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125 PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AVAILABLE THROUGH LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Eligibility requirements expanded

Summer job opportunities for 125 college students are now available through the L.A. County Arts Internship Program. The positions are for 10 weeks and pay \$350 per week. Interns also take part in educational and arts networking activities. Through the program, interns gain real work experience to strengthen their resumes and develop business skills that can be put to use in their future careers.

To support the internships, Los Angeles County, through its Arts Commission, has given grants totaling \$500,000 to 95 performing, literary, media and municipal arts organizations throughout the County. The internship program celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2009. More than 1100 college students have participated in the program since its inception in the summer of 2000.

Descriptions of and contacts for the 125 internship positions are posted on the Arts Commission's web site. Go to www.lacountyarts.org, click on Internships, then 2009 Internship Positions. The direct link is http://lacountyarts.org/internships/docs/internships_postings09.pdf

Interested college students should apply directly to the organization offering the internship, not the Arts Commission. General information on the internship program is also available on the web site.

Eligibility requirements for the internships have been expanded in 2009. Graduating seniors who complete their undergraduate degrees by September 1, 2009 are eligible as well as undergraduates. Undergraduates must have completed at least one semester of college by June 2009 and be currently enrolled (full-time) in a community college or a four-year university. Applicants must be resident in and/or attending school in Los Angeles County.

Examples of County internship experiences include:

- A Community Relations Assistant at **Friends of the Levitt Pavilion-MacArthur Park** will serve as a liaison to the community, strategize and implement outreach efforts, recruit volunteers and organize the Community Reception of the Opening Celebration at the Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts in MacArthur Park.
- A Dance Company Intern at **CONTRA-TIEMPO** will receive valuable hands-on experience in working with a professional dance company and community arts organization. The Intern will help with aspects of grant research, general business management, fundraising, event production, press promotion and other arts administration responsibilities.
- A Publicity Intern at **Red Hen Press** will work on publicizing, fundraising and planning for Red Hen Press's annual fundraising event. The intern will be responsible for soliciting ads in the Anniversary Event Tribute book and secure donated raffle items from local businesses and venues. The intern will also aid in publicizing the event by contacting various media outlets and working with the development team on corporate underwriting for the event.
- The Associate Producer Intern at **the City of Torrance/Torrance Theatre Co.** will gain a solid understanding of producing theatre in a municipal setting. He or she will manage a production calendar, schedule and run an audition, coordinate the technical staff of a production, conceptualize an audience development program and learn how to work with a variety of other city staff members and departments to bring the productions to the stage.

The Event Production intern at the **Los Angeles Jewish Symphony** will assist in the event coordination and production preparations for two major summer concerts at the Ford Amphitheatre and the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

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The **Los Angeles County Arts Commission**, Laura Zucker, Executive Director, provides leadership in cultural services of all disciplines for the largest county in the United States, encompassing 88 municipalities. The Arts Commission, in addition to funding the largest arts internship program in the country in conjunction with the Getty Foundation, oversees the County's Civic Art Program for capital projects, provides leadership and staffing to support the regional blueprint for arts education, *Arts for All*; administers a grants program that funds more than 300 nonprofit arts organizations annually, programs the John Anson Ford Theatres and supports the Los Angeles County Cultural Calendar on ExperienceLA.com. The Commission also produces free community programs, including the L.A. Holiday Celebration broadcast nationally, and a year-round music program that funds more than 50 free concerts each year in public sites. The 2009-10 President of the Arts Commission is Betty Haagen.

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