



Tubac Center of the Arts to Receive \$10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts

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[Tubac, AZ]—National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu has approved more than \$30 million in grants as part of the NEA's first major funding announcement for fiscal year 2017. Included in this announcement is a Challenge America grant of \$10,000 to The Tubac Center of the Arts for *the Santa Cruz Valley Open Studio Tour*. The Challenge America category supports primarily small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations—those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability.

"The arts are for all of us, and by supporting organizations such as The Tubac Center of the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts is providing more opportunities for the public to engage with the arts," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. "Whether in a theater, a town square, a museum, or a hospital, the arts are everywhere and make our lives richer."

"We're proud to be the center of artistic expression in southern Arizona and Santa Cruz Valley and very grateful for the National Endowment of the Arts' support. Expanding the reach of the Open Studio Tour from Green Valley/Sahuarita to Tubac to the City of Nogales, gives the southern Arizona artist community a chance to share their incredible talent with the diverse and dedicated art lovers, locally, nationally, and internationally."

Santa Cruz Valley Open Studio Tour

The Santa Cruz Valley Open Studio Tour represents artists from the multifaceted and diverse communities in southern Pima and Santa Cruz counties. Beginning with a preview exhibition at the Tubac Center of the Arts on January 20, 2017, the Tour commences from March 17 to 19, 2017 when artists in virtually all mediums share their studios and their work with locals and visitors to the region. As part of the 2017 expansion to the Tour, the Center welcomes the city of Nogales in participation and the catalog for the event will 1) include a gallery listing and 2) be published in a bilingual edition. Artists who would like to get involved still have time. The last day for application is January 3, 2017. Please contact Michael Fenlason at Exhibitions@TubacArts.org.

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For more information on projects included in the NEA grant announcement, visit arts.gov/news.

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