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Twenty-four San Antonio Artists Selected For Creative Capital Professional Development Retreat

The City of San Antonio's Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) and Economic Development Department are proud to announce that Creative Capital of New York City will return to San Antonio again this year to conduct an artist workshop for professional local artists. Twenty-four San Antonio artists have been invited to participate in the **Creative Capital Professional Development Retreat** on May 16 - 18, 2008. The workshop will be held at SAY Si who has generously donated the space. The diverse group of artists reflects a wide range of arts disciplines including visual art, theatre, music and film/video. The artists selected are:

David Alcantar, Estevan Arrendondo, Julia Barbosa Landois, Sabra Booth, Erik Bosse, Richard Diaz, Ilze Dilane, Donna Dobberfuhr, Javier Galvan, Rex Hausmann, James Hetherington, Stefani Job Spears, Deborah Keller-Rihn, Timothy Kramer, Rhonda Kuhlman, Marlyn Lanfear, Leigh Anne Lester, Jose Luis Lopez, Michele Monseau, Roberto Prestigiacomio, Doug Roper, Ansen Seale, Michael Twomey and Luis Valdaras.

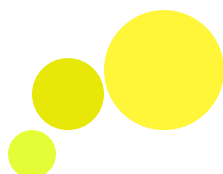
The Professional Development Weekend Retreat is designed to deliver skill-building opportunities to San Antonio artists. The goal of the retreat is to provide a cohesive structure that will help artists organize, plan, and sustain their creative careers. The retreat will use an integrated approach to develop skills in marketing/public relations and fundraising with a particular emphasis on strategic planning for individuals, and aims to help artists break patterns of crisis management and increase satisfaction in their art practices and careers.

The workshops are presented by artist facilitators from Creative Capital. Founded in January 1999, **Creative Capital** is a national non-profit organization based in New York City that supports artists pursuing innovative approaches to form and content in the media, performing and visual arts, and in emerging fields. Since spring 2003, Creative Capital has partnered with arts stakeholders to develop and present 65 professional development workshops for more than 1650 artists in 35 communities around the country.

This is the second year that Creative Capital has worked with artists in San Antonio. Creative Capital will also work with the 24 artists who participated in the 2007 workshop on May 15, 2008. The focus of the special Alumni workshop will be “Making Strategic Planning Work.”

The Creative Capital Professional Development Retreat is part of the implementation of “**The Cultural Collaborative**” (TCC). TCC is San Antonio’s cultural plan to support the growth and recognition of San Antonio’s creative economy and the Creative Capital workshop is the implementation of the plan strategy to establish support services and develop local artists. The plan’s objectives for the creative economy focus on the areas of access, economic development, community awareness, authenticity/creativity, and resources. **The Office of Cultural Affairs’ TCC Division works the City’s Economic Development Department** on a variety of creative economy initiatives, including professional development for local artists.

For information on Creative Capital’s Professional Development Program, visit www.pd.creative-capital.org. For more information on The Cultural Collaborative and San Antonio’s Creative Economy visit www.sahearts.com.



The Cultural Collaborative
Supporting the Growth and Recognition of San Antonio’s Creative Economy

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