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Friday, May 6, 2011 News from the City of Lawrence **1) Grants awarded to local arts organizations for community art projects**

(Lawrence, Kan.) - The City of Lawrence is pleased to announce the results of the 17th Annual Community Arts Grant competition. The following organizations will receive awards:

b.a.l.m.: The New Old San Antonio - \$1,000 Douglas County Housing Inc.: Reframing my Story - \$1,000 Downtown Lawrence Arts District: Final Fridays Flash Galleries - \$1,000 Lawrence Arts Center: Project - Based Artist Residencies - \$1,000 Lawrence Busker Festival - \$1,000 Theatre Lawrence - To Catch a Butterfly- \$1,000 VanGo, Inc.: JAMS Summer Benchmark session - \$1,000

The grants will be awarded at the May 10th Lawrence City Commission meeting by Mayor Aron Cromwell and Kathy Porsch, Chair of the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission (LCAC), the group who selected the winners.

"This grant program is predicated on the belief that the arts are essential to the proper functioning of our community," said Porsch. "It is intended to promote awareness of and appreciation for the arts in Lawrence, and to encourage collaborations within the Lawrence arts community that will increase the impact of the arts across a broad spectrum of our residents. Given the range of excellent projects funded this year, we feel confident they will meet these goals."

Questions regarding the Lawrence Community Arts Grant program should be directed to: Diane Stoddard, City of Lawrence at (785) 832-3413 or <u>dstoddard@lawrence.ks.org</u>.

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