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132 PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIPS IN THE ARTS AVAILABLE IN L.A. COUNTY

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY FUNDS 132 SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AT 96 ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Los Angeles County, through its Arts Commission, has given grants totaling \$530,000 to 96 performing, literary, media and municipal arts organizations throughout Los Angeles County to support paid internships for college undergraduates in summer 2006.

General information on the program is available on the Arts Commission's web site at www.lacountyarts.org/internship.html

Descriptions of and contacts for the 132 internship positions are also posted on the Arts Commission's web site at http://lacountyarts.org/internship_positions0306.pdf

Interested undergraduates should apply directly to the organization offering the internship, not the Arts Commission.

College undergraduates either resident in or attending school in Los Angeles County are eligible for the internships. Interns are paid \$350 per week for ten weeks and take part in educational and arts networking activities. Through the program, interns gain a deeper understanding of the work involved in nonprofit arts administration and the role of the arts in a community, and develop business skills that can be put to use in their future careers. Internship host organizations help mold and shape potential new workers in the arts field who may go on to arts leadership positions on staffs, boards or as volunteers.

Examples of County internship experiences include –

- A teacher assistant intern at the Los Angeles Music and Art School in East LA to assist teachers with the Youth Summer Arts Enrichment Program;
- A grants research intern to work at the Compton Dance Theatre Foundation to assist with grant research and company operations;
- A programs intern to work at the Young Musician's Foundation to provide planning support in various programs including the scholarship program, the summer orchestra camp, special fundraising events, and the Debut Orchestra season;

- An administrative intern to work at the Khmer Arts Academy to assist in the development and production of fundraising and promotional materials for a large-scale Cambodian performing arts media project; and
- An operations intern at the Pasadena Playhouse to work on projects in the areas of finance, human resources, and office/facilities management.

The **Los Angeles County Arts Commission**, Laura Zucker, Executive Director, provides leadership in cultural services of all disciplines for the largest county in the United States, encompassing 88 municipalities. The Arts Commission provides leadership and staffing to support the regional blueprint for arts education, *Arts for All*; administers a grants program that funds more than 250 nonprofit arts organizations annually; oversees the County's Civic Art Program for capital projects, funds the largest arts internship program in the country in conjunction with the Getty Foundation, programs the John Anson Ford Theatres and supports the Los Angeles County Cultural Calendar on ExperienceLA.com. The Commission also produces free community programs, including the L.A. Holiday Celebration broadcast nationally, and a year-round music program that funds more than 60 free concerts each year in public sites. The 2005-06 President of the Arts Commission is Hope Warschaw.

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