



"Enriching Our Communities Through Advancement of the Arts"

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ALLIED ARTS PRESIDENT TO ATTEND NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

*Deborah McAuliffe Senner Receives Grant to Represent
Oklahoma Arts Community at Annual Meeting*

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Sept. 17, 2009 – Allied Arts is pleased to announce its receipt of a \$1,000 grant to allow president Deborah McAuliffe Senner to attend the national United Arts Fund Leadership Retreat next month. Thanks to support from the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and its Capacity Building Program, McAuliffe Senner will represent Oklahoma at the conference and share best practices and leadership insights with other United Arts Fund executives.

"Attending the United Arts Fund Leadership Retreat will allow me to learn from top arts organizations across the country and adapt their successful activities to advance our local arts community," said McAuliffe Senner. "We appreciate the support of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation for helping make Allied Arts' presence at the conference possible."

Taking place in Louisville, Ky., Oct. 22-23, the annual United Arts Fund Leadership Retreat brings together top executives from leading United Arts Fund organizations. This year's conference will tackle pertinent topics for the arts community, including: raising funds in a troubled economy, identifying the role of United Arts Funds in cultural planning, fostering the next generation of arts enthusiasts and better engaging the corporate sector in support of the arts. This will be McAuliffe Senner's first time attending the conference.

About Allied Arts

As Oklahoma's only United Arts Fund, Allied Arts generates awareness of the importance of the arts, mobilizes support for arts and cultural organizations and funds arts education programs for Central Oklahoma school children. Founded in 1971, the organization has raised more than \$40 million to advance the arts in Oklahoma City and its surrounding communities.

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About the Oklahoma City Community Foundation

Founded in 1969, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation works with donors and organizations to create endowments that address needs and opportunities within the community. Grants are awarded through the Community Grants Program several times a year to metropolitan area charitable organizations.

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