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More Than \$82 Million Awarded for Arts Projects Nationwide
Includes \$20,000 awarded to United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County

[Raleigh, N.C.] —National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu has approved more than \$82 million to fund local arts projects and partnerships in the NEA’s second major funding announcement for fiscal year 2016. Included in this announcement is an Art Works award of \$20,000 to United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County to support the [Arts Integration Institute](#). The Art Works category supports the creation of work and presentation of both new and existing work, lifelong learning in the arts, and public engagement with the arts through 13 arts disciplines or fields.

“The arts are all around us, enhancing our lives in ways both subtle and obvious, expected and unexpected,” said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. “Supporting projects like the one from United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County offers more opportunities to engage in the arts every day.”

"We are excited to receive this Art Works award from the NEA," said United Arts Council Board Chair Elizabeth Grimes Droessler. "The Arts Integration Institute gives our teachers the resources to incorporate the arts into the curriculum in a meaningful way and inspire lifelong learners through the arts."

The [Arts Integration Institute](#) is a professional development program for teams composed of classroom and arts teachers from North Carolina elementary schools. Master teaching artists lead teams to incorporate arts integration into their teaching. Classroom and arts teachers collaborate with each other to develop arts integrated curriculum, receive individualized coaching, participate in periodic meetings during the school year to share best practices, and brainstorm ways to deepen arts integration within their schools.

The 2016 Arts Integration Institute will be held June 20-24 in Cary, N.C.

Contact Ragen Carlile at rcarlile@unitedarts.org or at 919-839-1498 x209 for more information about the Institute.

To join the Twitter conversation about this announcement, please use #NEASpring16. For more information on projects included in the NEA grant announcement, go to arts.gov.

The United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, based in Raleigh, NC, was incorporated in 1990. Our mission is to build better communities through the support and advocacy of the arts. For the 2015/16 school year United Arts will help bring in teaching artists to 150 schools in Wake County through its "Artists in the Schools" program. The United Arts Council also offers grants to organizations, communities and individual artists and provides services to the community such as advocacy, resource development, professional/leadership development and special projects. The grants, programs and services of United Arts reach over 1.2 million people annually in Wake County.

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