



*"Enriching Our Communities Through Advancement of the Arts"*

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## **DEVON ENERGY CORPORATION TO RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARD FOR SUPPORT OF THE ARTS**

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – October 20, 2010** – Allied Arts is pleased to announce that Devon Energy is one of only 10 companies in the nation that has been named a recipient of ***THE BCA TEN: Best Companies Supporting the Arts in America*** award. Each year, Americans for the Arts recognizes 10 companies for their exceptional commitment to the arts in the United States.

Devon was nominated for this prestigious award by Allied Arts to recognize the work the company has done to support the arts in Central Oklahoma through its volunteerism, education, patronage and financial support. Devon is the first Oklahoma company to receive this award.

"While Devon has been a faithful financial contributor to Allied Arts and many of our community's arts organizations, they also look for opportunities to help build the infrastructure our community needs to support the arts well into the future," said Deborah McAuliffe Senner, president and CEO of Allied Arts. "We are thankful for Devon's strong example of how corporate involvement and support of the arts helps our communities, our economy and our people thrive."

Devon's broad vision for arts includes promoting the arts across social and generational lines, partnering to improve public venues, investing in efforts to promote diversity and accessibility, and reaching out to school children, art students and local patrons.

"We believe that one of the best ways to teach our children about the value of their heritage is through the arts," said Larry Nichols, Devon's executive chairman. "If we can do that, we will have set in motion a legacy that will help shape Oklahoma's destiny for many generations to come."

By nurturing the arts, Devon believes it can foster innovation, creativity and a social framework of collaboration that promotes healthy communities and vibrant business environments.

"Devon is an outstanding corporate citizen in the State of Oklahoma," said Gov. Brad Henry. "Through their commitment to the community and steadfast support of the arts, Devon has enriched the lives of all Oklahoma citizens. Because of the generosity of individuals and companies like Devon, the arts are flourishing in Oklahoma."

Other recipients of this year's BCA TEN Award are BlueCross Blue Shield of South Carolina (Columbia, S.C.), Capital Bank (Raleigh, N.C.), Con Edison (New York, N.Y.), ConocoPhillips (Houston, Texas), Hailfax EMC (Enfield, N.C.), M.C. Ginsberg Jewelers and Objects of Art (Iowa City, Iowa) Northeast Utilities (Hartford, Conn.), Portland General Electric (Portland, Ore.) and Strata-G Communications (Cincinnati, Ohio).

The BCA TEN awards will be presented by Americans for the Arts on November 4, 2010, at the Central Park Boathouse in New York City. Larry and Polly Nichols as well as Mary Nichols will attend the ceremony to accept the award on behalf of Devon.

**About Devon**

Devon Energy Corporation is an Oklahoma City-based independent energy company engaged in oil and gas exploration and production. Devon is a leading U.S.-based independent oil and gas producer and is included in the S&P 500 Index. For additional information, visit <http://www.devonenergy.com/>.

**About Allied Arts**

As Oklahoma's only United Arts Fund, Allied Arts works to broaden support for the arts by raising financial support for the arts and related organizations, encouraging participation and attendance, advocating arts education, and promoting excellence in the arts and arts management. Founded in 1971, the organization has raised more than \$43 million to advance the arts in Central Oklahoma. For more information, contact Allied Arts at 405-278-8944 or visit [www.alliedartsokc.com](http://www.alliedartsokc.com).

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