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National Endowment for the Arts Awards Stimulus Funds to Wave Hill *Wave Hill Sole Bronx Institution to Receive Award*

Bronx, NY, September 2, 2009 – Wave Hill is proud to announce that it has received an award of \$50,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts as part of the NEA’s distribution of federal aid provided for by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Organizations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several U.S. territories received funds; Wave Hill was the only Bronx institution to win an award. Eligibility was restricted to current NEA grantees, and gifts mostly ranged in size from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

“The NEA’s stimulus funds,” explained Wave Hill President and Executive Director Claudia Bonn, “are meant to help preserve jobs that have been threatened by the economic downturn that has affected cultural institutions, and philanthropic giving, across the country.

“These funds help us keep our superb arts staff in place, but also send a message of encouragement to us and to the communities we serve here in the Bronx, and across New York City, who rely on Wave Hill to continue to be a vibrant, welcoming garden oasis. We are deeply heartened by the NEA’s steadfast support of contemporary exhibitions, commissioning opportunities and family engagement at Wave Hill.”

The NEA grant also restores funding for 15 guest artists to participate in Wave Hill’s signature Family Art Project, free weekend workshops that give local families an opportunity to create nature-based art projects inspired by contemporary art and craft traditions from around the world.

Exhibiting artists often lead workshops, discussion and hands-on activities providing families with insight into the artists’ unique perspectives, working methods and sources of inspiration.

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Funding for guest artists also brings in non-exhibiting artists who enable Wave Hill to further expand the culturally diverse range of media and perspectives it can offer. Many artists have participated in the Family Art Project since its inception, working directly with children to illustrate their creative process.

2010 marks the 10th anniversary of Wave Hill’s Visual Arts Program and the 20th anniversary of the Family Art Project.

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A 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades, Wave Hill’s mission is to celebrate the artistry and legacy of its gardens and landscapes, to preserve its magnificent views, and to explore human connections to the natural world through programs in horticulture, education and the arts.

HOURS Open all year, Tuesday–Sunday and many major holidays: 9AM–5:30PM
Closes 4:30PM, October 15–April 14 · Open late on Wednesdays in June and July

ADMISSION \$6 adults, \$3 students and seniors 65+, \$2 children 6–18. Admission subject to change.
Free Tuesday and Saturday mornings till noon. Free to Members & children under age 6

Wave Hill is an independent, non-profit cultural institution governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Its buildings and grounds are owned by the City of New York. With the assistance of the Bronx Borough President, and Bronx representatives in the City Council and State Legislature, Wave Hill’s operation is supported with public funds through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs; the Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums Grant Program administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; the New York State Council on the Arts—a state agency; a Special Legislative Grant recommended by New York State Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz; the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services; and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Target Free Days

Target sponsors free Tuesday and Saturday morning admission to Wave Hill, providing public access to the arts in our community.

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