



The Honorable David Schweikert  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Schweikert:

We are proud to announce that the Phoenix Conservatory of Music of Phoenix, AZ will receive a 2017 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award. We cordially invite you to join us for the awards ceremony on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Anderson House in Washington, DC. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. and programming will run from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We would be honored to have you join us and the Phoenix Conservatory of Music, as it will be a perfect opportunity to congratulate their program representatives. RSVP to Caitlin Green at [cgreen@neh.gov](mailto:cgreen@neh.gov). The Anderson House is located at 2118 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008.

As the country's highest honor for Creative Youth Development programs, the awards spotlight excellent after-school programs that reach underserved youth with outstanding arts and humanities learning opportunities that intentionally support youth development. First presented in 1998, the 2017 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards will be presented through a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), in cooperation with the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA).

The Phoenix Conservatory of Music is being honored for their program, Phoenix Conservatory of Music's College Prep Program. Phoenix Conservatory of Music's College Prep Program provides rigorous, comprehensive contemporary music education to students, ages 9 to 18, in Maricopa County. They will receive a \$10,000 grant to support the continuation of the program.

The awardees have been notified that they will receive this award. We invite you to connect with the project director to congratulate them, collaborate on a public announcement, or find an opportunity to see the work of the program first hand. Regina Nixon, Executive Director, can be reached at 623-826-0625 or [regnixon@pcmrocks.org](mailto:regnixon@pcmrocks.org). Please keep any public announcements under embargo until the morning of Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

These awards are the country's highest honor for excellent after-school programs that reach underserved youth with outstanding learning opportunities that intentionally support youth development. Please contact our agencies' Congressional Liaisons with any questions about the awards: Tim Robison from NEH is available at [trobison@neh.gov](mailto:trobison@neh.gov) and 202-606-8273; David Tucker at NEA is available at [tuckerd@arts.gov](mailto:tuckerd@arts.gov) and 202-682-5477; and Gladstone Payton from IMLS is available at [gpayton@imls.gov](mailto:gpayton@imls.gov) and 202-653-4628.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jane Chu in black ink.

Jane Chu  
Chairman  
National Endowment for the Arts

Handwritten signature of Kathryn K. Matthew in black ink.

Dr. Kathryn K. Matthew  
Director  
Institute of Museum and Library Services

Handwritten signature of Jon Parrish Peede in black ink.

Jon Parrish Peede  
Acting Chairman  
National Endowment for the Humanities





# Schweikert Notifications

Arizona State University  
Collaborative Research  
Outright Amount: \$285,000  
Project Title: Reimagining Islam: Salafi Networks in Muslim Southeast Asia  
Project Director: Mark Woodward  
Contact: 480-965-7187

Arizona State University  
Seminars for College Teachers  
Outright Amount: \$137,110  
Project Title: Brazilian Literature: Twentieth Century Urban Fiction  
Project Director: David Foster  
Contact: 480-965-3752