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Office for the Arts and Office of Career Services Announces New Artist Development Fellowship

The Office for the Arts at Harvard (OFA) and Office of Career Services (OCS) are pleased to announce a new program, designed to support the artistic development of students demonstrating unusual accomplishment and/or evidence of significant artistic promise. The "Artist Development Fellowship Program" will consider funding requests that offer individual students a truly exceptional opportunity for artistic growth.

The types of projects that the program envisions supporting include, but are not limited to, domestic or international travel in order to apprentice and/or work with individual artists or artistic companies; research and development in the early stages of development of unusual artistic projects; artistic projects with a strong link to the curriculum and/or a special concentration, thesis or independent study; and interdisciplinary work that links artistic/creative process to a wholly different field in a way that sheds new perspective on each.

The program, jointly administered by the OFA and OCS is open to all undergraduates currently enrolled in Harvard College. The deadline for applying to the Program is January 11, 2007. For further application information visit the OFA or OCS websites; www.fas.harvard.edu/ofa; and www.ocs.fas.harvard.edu.

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“The creation of our Artist Development Fellowship Program constitutes a very significant step forward for Harvard student artists,” notes Jack Megan, Director of the OFA. “Whereas our project grants are geared towards the creation and presentation of finished work by groups of students here at Harvard, the artist development grants have to do with nurturing the creative growth of individual artists. It's not about immediate results, but rather Harvard's long-term investment in the creative development of student artists who show exceptional promise and talent.

“I am truly grateful to Associate Dean for Arts and Culture, Sean Buffington, for his support of this vision,” Megan adds. “It is Sean's office that has made possible the first two years of this initiative. I'm also grateful to our colleagues at the Office for Career Services, with whom we are co-sponsoring this program. OCS has lent invaluable advice and experience to this undertaking, and we are thrilled to be working in partnership with that office.”

The Office for the Arts at Harvard (OFA) supports student engagement in the arts and serves the University in its commitment to the arts. Through its programs and services, the OFA fosters student art-making, connects students to accomplished artists, integrates the arts into University life, and partners with local, national, and international constituencies. By supporting the development of students as artists and cultural stewards, the OFA works to enrich society and shape communities in which the arts are a vital part of life. For more information about the OFA, call 617.495.8676 or visit www.fas.harvard.edu/ofa.

The Office of Career Services (OCS) supports all students and alumni of Harvard College and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in exploring and making effective career and educational choices. OCS also supports a limited number of Division of Continuing Education (DCE) students.

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