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FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA TO RECOGNIZE 12 CREATIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WHO: First Lady Michelle Obama

WHAT: First Lady Michelle Obama will invite the 12 winners of the 2015 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award to the White House to recognize their effectiveness in developing learning and life skills in young people by engaging them in the arts or humanities.

The 12 community-based organizations from across the country (see list on page 2) have been chosen from a pool of more than 285 nominations and 50 finalists from all 50 states to receive the highest honor awarded to such programs in the United States. One international program will also be recognized with the International Spotlight Award for a remarkable youth-based program in Honduras. The awardees will be recognized by Mrs. Obama for using engagement in the arts and the humanities to generate a wide range of outcomes, including increases in academic achievement, graduation rates, and college enrollment, as well as improvements in literacy and language abilities, communication and performance skills, and cultural awareness.

The ceremony will include a live performance by Rosie's Theater Kids of New York, NY (who will perform a medley of songs by NY Public Schools alumni ranging from Alicia Keys to George Gershwin) and remarks by 14-year-old high school student André Massey, Jr. of Deep Center in Savannah, Georgia who will talk about how poetry changed his life.

First Lady Michelle Obama will present the award in a ceremony at the White House, which will be live streamed at www.whitehouse.gov/live.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 17, 2015
2:15 PM EST

RSVP: Media interested in covering the event must RSVP by sending an email to firstladypress@who.eop.gov by **Monday, November 16 at 5:00 PM EST**. Press who do not have a White House hard pass must include their name, social security number, date of birth, country of citizenship, current city/state of residence and gender. Please cc iroman@metgroup.com on this email request.



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The 2015 awardees are:

ACTE II (A Commitment to Excellence)

Rosie's Theater Kids, Inc.
New York, N.Y.

Action Arts and Science Program

Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science
Sioux Falls, S.D.

Art High

Armory Center for the Arts
Pasadena, Calif.

CityDance DREAM Program

CityDance, Inc.
Washington, D.C.

Spy Hop Productions

Salt Lake City, Utah

Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra Community Partnership Programs

Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, Inc.
Milwaukee, Wis.

Summer Teen Docent Program

Ogden Museum of Southern Art, Inc.
New Orleans, La.

Urban Artisans

ArtMix, Inc.
Indianapolis, Ind.

Urban Investigations

The Center for Urban Pedagogy, Inc.
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Young Author Project

Deep Center, Inc.
Savannah, Ga.

Young Writers & Leaders

The Telling Room
Portland, Maine

Youth Mentoring Program

Caldera
Portland, Ore.

International Spotlight Award

Organization for Youth Empowerment (OYE)

Yoro, Honduras