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BRUCE W. DAVIS OF ARTS COUNCIL SILICON VALLEY RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD FROM AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS - 2009 Michael Newton Award Recognizes Leadership in United Arts Fundraising -

San Jose, CA, June 18, 2009 – Arts Council Silicon Valley today announced that Bruce W. Davis, Executive Director, has been awarded the 2009 Michael Newton Award by Americans for the Arts at its annual national convention in Seattle, Washington. The Newton Award is a national award that recognizes exemplary leadership skills and extraordinary dedication to supporting the arts through a united arts fund, which is a combined effort to raise money on behalf of multiple arts institutions in the community.

“Bruce’s dedication and leadership in advancing the arts is outstanding and admirable,” said Robert L. Lynch, president and CEO of Americans for the Arts. “His energy and commitment to fundraising has benefited thousands of people working in and participating in the arts throughout the Silicon Valley and the state of California.”

Since 1993, Bruce W. Davis has served as the executive director of Arts Council Silicon Valley, the largest nonprofit arts council in California. Under Davis’ leadership, the Arts Council has more than quadrupled its budget and established numerous successful partnerships and initiatives to support the local Silicon Valley arts community. This includes distributing more than \$15 million in grants and services to local arts groups and artists. Davis was also instrumental in the creation of the Artsopolis Marketing Partnership and Artsopolis.com, the nation’s leading arts and culture calendaring software program. Davis is an active member of Americans for the Arts, a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum Silicon Valley, and was a founding Board member of the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits. He is also a co-founder of 1stACT Silicon Valley, a cross-sector collaborative focused on art and technology.

Arts Council Silicon Valley is dedicated to improving the quality of life for Santa Clara County residents by creating and fostering its arts and culture. It provides grants to more than 140 local arts organizations and individual artists, as well as provides advocacy, marketing, and support services. The Arts Council also manages one of only two campaigns in California raising funds for the arts in the workplace. Since its inception, and under Davis’ stewardship, the ArtsChoice™ workplace giving program has raised more than \$1 million for local arts groups.

The Michael Newton Award is presented by the United Arts Fund Network of Americans for the Arts.

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About Americans for the Arts

Americans for the Arts is the leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts in America. With offices in Washington, DC, and New York City, it has a record of 49 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.

About Arts Council Silicon Valley

Arts Council Silicon Valley is an independent, nonprofit arts agency dedicated to providing funding, advocacy support, and marketing services to the region's arts organizations and artists. As the official state/local partner with the California Arts Council, the County of Santa Clara, and the National Endowment for the Arts, Arts Council Silicon Valley is the largest nonprofit arts council in the state. Since the organization's inception in 1982, the Arts Council has provided nearly \$24 million in grants and services to local arts and cultural organizations, individual artists, schools, and community groups. For more information on Arts Council Silicon Valley go to: www.artscouncil.org

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