

Shirin Vakharia Joins Board of Directors of California Alliance for Arts Education

November 19, 2012 (Los Angeles, CA) - Mark Slavkin, Chair of the California Alliance for Arts Education, announced today that Shirin Vakharia has joined the Alliance Board of Directors. The California Alliance for Arts Education is a statewide arts education advocacy organization based in Pasadena and Sacramento.

"We are delighted to have Shirin Vakharia join us in our work to promote and advocate for arts education for students throughout the state," said Mark Slavkin. "Shirin brings a wealth of experience in philanthropy and program management, and she understands the importance of the arts in providing a well-rounded education."



Shirin is Program Director for the Arts, Social Justice and Interfaith Understanding at the Marin Community Foundation in Novato, CA. She has over 15 years of experience in funding, planning, coordinating, implementing and evaluating programs, policies, and strategies. She formerly served as a Grants Committee Member for the Napa Valley Community Foundation and as an Advisory Committee Member for Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Bay. Shirin holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a Master of Arts degree in Community Counseling, both from the University of Cincinnati.

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.