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LOWER MANHATTAN CULTURAL COUNCIL REACHES OUT TO CHINESE ARTISTS AND ART GROUPS



New York, NY, June 2011 – Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) is pleased to announce that 2012 grants are now available through the Manhattan Community Arts Fund (MCAF) and The Fund for Creative Communities (The Fund). Funded by the city and the state, these grants support artists and arts organizations planning to present projects in Manhattan communities in 2012. The application deadline is September 13, 2011.

Recognizing the vibrant art forms that exist within Manhattan's Chinese and Chinese American community, LMCC continues to expand its outreach efforts to reach artists and art groups in the Chinatown area. This year, LMCC will offer a dedicated grant information session in Mandarin Chinese on **Wednesday, August 10th at 3PM at the Chatham Square Branch Library, 33 East Broadway**. Essential information on the grant programs and application process will be reviewed for Chinese-speaking artists. Attending an information session is required for all first time applicants. Artists are encouraged to read application materials before the session so that LMCC staff can answer their questions.

Mandarin Chinese assistance for Chinese-speaking artists and arts groups is also available on an ongoing basis by Program Manager Haowen Wang. He can be reached at 212.219.9401 x129 or hwang@lmcc.net.

Each year LMCC supports a range of projects in the Chinese community. Highlights of recently funded projects by Chinese and Chinese American artists include the documentary film *KIM LOO SISTERS: Portrait in Four-Part Harmony* by Leslie Li, which explores the history of an all female Chinese-American vocal quartet during the 1940s, and Stephen Chen's photographic exhibition of his journey through the deserts of Xinjiang, documenting a centuries-old nomadic tradition. In 2011, LMCC is also supporting four Chinese Opera productions in Chinatown.

Kay Takeda, Director of Grants & Services at LMCC, states, "There are so many talented artists and groups actively creating opportunities for people to participate in and experience the arts in the Chinese and Chinese American communities. At LMCC, we want to make sure they are aware of our resources to support their work. If you are an artist developing a project within the Chinese community in Manhattan, we want to hear from you."

About Lower Manhattan Cultural Council

For nearly 40 years, LMCC has been a leading voice for arts and culture in Downtown New York City, producing cultural events and promoting the arts through grants, services, advocacy, and cultural development programs. LMCC offers a range of funding opportunities and support services for artists working in all artistic disciplines across Manhattan, and a broad range of free programs in the visual, performing and media arts that help cultivate new arts audiences and improve the quality of urban life. LMCC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supported by a range of foundations, corporations, individuals and government entities. For more information visit www.LMCC.net.