

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

Los Angeles County Arts Commission

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY FUNDS 123 SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AT 78 ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Los Angeles County, through its Arts Commission, has given grants totaling \$490,000 to 78 performing, literary and media arts organizations throughout Los Angeles County to support paid internships for college undergraduates in summer 2004. Descriptions of and contacts for the 123 internship positions are posted on the Arts Commission's web site at www.lacountyarts.org/internship.html. 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 technical and production intern to work at Diavolo Dance Theater; a development intern to work on fundraising projects with The Actors' Gang; a marketing and publicity intern to work with Jazz Tap Ensemble; an intern to assist the executive director of the American Composers Forum in marketing and fundraising projects; and an intern to assist with developing an archive of filming for the City of Santa Clarita Film Office.

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, and provides leadership and staffing to support the regional blueprint for arts education, *Arts for All*. The Arts Commission, in addition to its arts internship program, administers a grants program that funds more than 250 nonprofit arts organizations annually, and programs the John Anson Ford Theatres. 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 2003-2004 President of the Arts Commission is Laurel Karabian.

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