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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCEMENT IN THE ARTS (NFAA) APPOINTS NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO

*Christina DePaul Brings Strong Combination of Arts Management Experience,
Artistic Achievement and Deep Understanding of Arts Students*

MIAMI – The National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA) has named **Christina DePaul** as the organization's new President and Chief Executive Officer, James Dubin, Chairman of the NFAA Search Committee announced today. As NFAA's top executive, DePaul will be responsible for all programming, development, communications and financial issues in running the foundation.

"youngARTS, a program of National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA) rewards the *best and the brightest* young artists in the nation. To guide the organization into the next phase of growth, the Board of Trustees has chosen the *best and the brightest* of leaders, Christina DePaul," said Dubin, NFAA's incoming board chairman as well as the head of the search committee.

An accomplished and award-winning artist, DePaul most recently served as Senior Vice President of the Corcoran Gallery of Art and Dean of the Corcoran College of Art + Design in Washington, DC, where she managed all educational and academic programs and activities, including the graduate and undergraduate degree programs, continuing education programs, research, galleries, and community programs, among other endeavors.

Much like the young students who are the soul of youngARTS™, the core program of NFAA, DePaul's artistic journey began as a high school student in Pennsylvania, where she attended the Governor's School for the Arts, an intensive program in visual and performing arts. She majored in art as an undergraduate at Carnegie Mellon University and continued her training at Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia, where she earned a master's degree in fine arts. DePaul returned to Carnegie Mellon as an artist-in-residence and instructor for undergraduate and graduate programs and then accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Akron/Myers School of the Art. While there, she became Chair of Metalsmithing, and in 1994 assumed the title of Director of the School of Art. Throughout these

years in academia, DePaul continued her career as a successful working artist, exhibiting in national and international shows, and winning awards and commissions. She was selected as a "Young American" by the American Crafts Council and received the Cleveland Arts Prize. Her work is displayed at the White House, the Cleveland Museum and numerous museums and galleries throughout the nation.

"We are extremely excited to have found Christina, who brings to this organization a unique combination of experience, talent, management ability, and understanding of our mission," Dubin continued. "She was the unanimous choice of our committee, which believes she is clearly the right individual to lead us to the next level. We are eager to begin working with her when she assumes her position in mid-April."

"I am honored and privileged to lead a foundation with the mission to foster and launch the careers of the nation's most exceptional young talent in the arts," DePaul said. "As an artist who found her passion as a teenager, and as an arts management professional working with other artists, particularly students, it gives me great pleasure to gather together these unique capabilities on behalf of such a worthwhile cause."

Established in 1981 by Ted and Lin Arison, NFAA identifies emerging artists and assists them at critical junctures in their educational and professional development, in nine artistic fields: cinematic arts, dance, music, jazz, photography, theater, visual arts, voice and writing. Each year, talented students receive up to \$10,000 and the chance to be named a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts. Alumni include actress and recording artist **Vanessa Williams**, dancer/choreographer **Desmond Richardson**, recording artist **Josh Groban**, New York Philharmonic guest solo violinist **Jennifer Koh**, jazz trumpet player **Roy Hargrove**, Broadway actors **Ron Eldard** and **Raul Esparza**, writer **Allegra Goodman** and visual artists **Doug Aitken** and **John Currin**.

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Editor's Note: Christina DePaul headshot is available in jpg format.