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ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

Quad City Arts is a nonprofit local arts agency dedicated to the growth and vitality of the Quad City region through the presentation, celebration and development of the arts and humanities. Located in a bi-state region serving six counties in Iowa and Illinois, Quad City Arts provides opportunities for the public, artists and arts organizations in the performing, literary and visual arts. An estimated 350,000 people participate in our programs each year and 4,500,000 are exposed to quality artwork through our public art programs.

Overview: Quad City Arts was incorporated through a merger of four arts agencies in 1988, but the Visiting Artist Series has been serving the region for more than 30 years. The agency has 11 full-time and two part-time staff members, with a 26-member Board of Directors. There are 1400 donor/members of the agency, including 100% of the staff and board. In addition to literary, visual and performing arts programming at the Arts Center, the agency also provides nearly 300 outreach performances throughout the Quad Cities.

Previous activities: The Arts Center exhibits and sells the work of local artists year-round. The center also features free performing, visual and literary arts events. The Arts Dollar\$ Community Access regranting program has awarded more than \$600,000 to artists and organizations for projects which hire artists and benefit the community. Literary Arts programming serves area writers with readings and workshops, a national literary magazine and visits by nationally-recognized authors. The Metro Arts summer youth employment program hires 75 area high school students as paid apprentices to work under professional local artists on visual, performing and literary group projects. The Public Art program facilitates site-specific temporary and permanent art pieces in community locations. Projects include community design/build pieces by regional artists, national competitions for large-scale installations and exhibitions by local artists, including a gallery at the Quad City International Airport, and a rotating outdoor downtown sculpture series. The Arts-in-Education program provides arts training across the curriculum for teachers through a workshop series and a resource guide to local artists and arts organizations for area schools. Artist Services provides monthly professional development and networking workshops for area artists. Each season the Visiting Artist Series brings internationally acclaimed artists for one- and two-week residencies in nearly 300 educational performances in sites from rural schools to urban factories.

Community/region/audience: The Quad Cities consists of six counties in Iowa and Illinois. Population: 467,890 - 89% Caucasian, 5% Hispanic & 4% African American (2000 Census). Minority participation in Quad City Arts programs exceeds residential percentages for the area. The regional industry is farming and factory work.

Special efforts: All of Quad City Arts' programs are open and publicized to our six-county service area, including seniors, low-income and rural residents. Most are presented for free or a minimal charge. Sponsorships allow at-risk youth to attend for free.

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