

# **CITY OF RALEIGH ARTS COMMISSION**

## **Commission Members' Roles & Responsibilities**

### **General Purpose:**

Raleigh Arts Commissioners are appointed by the City Council to provide visionary leadership in which to advance arts of all disciplines for the City of Raleigh and its citizens.

The purposes of the Raleigh Arts Commission as stated in the by-laws are as follows:

- *To advise the City Council on ways in which city government might best serve the public with regards to matters involving the arts.*
- *To encourage and aid the appreciation and awareness of, and participation in, the arts among all citizens of Raleigh.*
- *To encourage cooperation and coordination among individuals, organizations and institutions concerned with the arts in Raleigh.*
- *To promote and expand the cultural resources thereby facilitating employment for artists and development of self-sustaining arts programs.*
- *To formulate in cooperation with other City agencies a long-range plan for the development of a thriving cultural climate in Raleigh.*

### **General Role:**

As the appointed body giving oversight to the affairs of the Raleigh Arts Commission, the primary responsibility of the Commissioner is to uphold and abide by the stated mission, purposes, goals and objectives as outlined by the agency. In addition, the Commissioner agrees to support the following core concepts and responsibilities that are assumed upon acceptance of the appointment:

#### **LEADERSHIP**

- ✓ Act in an advisory and visionary capacity for arts related issues pertaining to City of Raleigh business;
- ✓ Help define the City image, maintaining an ongoing presence for the arts and an arts imprint on City planning and visioning;
- ✓ Develop a working relationship with the City of Raleigh leadership, including other City commissions when appropriate;
- ✓ Provide ongoing education and information to City Council members regarding the Commission's mission, priorities and needs;
- ✓ Maintain a visible community presence through attendance and support of local arts events and programs;
- ✓ Fully support recommendations and actions taken by the Commission in transacting business.

#### **ADVOCACY**

- ✓ Seek access to funding to increase resources available to the arts in Raleigh;
- ✓ Serve as the united community voice for advocacy in terms of the importance of the arts in Raleigh;
- ✓ Seek opportunities for advancing artists and arts organizations.

#### **PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

- ✓ Increase quantity and quality of arts programming for City residents;
- ✓ Provide oversight and general direction within the framework of available resources, enabling the professional staff to conduct the day-to-day operations of programs and services;
- ✓ Exercise leadership in prioritizing programs and services, producing a realizable work plan empowering the Arts Commission to accomplish and address stated objectives.