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**CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART AND COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN ANNOUNCES
GRANTS AWARDED BY THE D.C. COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design is pleased to announce four grants, ranging from \$15,000 to \$37,000, awarded by the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities, a generous supporter of the Corcoran since 1990.

The **East of the River Grant** will support ArtReach, the Corcoran’s award-winning youth outreach program offering free after-school art education to youth, ages 6–18, in some of the most underserved communities in Washington, D.C. The **Cultural Facilities Grant** will support upgrades to the Gallery, ensuring the preservation of the National Historic Landmark building and the historic collections. In support of Free Summer Saturdays in 2011 – running from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends – the **City Arts Project Grant** will expand the Corcoran’s diverse offerings to members of the community who may not otherwise have the means to visit. Free Summer Saturdays, which opens the Corcoran’s permanent collection and special exhibitions to the public for free, features a vast array of programs, tours, and events, typically drawing more than 1,200 people into the Gallery each Saturday over the summer.

In addition, the Corcoran will receive a \$30,000 grant in support of the exhibition *Washington Color and Light* (November 20 – March 6, 2011; reopening June 25–August 14, 2011), featuring major works by artists associated with the Washington Color School and their contemporaries. The exhibition serves as an essential backdrop for Arts 101, the new in-school arts education program launching in January in partnership with the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

“We are deeply grateful to receive funding for our educational and outreach programs from the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities,” said Vice President of Public Education Sarah Durkee. “Their support of *Washington Color and Light* and partnership for Arts 101 will provide students with a rare and special opportunity to observe the collected work of the most renowned artists to have lived, worked, and grown up in the Washington metro area.”

ABOUT ARTREACH

Celebrating its 18th year, ArtReach extends the resources of the Corcoran Gallery of Art and the Corcoran College of Art + Design to underserved communities in Washington, D.C. through free high-quality arts education programs. Using the Gallery's collections as a primary resource, ArtReach makes a special effort to foster the creativity and visual literacy skills of individuals while helping them develop meaningful connections between art and their lives. Serving more than 150 student artists (ages 8–18) and their families each year, ArtReach provides visual arts instruction and programming in local community centers, including after-school and summer classes as well as open family workshops.

ABOUT ARTS 101

For a number of years, museums have used their resources to teach critical thinking, problem solving, visual literacy, and other skills that are now considered crucial for the 21st century. The Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design is equipped to support and integrate the development of 21st-century skills in the DCPS and DCPCS school systems, with particular attention paid to exploring the role of creativity. To further this initiative, the Corcoran created new resources for D.C. educators. Informed by research completed by the D.C. Commission on Arts and Humanities, and with regular input from our teacher advisory committee, the Corcoran has developed a program that targets middle school students who are underserved in terms of fine art enrichment programs. The new resources include teaching posters focusing on American art in the Corcoran's collection; lesson plans that present interdisciplinary opportunities for learning and teaching—and that adhere to the D.C. standards of learning; a free tour of the Corcoran followed by a hands-on, studio activity (with bus transportation reimbursement included); and ongoing professional development for teachers. For more information on how you can get involved with Arts 101, please contact Jocelyn Kho, jkho@corcoran.org.

ABOUT THE D.C. COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

The mission of the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities is to provide grant funds, programs and educational activities that encourage diverse artistic expressions and learning opportunities, so that all District of Columbia residents and visitors can experience the rich culture of our city. The D.C. Arts Commission seeks to play a leadership role in raising the profile of D.C. through arts building community, establishing D.C. as a world class cultural destination and making the ultimate contribution to one's quality of life. The Arts Commission is supported primarily by District government funds and in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

ABOUT THE CORCORAN

The Corcoran Gallery of Art, a privately funded institution, was founded in 1869 as Washington's first and largest nonfederal museum of art. It is known internationally for its distinguished collection of historical and modern American art as well as contemporary art, photography, European painting, sculpture, and the decorative arts.

Founded in 1890, the Corcoran College of Art + Design is Washington's only four-year college of art and design offering BFA degrees in Digital Media Design, Fine Art, Fine Art Photography, Graphic Design, Interior Design, and Photojournalism; a BA in Art Studies; a five-year Bachelor of Fine Arts/Master of Arts in Teaching (BFA/MAT); an AFA in Digital Media Design, Fine Art, Graphic Design, and Photography; and MA degrees in Art and the Book, Art Education, Exhibition Design, Interior Design, Master of Arts in Teaching, and New Media Photojournalism. The College's Continuing Education program offers part-time credit and non-credit classes for children and adults and draws more than 2,500 participants each year. For more information about the Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design, visit www.corcoran.org.

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