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### **Gage Academy of Art Receives National Support**

*Art Educators Initiative promotes classical drawing curriculum for art teachers*

SEATTLE, WA – October 12, 2012 – Gage Academy of Art is proud to announce the support of two national organizations for the launch of their, “Art Educators Initiative.” The Art Renewal Center (ARC) and the Leon Lowenstein Foundation, Inc. have together donated \$11,000 to support participation by Gage in six national art educator conferences, as well as the dissemination of the educational DVD project that accompanies Gage teaching artist Juliette Aristides’ book, *Lessons in Classical Drawing*.

Gage representative Mandy Hallenius will travel to six national arts educator conferences to meet with high school art instructors, and share the curriculum she helped develop from, *Lessons in Classical Drawing*. Hallenius, a certified K-12 arts educator, is also a full-time Aristides Atelier student at Gage, and has been working with Juliette Aristides on developing age-appropriate lesson plans, designed specifically for high school-aged artists. To complement the tour, Gage will host drawing workshops in July 2013, featuring Clock Hour certification for educators, in order to create impactful training opportunities.

“We’re extremely grateful for the support of both the Art Renewal Center and the Leon Lowenstein Foundation,” said Pamela Belyea, Executive Director of Gage Academy of Art. “Juliette has inspired countless students here at Gage, and we know her methods and materials will help arts educators inspire their students, as well.”

Hallenius, along with Aristides Atelier graduate and teaching assistant David Dwyer, will participate in Art Education Association conferences in Portland, OR; Myrtle Beach, SC; Santa Fe, NM; Riverside, CA; and Rochester, NY. By bringing the educational lessons embedded in *Lessons in Classical Drawing*, plus free copies of the book directly to arts educators across the nation, the Art Educators Initiative will extend the influence of the Aristides book to actual classrooms filled with young artists craving the tools to learn and practice the craft of drawing.

Established in 1941, the Leon Lowenstein Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization based in New York City. The Art Renewal Center (ARC) was founded in 2000 by a group of artists, art collectors, historians, and enthusiasts, to provide a forum for dialogue and exchange of expert information among educators, scholars, curators, collectors and artists.

#### **ABOUT GAGE ACADEMY OF ART**

Celebrating more than 20 years as a national center for classical training in the foundation principles of drawing, painting, and sculpture, Gage Academy of Art, a 501-C3 non-profit,

features fine-art programs year-round that engage and inspire emerging and established artists of all ages and abilities through rigorous study and practice in the Realist tradition. For more information, connect with Gage on Facebook and Twitter, or visit [GageAcademy.org](http://GageAcademy.org).

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