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Gage Receives “Arts Mean Business 2012” Grant

Grant from the Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs to Support Art Curriculum

SEATTLE, WA – January 2, 2013 – Gage Academy of Art is proud to announce to receipt of a grant from the Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, to support the development of arts curriculum for pre-school to teenage students in the Seattle area.

The nearly \$25,000 award will help fund the creation of an Educational Specialist position at Gage, to support the development of a sequential pre-school to teen art curriculum. Plans also call for the creation of a GAP year foundation art curriculum for high school graduates, which would support artistic and portfolio development for students transitioning to a college or university arts program.

The award is part of the Arts Mean Business program at the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs. The Arts Mean Business funding program's purpose is to fund arts jobs crucial to the implementation of sustainable revenue strategies for Seattle arts, cultural and heritage organizations. The program will provide one-time funds for positions that will make a difference in each organization's ability to generate extra revenue to carry out its mission.

“This grant will allow us to take a major step forward in creating appropriate and relevant curriculum for young artists,” said Pamela Belyea, Executive Director at Gage Academy of Art. “We’re seeing a real need for this kind of programming in our community,” said Belyea, “and we’re excited for our opportunity to support young artists and art educators in this way.”

In addition to the creation of an Educational Specialist, the Arts Mean Business grant will also support the development of arts educator workshops at Gage. Scheduled to begin in summer 2013, the workshops will offer continuing education credits to arts educators, as well as the opportunity to develop new curriculum for use in their own classrooms.

The Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs promotes the value of arts and culture in and of communities throughout Seattle. By fostering and investing in the creative contributions of artist citizens to every facet of the community, the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs engages the creativity in every resident and builds a healthy and vibrant Seattle.

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.

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