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California Alliance Launches Board Fellows Program

February 10, 2013 (Los Angeles, CA) - Mark Slavkin, Chair of the California Alliance for Arts Education, announced today that Sara Razavi, Emily Shallman and Ahn Phuong Tran have joined the Alliance Board Directors as part of the new Board Fellows Program. The California Alliance for Arts Education is a statewide arts education advocacy organization based in Pasadena and Sacramento.

"Sara Razavi, Emily Shallman and Ahn Phuong Tran bring a breadth of experience to help the Alliance advance its mission to advocate for visual and performing arts education for preschool through post-secondary students in California schools," said Mark Slavkin.

"Through the Board Fellows program, we are engaging new voices in our work, leveraging the unique perspectives and networks of the next generation of leaders," said Alliance Board Member Emily Hall who spearheaded this effort, "The program contributes to field-building through leadership development positioning arts education and advocacy for strength in the future,"

The program, launched earlier this month, is modeled after the leading board fellow programs nationally. It provides an opportunity for emerging leaders to have a material impact on the organization's success and reach, as well as gain valuable experience at the Board level. The program positions successful participants to be more engaged and experienced nonprofit leaders, board members, consultants, philanthropists and community leaders.

The California Alliance for Arts Education is the leading statewide arts education advocacy organization dedicated to maintaining and enhancing arts education in our schools. The mission of the California Alliance for Arts Education is to promote, support, and advocate for visual and performing arts education for preschool through post-secondary students in California

schools. For more information contact Joe Landon, Executive Director, at joe@artsed411.org or visit www.artsed411.org.

Sara Razavi has over ten years of experience directing socially responsible entities, with a focus on business strategy, organizational development, mergers, and operations. She has been successful working with leading nonprofits, government agencies, and for profit companies, and is interested in continuing cross-sector work.

Emily E. Shallman earned a masters in Urban Studies from the San Francisco Art Institute and is currently an intern for the CHILDREN'S CREATIVITY MUSEUM in San Francisco. She manages exhibits and leads middle school field trip groups in various arts and creative activities at CCM, such as making claymation films, music videos, video games/"scratch" animation and imaginative play.

Ahn Phuong Tran brings four years experience in relationship management, fundraising, and event management; increased social media presence and engagement via Facebook and twitter for four nonprofit organizations; demonstrated competency in Microsoft Office Suite, CiviCRM and Salesforce databases; diverse skills in project management, prospect analysis, and strategic planning.