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**THE GETTY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY SPONSOR
PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIPS IN THE ARTS**

*Applications are Now Being Accepted for 285 Internship Opportunities
in Museums, Film, Literary, Performing, Visual Arts, and Local Arts Agencies*

LOS ANGELES—**This summer, the J. Paul Getty Trust and the Los Angeles County Arts Commission together are giving more than \$1.1 million to 168 organizations to support 285 undergraduate internships in the arts.** The internships introduce young people to arts-related careers and foster future cultural leaders by providing opportunities for real work experience. Los Angeles County host organizations including museums; film, literary, performing, and visual arts organizations; and local arts agencies are accepting applications now for paid student positions. As part of the partnership, the Getty also convenes joint educational and arts networking activities.

Interested college undergraduates should apply directly to the arts organizations hosting interns this summer (see attached list); deadlines vary. Information about participating organizations and available positions may be obtained online. For museum and visual arts internships, go to the Getty's Web site at www.getty.edu. For performing,

film, literary arts, and local arts agency internships, go to the Arts Commission's Web site at www.lacountyarts.org/internship.html.

The 2002 internship year is the 10-year anniversary of the Getty's Multicultural Undergraduate Internship Program for the visual arts. It also marks the third year of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission internship program and the partnership with the Getty Grant Program. Since the Getty program's inception, more than \$4.1 million has supported over 1,200 multicultural summer internships in more than 100 Los Angeles area museums and visual arts organizations. The Getty and the Los Angeles County Arts Commission programs work in parallel to provide opportunities in the visual, performing, and literary arts. The County program is funded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Examples of Los Angeles host organizations receiving support include the Bilingual Foundation for the Arts, City of Pico Rivera Center for the Arts, International Documentary Association, Korean American Museum, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, Pasadena Historical Society, Santa Monica Museum of Art, Southern California Asian American Studies Central/Visual Communications, and the Watts Summer Festival.

For the summer of 2002, the Getty's Multicultural Undergraduate Internship program has awarded \$612,000 to fund 155 museum and visual arts internships at 81 organizations. Students receive \$3,500 for 10-week internships, with additional funds awarded to the organizations to offset administrative expenses. Students gain direct experience in such areas as exhibitions, publications, education, and conservation. The program assists outstanding students in groups traditionally underrepresented in museum and visual arts professions—including individuals of African-American, Asian, Latino/Hispanic, Native American, or Pacific Islander descent. As with the Los Angeles Arts Commission program, eligible undergraduates must either reside in Los Angeles County or attend Los Angeles-area colleges and universities.

Deborah Marrow, director of the Getty Grant Program and dean for external relations of the J. Paul Getty Trust, commented, "As we celebrate 10 years of the Getty's internship program, we applaud the many former interns who have incorporated the arts into their lives through career and volunteer opportunities. Their efforts are enriching the

cultural life of Southern California. Together with Los Angeles County, we look forward to continuing to foster the careers of future L.A. arts leaders.”

The Los Angeles County Arts Internship Program has awarded \$530,000 to fund 130 performing, film, literary arts, and other arts administration internships at 87 organizations. Students receive a \$3,500 stipend for 10-week internships. Host organizations also receive funds to help cover administrative expenses. Interns gain hands-on experience in a wide range of arts management fields including marketing, fundraising, audience development, public relations, stage management, production, programming, finance, educational outreach, and cultural planning. Los Angeles County internships are open to college undergraduates of all races and ethnic backgrounds who either reside in Los Angeles County or attend colleges or universities located in Los Angeles County.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke noted, “The internship program is already demonstrating its value to the arts scene in L.A. County. Hundreds of young people have been taking advantage of the training that the County and the Getty summer internships are providing. Despite budgetary challenges the Board of Supervisors is continuing to support these programs, because they’re so important to the enhanced quality of life we want to provide for County residents and visitors. As always, I want to commend the County Arts Commission and the Getty for rising to the challenge of providing an environment that is stimulating the development of all the arts in greater Los Angeles.”

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The Getty Grant Program is part of the J. Paul Getty Trust, an international cultural and philanthropic institution devoted to the visual arts located at the Getty Center in Los Angeles. The Grant Program provides critical support to institutions and individuals throughout the world in fields that are aligned most closely with the Trust’s strategic priorities. It therefore funds a diverse range of projects that promote learning and scholarship about the history of the visual arts and the conservation of cultural heritage, and it consistently searches for collaborative efforts that set high standards and make significant contributions. Since its inception in 1984, the Grant Program has supported over 2,600 projects in more than 150 countries.

The **Los Angeles County Arts Commission**, headed by Executive Director Laura Zucker, has fostered excellence, diversity, vitality, and accessibility of the arts in the County since 1947. Through its grants programs, the Arts Commission awarded \$2.3 million to regional nonprofit arts organizations this year in addition to the internship awards. The Arts Commission also produces the Ford Amphitheatre and [INSIDE] THE FORD series, the Los Angeles Arts Open House and the Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration, and operates a year-round free music program. The Arts Commission launched new program initiatives in folk arts and arts education in 2001. The Arts Commission’s budget for the fiscal year 2001–2002 is \$4.7 million.

Educational components of the internship programs are produced by **Community Arts Resources**.