, businesses, governments and school districts, foundations, arts and cultural organizations, and artists. Its mission is to enrich communities through the arts, sciences and history.

United Arts serves residents and visitors in Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties through more than 50 local arts, sciences and history organizations. It raises and distributes funds for these cultural groups and provides management, administrative and advisory services.

Now in its 25th year of service to the Central Florida community and regional host of the collaborative Campaign for the Arts, power2give.org and OrlandoAtPlay.com, United Arts has invested more than \$131 million in local organizations and education since its founding in 1989.

More information is available at www.UnitedArts.cc or by calling 407-628-0333. Please email Denise@UnitedArts.cc for comments or inquiries.

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