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Congresswoman Matsui Announces \$35,000 in NEA Grants for Local Organizations

Sacramento Philharmonic Receives \$20,000 to Support Educational Series

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-Sacramento) announced that two local organizations, the [Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra Association](#) and [California Presenters](#), have been awarded grants by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The Sacramento Philharmonic will receive \$20,000 to support an educational outreach series featuring Carnegie Hall's LinkUP! for Music "Orchestra Rocks" program; and the California Presenters' \$15,000 grant will support their 28th annual Artist Information Exchange Conference.

"Investing in the arts is an investment in the creativity and innovation of our community," said Congresswoman Matsui. "This federal assistance will help California organizations continue to educate our youth and support our local artists. I am so pleased that these programs have been recognized with these awards."

"The Sacramento Philharmonic is extremely proud to have been an NEA Grantee every year since 2006," said Marc Feldman, Executive Director and CEO of the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra. "The NEA's support has enabled the Philharmonic to fulfill our mission of bringing music to a new public, as well as thousands of children and family members. Thank you to Congresswoman Matsui and all those who help to raise the bar for the arts in Sacramento."

"California Presenters is so pleased to receive this much valued NEA funding," said Ruth Rosenberg, Administrative Coordinator, California Presenters. "Funding will be used in support of our 2012 Artist Information Exchange conference, during which time leaders in the presenting field work together to bring the best artists to the people of California."

These NEA matching grants will help support projects that involve the creation and presentation of artistically excellent work – both new and established. This round of grants amounts to nearly 800 awards and over \$25 million in funding for programs that provide access to the arts in 49 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Grants from the National Endowment for the Arts generate, on average, six dollars from non-federal sources for each dollar awarded.

In addition, this round of NEA grants includes partnership grant awards made to each state's state arts agency and to the country's six regional arts organizations. These partnership awards amount to over \$50 million in arts funding. The California Arts Council, which is based in Sacramento, received \$1,162,700 during this round of funding to support their Partnership Agreement activities.

For more information on Congresswoman Matsui's work in Congress, please visit www.matsui.house.gov

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