

### ▲Americans for the Arts

**Americans for the Arts** is the leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts in America. With a 40-year record of service, it is dedicated to representing and serving local communities and creating opportunities for every American to participate in and appreciate all forms of the arts.

With offices in Washington, DC, and New York City, Americans for the Arts serves more than 100,000 organizational and individual members and stakeholders. Each year, the organization provides a rich array of programs and services in five areas—policy, advocacy, research, professional development, and visibility—designed to meet their needs.

More information about Americans for the Arts is available at [www.americansforthearts.org](http://www.americansforthearts.org).

### ▲Animating Democracy

Animating Democracy, a program of Americans for the Arts Institute for Community Development and the Arts, fosters arts and cultural activity that encourages and enhances civic engagement and dialogue. It is based on the premise that democracy is animated when an informed public is engaged in the issues affecting people's daily lives. The arts and humanities can contribute unique programs, settings, and creative approaches that reach new and diverse participants, stimulate public dialogue about civic issues and inspire action to make change.

Animating Democracy helps to build capacity of artists and cultural organization involved in a wide sphere of civic engagement work, including arts-based civic dialogue, through an integrated set of programs and services.

Additional information about Animating Democracy is available at [www.artsusa.org/animatingdemocracy](http://www.artsusa.org/animatingdemocracy).