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## **130 PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIPS IN THE ARTS AVAILABLE IN L.A. COUNTY**

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### **LOS ANGELES COUNTY FUNDS 130 SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AT 90 ARTS ORGANIZATIONS**

Los Angeles County, through its Arts Commission, has given grants totaling \$530,000 to 90 performing, literary, media and municipal arts organizations throughout Los Angeles County to support paid internships for college undergraduates in summer 2007.

Descriptions of and contacts for the 130 internship positions are posted on the Arts Commission's web site. Go to [www.lacountyarts.org](http://www.lacountyarts.org), click on Internships, then 2007 Internship Database. (The direct link is [http://www.lacountyarts.org/internship\\_positions07.pdf](http://www.lacountyarts.org/internship_positions07.pdf).) The positions are searchable by region, arts discipline, professional field and keyword.

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

General information on the internship program is also available on the web site.

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 production intern to work at **Diavolo Dance Theatre** to directly assist with staging, lighting, sets, and costumes during Diavolo's summer season, specifically being the production assistant for Diavolo's creation process and subsequent premiere performance at the world-famous Hollywood Bowl.

- A marketing intern to work at **LA Commons** to develop marketing strategies for Uncommon LA, LA Commons's cultural tourism initiative currently being piloted in three Los Angeles neighborhoods - Highland Park, Leimert Park, and Thai Town. The intern will work with community members and will research and implement plans for generating and posting content to the Uncommon LA website.
- A theatre festival assistant to work at the **Los Angeles Women's Theatre Festival** to manage the performer submissions process for the 2008 Los Angeles Women's Theatre Festival and to provide daily operations support across the spectrum of administration, including general administrative, educational programming, development, marketing, and graphic design support.
- A production and education intern to work at the **Long Beach Symphony Orchestra** to assist with the preparation and planning for the 2007-2008 season including concert production, artist relations and education programs.
- An administrative intern to work at the **Pasadena Arts Council** to assist in project coordination for "Art & Ideas," a 3-week citywide multidisciplinary exhibition and performance festival which will open in October 2007. The intern will create a master calendar of all festival activities, assist with marketing and media relations, and will also assist with ongoing activities of the Pasadena Arts Council.

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 2006-07 President of the Arts Commission is Marjorie Lyte.

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