

## BUSH ARTIST FELLOWS PROGRAM SETS DAKOTA INFORMATION MEETINGS

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### **New Dakota-Based Grant Program will be Discussed; Fellowship Applications Available August 20**

**(Saint Paul, Minn.—August 28, 2007)**—Applications for the 2008 core Bush Artist Fellowships will be available August 20, 2007. Artists may apply in three categories: Visual Arts, Media Arts, and Visual Arts—Traditional, Ethnic and Craft Materials. All artists interested in applying are encouraged to attend a reception and information meeting, scheduled between September 26 and October 2 in communities in North and South Dakota. More information, including applications, is available at [www.bushfoundation.org](http://www.bushfoundation.org).

At the meetings, Program Director Julie Gordon Dagleish and Assistant Director Kevin Bitterman will present an overview of the Bush Artist Fellows Program, including its two new initiatives—the Enduring Vision Awards for mature artists and the Dakota Creative Connections for artists living in North and South Dakota. In addition to general information about the Bush Artist Fellowships and these two new programs, program leaders will discuss the guidelines and eligibility for the 2008 fellowships and answer questions.

Program leaders also will introduce and provide application information for Dakota Creative Connections, a new initiative of the Bush Artist Fellows Program that combines project grants and professional development programs. Artists who reside in either North or South Dakota are eligible and are encouraged to attend a reception and information meeting to learn more about this new program, for which applications will be available in January, as well as about the core fellowship program. Receptions will be held at 5:30 p.m. with a two-hour information meeting to follow at 7 p.m. Artists are encouraged to register by email in advance for the reception and meeting. These meetings are:

#### **Fargo, ND**

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Plains Art Museum

704 First Avenue North

**Bismarck, ND**

Thursday, September 27, 2007  
Bismarck Art & Galleries Association  
422 E. Front Ave.

**Rapid City, SD**

Monday, October 1, 2007  
Dahl Art Center  
713 Seventh Street

**Sioux Falls, SD**

Tuesday, October 2, 2007  
Washington Pavilion  
301 South Main Avenue

Artists in the Dakotas may sign up in advance for individual or small-group consultations to receive feedback on drafts of their applications. Artists will meet in 30-minute sessions with program leaders. Sessions are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Artists may get more information or sign up in advance by emailing [BAFInfo@bushfoundation.org](mailto:BAFInfo@bushfoundation.org) or calling 651-227-0891.

Bush Artist Fellowships provide artists with significant financial support that enables them to further their work and their contribution to their communities. Fellows may decide to take time for solitary work or reflection, engage in collaborative or community projects, or embark on travel or research. Artists may use a Bush Artist Fellowship in many ways—to explore new directions, continue work already in progress or accomplish work not financially feasible otherwise. Up to 15 fellowships of \$50,000 each for the core program will be awarded in 2008. Application deadlines are in November 2007.

To be eligible to apply, an artist must be at least 25 years old at the time of application and a resident of Minnesota, North Dakota or South Dakota. Applicants must have lived in one of these states for at least the two years preceding the application deadline. Full-time students in degree-granting programs are not eligible.

For more information, please contact the Bush Foundation at 651-227-0891 or 1-800-605-7315 or [BAFInfo@bushfoundation.org](mailto:BAFInfo@bushfoundation.org).

The **Bush Foundation**, a private grantmaking organization established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife, Edyth, improves the quality of life by strengthening organizational, community and individual leadership in the region that includes Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Its grantmaking and individual fellowship programs in the arts, medicine and leadership are open to candidates and organizations from the three-state region.