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ARTS COMMISSION STAFF MEMBER CLARE HAGGARTY ELECTED TO AMERICAN FOR THE ARTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

Haggarty joins other arts professional from around the country

In December 2017, members of Americans for the Arts elected Clare Haggarty to the Public Art Network Council. Haggarty will advise Americans for the Arts' staff on developing programs and services that will build a deeper connection to the field of public/civic art and the network membership.

As a part of the **Public Art Network Council**, Haggarty will work with fellow arts leaders to advise annual programming, choose the Public Art Network award recipients, and offer diverse perspectives and voices on public art and public art programs.

Clare Haggarty has served the County of Los Angeles at the Arts Commission for the past six years in the Civic Art Program. As the Deputy Director of Collections, she leads the collection team and oversees a growing inventory of over 400 civic artworks situated throughout the 4,083 square miles of Los Angeles County—the most populous and culturally diverse county in the nation.

"Americans for the Arts strives to cultivate the next generation of arts leaders in America, and I am pleased to welcome Clare Haggarty to our advisory council," said Robert L. Lynch, president and CEO of Americans for the Arts. "These leaders are willing to dedicate their time and expertise to work with peers across the country to shape national programs and messages and help craft services for states, communities, and local organizations. I applaud Ms. Haggarty for her valued contribution and commitment that will undoubtedly improve the state of arts in America."

Potential council members were nominated in mid-September and were voted on by members of Americans for the Arts through November 14, 2017. Haggarty will serve a three-year term, from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020.

"I am passionate about preservation, stewardship and legacy," said Haggarty. "Public art is receiving renewed attention as a way for communities to share their experiences and to tell their stories. I look forward to participating in a national dialogue about strategies and opportunities for public art in these dynamic times."

The Los Angeles Arts Commission provides leadership in cultural services for the County, encompassing 88 municipalities and nearly 140 unincorporated areas. In addition to its role

implementing the County's Civic Art program, the Arts Commission funds nearly 400 nonprofit arts organizations through a two-year \$9 million grant program, implements the regional initiative dedicated to ensuring all students receive quality arts education in the County's 81 public school districts, and funds the largest arts internship program in the country.

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Americans for the Arts is the leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts and arts education in America. With offices in Washington, D.C. and New York City, it has a record of more than 55 years of service. Americans for the Arts is dedicated to representing and serving local communities and creating opportunities for every American to participate in and appreciate all forms of the arts. Additional information is available at **www.AmericansForTheArts.org**.

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