

September 2013

Dear Corcoran Community,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you back to the bustle of a new fall season at the Corcoran.

Our September board meeting is now complete, and as we say good-bye to summer, we gear up for the September 21st opening of an exciting and wonderfully rich new thematic installation of our masterpieces of historic American painting and sculpture, [\*American Journeys-Visions of Place\*](#). Featuring more paintings than have ever been on view in the historic American Art galleries and for the first time in over a decade integrating paintings and sculpture, the reinstallation reflects the Corcoran's renewed commitment to American art as one of its three core collection areas. As the Corcoran's American art collection is one of the top 10 museum collections of American art in the country, the board and I feel that *Visions of Place* is an impressive visual and tangible testimony to that fact.

In the College, classes are in full swing, with our students and faculty deep into their creative engagement with art, ideas, and a community that makes the Corcoran education so distinctive.

In other exciting news, we are moving forward with our partnership venture dialogue with the University of Maryland to strengthen both our institutions and ensure the health and stability of the Corcoran well into the future. The Corcoran task force has just completed its final report of the Corcoran-UMD Partnership Study and UMD is putting the finishing touches on their own task force report. These reports will form the foundation of the new alliance, and cover areas such as curriculum, student experiences, outreach, and new research opportunities. Even in outline form, both reports showcase the remarkable potential we see in this relationship. We look forward to sharing our shared vision for this collaboration with all of you very soon!

Lastly, there is the exciting news that the Corcoran's outreach program, ArtReach After School, has been named a finalist for the [\*\*2013 Innovation in the Arts Mayor's Arts Award\*\*](#) for the program's use of resources in the development of a new Master Class and its recent collaboration with undergraduates from the Corcoran College of Art + Design's *Wear.Strut.Occupy*. in the ArtReach Soundsuits project. Additionally, ArtReach in School has been selected as a finalist for Outstanding Contribution to Arts Education. I have enclosed a video sampling of one of the ArtReach projects, which I hope you enjoy. (Just click the picture below!)



*The photo was taken by Ingrid Berbery, ArtReach intern. The collaborative soundsuit was made by ArtReach student Christian (Age 13) and CCAD Fine Art student Rene Medrano.*

Sincerely,

Peggy Loar  
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