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Arts Commission approves Indiana Bicentennial grant projects

(Indianapolis, Indiana) – The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced today the approval of grants funding a total of 139 projects associated with the celebration of the Indiana Bicentennial. The proposed projects were approved by the Commission at its December 11, 2015 meeting in Indianapolis. Coupled with Arts Project Support grants approved at the Commission's June meeting, a total of 197 Bicentennial Legacy Projects have been approved by the Commission this year.

The projects, endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission, will be part of two IAC grant programs approved for funding in the last session of the Indiana General Assembly.

"The applicant response to these new programs was truly amazing, and is a testament to the interest Hoosier artists and arts providers have in sharing their work with the public at totally new, and predominately rural venues," said IAC Executive Director Lewis C. Ricci. "These programs reflect two IAC core values; that of insuring access and forging partnerships."

Seventy-six of the projects will be for the Arts in the Parks program, a partnership between the Indiana Arts Commission and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) enabling the creation of arts activities for the public to enjoy at parks and forests across the state. Forty-seven of the projects will be led by individual artists working directly with the DNR properties, and 29 projects will be conducted by arts organizations or cultural program providers.

Thirty-five projects will be part of the Indiana Masterpiece program designed to showcase the state's art history and its prominent creative figures. Indiana arts organizations and cultural programming providers will create special productions, commissions, exhibitions, performances, and / or artistic celebrations.

"The Bicentennial Commission was thrilled to receive these projects through the Arts

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Commission, and endorsed all as Bicentennial Legacy Projects. They are significant projects, and will add immeasurably to the celebration of Indiana's 200th anniversary," said Perry Hammock, Indiana Bicentennial Commission Executive Director. "These activities will enhance the public's opportunity to celebrate our state's history through the arts in parks and public spaces and throughout Indiana."

To see a complete list of grants for both programs visit the IAC website at: www.in.gov/arts/2337.htm.

The Indiana Arts Commission is dedicated to the vision of the arts everywhere, everyday, for everyone in Indiana.

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