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Americans for the Arts launches the Public Art Network and releases the 2000-2001 Public Art Program Directory

WASHINGTON, D.C. —Americans for the Arts announces the launch of the Public Art Network (PAN), a program designed to provide professional services and networking opportunities for public art professionals,

During the coming year, PAN is providing focused services for the field by generating dialogue on public art issues through a listserv, making timely and useful information available on the Americans for the Arts website www.artsusa.org, and planning for a public art workshop taking place July 26 -27, 2001 in New York, NY, as a pre-conference to the Americans for the Arts annual convention.

Marking PAN's launch is the release of a new publication, the Americans for the Arts 2000-2001 Public Art Program Directory. The directory is a vital tool for professionals working in public art and contains up-to-date information of over 300 public art programs from around the country, including contact information, website addresses, slide registry information, artist eligibility requirements, and program details.

"We are pleased to launch both the Public Art Network and the 2000-2001 Public Art Program Directory which documents the growing field of public art. It is estimated that public art expenditures exceed \$200 million annually. PAN will enable us to serve this expanding constituency," says Robert L. Lynch, President and CEO of Americans for the Arts.

PAN services are available to all Americans for the Arts members. For more information on PAN or becoming a member of Americans for the Arts call 202.371.2830 or email Heather Rowe at hrowe@artsusa.org. The cost of the Public Art Program Directory is \$20 for members of Americans for the Arts and \$25 dollars for non-members. Copies may be ordered through the Americans for the Arts website, www.artsusa.org or by calling 800.321.4510.

***Americans for the Arts** is the leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts and arts education in America. With offices in Washington, D.C. and New York City, it has a record of more than 50 years of service. Americans for the Arts is dedicated to representing and serving local communities and creating opportunities for every American to participate in and appreciate all forms of the arts. Additional information is available at www.AmericansForTheArts.org.*

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