

Resolution Recognizing the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation as the 2014 Leadership in the Arts Award Recipient for the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission has selected the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation as the 2014 Leadership in the Arts award recipient; and

WHEREAS, the Leadership in the Arts award is an annual recognition given to honor and recognize individuals or organizations that have significantly impacted the arts and culture of our region through innovative thinking and exemplary commitment to promoting, sustaining, and advancing our quality of life through the Arts; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Commission recognizes the rich cultural heritage of Santa Barbara County and the value of cultural diversity and programs that explore cross-cultural understanding and provide access to arts education; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 concerned Bowl Foundation volunteer board members established SAGE (School Arts Gifts and Education) with a goal to help re-establish arts education as a priority within Santa Barbara. In 2003 the SAGE program transitioned to the current Education Outreach that was established as a funding, support and resource organization; and

WHEREAS, the Bowl Foundation, through its Education Outreach efforts, has provided over \$972,926 in program funding and has had over 145,000 touch-points for students in the greater Santa Barbara area and in schools and communities throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, with the 2011 establishment of a Community Arts Enrichment (CAE) Grant program the Bowl Foundation has worked to increase access to the arts for rural and underserved communities county-wide. Through its Bowl Arts Subsidy Fund and a partnership with the County Arts Commission, funding totaling \$107,173 has been raised to support 82 grants and 61 cultural projects or programs throughout Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, the Bowl Foundation's model of venture philanthropy and seed funding has helped to fund and build several model programs including Notes for Notes, which is now a national organization, and Santa Barbara Children's Chorus' All Schools Chorus, creating shared experiences for the youth of the County. This Arts Subsidy funding source has also become essential for growth funding for individual regional artists and programs such as Michael Katz and Pickleberry Pie who presents a series of concerts at Cottage Hospital for hospitalized children; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation as the Arts Commission's "2014 Leadership in the Arts Award" recipient and further commends its commitment to arts advocacy and increasing access to music and performing arts education;

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 2nd day of December, 2014 by unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - 1st District

visor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District