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NAEA RECEIVES 2015 LEADERSHIP GRANT FOR MUSEUMS FROM IMLS

RESTON, VA – SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 – The National Art Education Association (NAEA) announced today that it has received a prestigious National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in Washington, DC.

The grant will be used to fund a study that will be conducted jointly with the Association of Art Museum Directors (AAMD) examining the impact of single visit programs to art museums on K-12 students.

“This is the first national study of its kind in the U.S.,” said Deborah B. Reeve, Executive Director, NAEA. “We are honored to receive the grant, and look forward to using the study to communicate the influence that art has on developing minds.”

The project will qualitatively and quantitatively explore how engaging directly with original works of art within the distinctive physical setting of art museums nurtures skills and capacities among students, according to the IMLS.

"We are thrilled to partner with NAEA on this critically needed research," said AAMD Executive Director Christine Anagnos. "The size and scope of the study are unprecedented, and we are grateful for IMLS for funding its implementation, as well as to the Samuel H. Kress Foundation for generously supporting its planning."

Together, NAEA and AAMD received $500,000 and will match more than $100,000 in non-federal funds for the project.

"This year we received 62 applications requesting $20,051,170. Of these, we selected 15 projects to receive funding totaling $5,789,295,” IMLS said in a release. “IMLS’s peer reviewers evaluated all eligible and complete grant applications, assessing the merit of each proposal and its fit with the goals of the grant program and project category."

Founded in 1947, NAEA is the leading professional membership organization exclusively for visual arts educators. Members include elementary, middle and high school visual arts educators; researchers and scholars; teaching artists; administrators and supervisors; and art museum educators – as well as more than 49,000 students who are members of the National Art Honor Society. We represent members in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S.
possessions, most Canadian provinces, U.S. Military bases around the world and 25 countries worldwide. NAEA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates through a network of affiliated organizations.