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## PRESS RELEASE

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### ***Opportunity for Alameda County High School Students in the Arts***

***The California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA) invites applications for the***

***27<sup>th</sup> Annual Session to be held July 13-August 9, 2013***

***Application Deadline: February 28th***

The Alameda County Arts Commission is pleased to be a partner in promoting this exciting opportunity for Alameda County High School students who are involved in the arts. The California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA) is a four-week, intensive pre-college program for talented and motivated high school students in the arts, held on the campus of the California Institute of the Arts (CalArts) in Valencia. CSSSA has an annual student body of over 500 young artists from all over California and beyond! CSSSA offers a unique opportunity for students to spend one month immersed in a creative laboratory experiencing the inspiring and rigorous daily life of a professional artist. As a bridge from high school to college, the program awards top students the Herb Alpert Foundation's Emerging Young Artist Scholarships for collegiate study or pre-professional training programs, as well as three units of California State University course credit and names them "California Arts Scholars," distinguishing CSSSA graduates from their peers as they proceed to college and career. Applications are now being accepted for the 2013 CSSSA Summer Session. The requirements, forms, and instructions can be found on the [CSSSA website](http://www.csssa.ca.gov) under each artistic discipline in the Admissions section. CSSSA is proud that no student is denied admission to the program due to financial circumstances. Each year, approximately 40% of students receive financial aid to attend the summer arts program. All application materials must be postmarked by February 28th. Visit [www.csssa.ca.gov](http://www.csssa.ca.gov)

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