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National Art Education Foundation Featured Events at NAEA Convention

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The National Art Education Foundation (NAEF) convenes its Board of Trustees and supports a number of sessions and events at the NAEA National Convention each year.

The NAEF Annual Fundraising Benefit Event returns to Saturday morning for the sixth year. The program highlights our Convention location in New York City by featuring Broadway producer Lou Spisto and Tony Award-winning costume designer Gregg Barnes in a program entitled, *Inside the Designer's Studio: A Behind the Curtain Look at Costume Design for the Broadway Stage*. Barnes will open the event with a presentation of his work. The speakers will share their thoughts about design, the connection of visual arts education to design aspects of theatre production, professional training, and workforce skills. The conversation will include opportunities for audience questions. We invite all Convention attendees to enrich their New York experience by attending this ticketed special event!

The NAEF Board of Trustees will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 1. NAEF sessions during the Convention include one on applying for NAEF Grants, and a panel featuring recent NAEF grantee projects. This year's panel includes Ruth Halvorsen grantee Jay Linsenbigler and Research grantee Mark A. Graham. Both grant projects explored the use of new media in visual arts instruction. Mark A. Graham presents his research entitled *The Confluence of Art, Design, and Media Arts in Arts and Education*, an exploration of the relationships among university programs in these three areas, their connections to art education, and how these disciplines are organized in secondary schools. Ruth Halvorsen grantee Jay Linsenbigler presents his project *If You Can't Beat 'Em...Join 'Em!!*, focused on identifying and sharing the numerous resources and possibilities for teachers to use mobile devices as another creative tool in the classroom.

NAEF has been instrumental in supporting NAEA initiatives with direct funding of $325,000 since 2011. NAEF supported NAEA's second School for Art Leaders (SAL) in July 2016 and looks forward to supporting SAL again in 2017. This year marks the first NAEA Research Commission Preconference on Tuesday, February 28, and Wednesday, March 1. NAEF has provided financial support for the preconference following multiple years of funding both the Task Force and first two years of the NAEA Research Commission (2012-2014).

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to acknowledge the enormous contributions the late Mac Arthur Goodwin (former NAEF Chair) made to the development of NAEF. His commitment to giving back to further art education is one we could all emulate.