



RHODE ISLAND CITIZENS FOR THE ARTS

Building coalition to advance Rhode Island's creative communities

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARING
EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
MAY 5, 2010

RHODE ISLAND STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FY11 BUDGET
SCHEDULED TESTIMONY (does not reflect all those wishing to testify)

PANEL 1	
Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts	Creative sector as small business and jobs in RI
Amber Johnson, Poetry Out Loud, National Winner	Classical high school student; Recent winner of the National Poetry Out Loud competition
PANEL 2	
Allan Tear, Betaspring	Attraction of the creative and entrepreneurial community to innovative businesses and start ups
Kevin Cunningham, Spirare Surfboards	Creative small business started through a RISCA fellowship
David Beauchesne, RI Philharmonic, East Providence	Economic impact of the non-profit arts as a small business; arts education
PANEL 3	
Bekah Greenwald, RiverzEdge, Woonsocket	Workforce development and community revitalization through the arts and creative industries
Matt Wojcik, Economic Development Director, Woonsocket	Community revitalization and economic impact through the arts and creative industries
Howie Sneider, The Steel Yard, Providence	Workforce development and public beautification to cities and towns through Rhode Island
Michael Abbruzzi, CFO/General Manager, 2nd Story Theatre Former Town Manager, Warren	Economic impact of the non-profit arts as a community revitalizer
PANEL 4	
Daniel Kertzner, RI Foundation	Public-private partnerships and investment in the community
Lisa Carnevale, RI Citizens for the Arts	Representing statewide advocacy voice