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CherryArts, Understudy, La Napoule Art Foundation and Museum of Contemporary Art Denver Partner with Food For Thought to Provide Art Kits to Students in the Denver Public School District

DENVER (May 4, 2020) – <u>CherryArts, Understudy, La Napoule Art Foundation</u> and the <u>Museum of Contemporary Art Denver</u> are partnering with <u>Food For Thought</u>, an organization delivering thousands of meals to Denver Public School (DPS) students and their families, to distribute Art Kits to students in need throughout Denver. The organizations have distributed 1,000 Art Kits to date.

Food For Thought is providing meals to Denver Public School students and their families by delivering 7,000 PowerSacks (56,000 meals) to more than 24 <u>DPS Grab and Go sites</u> each week. Each PowerSack meal contains enough non-perishable food for a family of four for two days and is made available to anyone in need, not just DPS students. Food For Thought will distribute the Art Kits alongside their PowerSack meals.

The Art Kits include several art project ideas and materials, along with water bottles, t-shirts, bandanas and art supplies to foster creativity during this time away from school. Each kit contains a printout of, and online link to, <u>At Home With Art</u>, tutorial options to keep children engaged.

"CherryArts' mission is to provide access to art experiences and support arts education in Colorado, and we believe in the importance and impact of art during challenging times," said Tara Brickell, president & CEO of CherryArts. "We are grateful to have the opportunity to partner with Food for Thought, Understudy, La Napoule Art Foundation and the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver to provide children with tools to foster creativity during their time at home."

CherryArts is seeking donations of new or gently used art supplies, traditional or non-traditional. Email education@cherryarts.org to donate supplies. The public can also make a monetary donation to support the Art Kits program by clicking here. To follow or engage with the program on social media, use the hashtag #togetherthroughart.

About CherryArts

CherryArts is a year-round nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide access to art experiences and support arts education in Colorado. CherryArts produces the Cherry Creek Arts Festival and the Stanley Arts Festival. These signature immersive art events, offered in unique settings, provide the funding and an audience for delivering CherryArts arts education programming. CherryArts recently doubled its annual impact, serving more than 46,000 students through its experiential art programs, including the Mobile Art Gallery, Student Art Buying Program, Mobile Art Cart: Printmaking Edition, Ink the City and the Alliance Project. These mobile programs bring art experiences directly into schools with the goal of fostering lifelong relationships with arts and culture. CherryArts' programs advance Colorado's creative economy by educating the next generation about art appreciation and opportunities for working in and supporting the arts. For more information about CherryArts, please visit cherryarts.org or engage on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, using @CherryArts and #CherryArts.

About Understudy

Understudy is a 700-square-foot arts and culture incubator space dedicated to creative exploration. Understudy provides a free, central, and innovative platform to artists and creative groups for experimentation. Located in the Colorado Convention Center (CCC) at 890 C 14th St., Understudy is operated, curated, and funded by the Denver Theatre District. For more information about Understudy, please visit understudydenver.com or engage on Facebook and Instagram, using @Understudy_Denver and #Understudy.

About La Napoule Art Foundation

La Napoule Art Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. It was incorporated in 1951 by American expatriate Marie Clews as a memorial to her late husband and sculptor Henry Clews. Marie's dream was to create an international center for the arts at the Château de La Napoule, a medieval castle which the couple had spent 17 years restoring together.

<u>Museum The Château de La Napoule</u>: located just outside Cannes, France, is recognized as a monument historique and for its jardins remarkables. Henry's work, which blends a whimsical spirit with technical skill, is prominent throughout the museum. The Château also hosts rotating exhibitions featuring our prestigious resident alumni and other noted artists.

<u>Artist Residency Program</u>: The residency program provides extraordinary talent with space for creation and exchange. Noted alumni include Faith Ringgold, Pors & Rao, and Nobel Laureates Gao Xingjian and Derek Wolcott.

<u>Arts Center</u>: LNAF is proud to partner with universities and arts instructors around the world to offer master classes and workshops. The Château also offers children's art programs and a seafront café.

<u>US Alumni Exhibitions & Outreach</u>: To promote our resident alumni and expand the impact of the artistic experience, LNAF holds exhibitions and community outreach programs in the US.

For more information about La Napoule Art Foundation, please visit Inaf.org or engage on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, using @La_Napoule_ArtFoundation and #lanapouleartfoundation

About Museum of Contemporary Art Denver

The Museum of Contemporary Art Denver (MCA Denver) explores the art and culture of our time through rotating exhibitions and public educational programs. Featuring international, national, and regional artists, MCA Denver offers a wide range of exhibitions promoting creative experimentation with art and ideas. Through adult and youth education programs and other creative events, the museum serves as an innovative forum for a culturally engaged community. For more information about the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver, please visit mcadenver.org or engage on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, using @MCA_Denver and #mcadenver

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