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American Express Supports New Leaders



American Express recently awarded NPN a first-time grant of \$25,000 to support its Mentorship and Leadership Initiative. Since 2006, NPN has made more than 50 MLI Awards to NPN Partner organizations — five new projects were just selected. [Read the full press release.](#) MLI is also supported by the MetLife Foundation, the Doris Duke Charitable Trust and the National Endowment for the Arts.

NPN recently awarded \$19,250 to five projects across the country to support a variety of MLI projects, from developing skills as a dance teaching artist, to attendance at the Institute for Curatorial Practice in Performance. Awards were made to:

- Columbia College (Chicago, IL)
- Flynn Center for the Performing Arts (Burlington, VT)
- Jump-Start Performance Co. (San Antonio, TX)
- Theater Offensive (Boston, MA)
- Youth Speaks (Oakland, CA)

More at: <http://npnweb.org/whatwedo/programs/mli/awards/#fy12-summer>

[Read a first-hand account of one MLI experience](#), written by Highways Performance Space co-artistic director, Patrick Kennelly.

Ensemble Directors To Meet in Tampa



A one-day conference on Thursday, December 8, 2011 (the day prior to NPN's Annual Meeting) will provide an opportunity for in-depth exchange among directors and ensemble leaders in the U.S., particularly artists of color and women directors, working in multiple aesthetics. The gathering is organized by Pangea World Theatre, an NPN Partner in Minneapolis, and Art2Action, Inc.

Interested in attending? For details on how to apply, visit <http://pangeaworldtheater.org/performances/decinstitute>

(Deadline is November 1, 2011)

Historic Photos Guide Restoration of NPN Partner Facility



Legion Arts is an award-winning, Cedar Rapids nonprofit dedicated to the creation, presentation, understanding and impact of contemporary art. Based at CSPA, a restored landmark building on the edge of downtown Cedar Rapids, Legion Arts just recently held their grand 're-opening' in late August. Check out the photos of the comprehensive renovation project legionarts.org or read about it at www.arts.gov/artworks/?tag=cedar-rapids

On the Road with Performing Americas



Project Coordinator of the Performing Americas Project within NPN's International Program, Elizabeth Doud, writes about two artist companies who recently traveled to Costa Rica and Mexico. Rudi Goblen (www.rudigoblen.com) from Miami, FL and Miguel Gutierrez (www.miguelgutierrez.org) from New York City, performed their original work for local audiences — and while they had very different experiences, the challenges and rewards were similar. [Read more...](#)



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