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ALAMEDA COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR THE ARTS

Application Deadline: Thursday, March 1, 2012
Free Grant Workshops Presented in January and February 2012

(Oakland, California) – The Alameda County Arts Commission announces the release of the **2012 ARTSFUND Grants Program Guidelines and Application** for Alameda County-based nonprofit organizations. Information can be found at the Arts Commission website www.acgov.org/arts (click on “Programs”). Standard grants awards are \$1,000 each. **The application deadline is March 1, 2012.**

The ARTSFUND Grants Program supports all types of arts programming such as dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual arts, and multidisciplinary arts programs presented in Alameda County by Alameda County nonprofit organizations. Last year’s ARTSFUND program awarded grants of \$800 to \$1,800 to 41 nonprofit organizations throughout Alameda County. During the 2012 funding cycle, between 40-55 arts organizations may be awarded grants. The Alameda County Arts Commission, a division of the County of Alameda, is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Alameda County by nurturing a thriving environment for the arts, promoting economic opportunities for Alameda County’s artists and arts organizations, and encouraging public participation in the arts.

The Arts Commission staff will host two free workshops to assist organizations in preparing their grant applications. Reservations are required. Workshops will be held on Wednesday, January 18 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Fremont Main Library in Fremont and Wednesday, February 1 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Alameda County Lakeside Plaza Building in Oakland. Contact the Arts Commission at artscommission@acgov.org or phone (510) 208-9646 to RSVP to attend a workshop at least seven days prior to the workshop date.

Funding for the ARTSFUND Grants Program is provided by the County of Alameda, individual contributions submitted with County property tax payments, and donations to the Foundation for the Arts in Alameda County.

Further details are available within the ARTSFUND Grants Program Guidelines and Application available at the Arts Commission website www.acgov.org/arts (click on “Programs”) or contact the Alameda County Arts Commission by email artscommission@acgov.org or phone at (510) 208-9646.

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