



Memorandum of Understanding
Between the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs,
the New Mexico School for the Arts

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs ("DCA") is dedicated to enriching the quality of life of New Mexicans in their communities by preserving, enhancing and developing the arts in New Mexico through partnerships, public awareness, and education and preserving and celebrating the cultural integrity and diversity of the State of New Mexico;

WHEREAS, DCA is comprised of fifteen (15) divisions, including but not limited to the Palace of the Governors New Mexico History Museum, New Mexico Museum of Art, Museum of International Folk Art, Museum of Indian Arts & Culture, New Mexico Museum of Space History, New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, National Hispanic Cultural Center, State Library, New Mexico Arts, and Historic Preservation Division;

WHEREAS, the New Mexico School for the Arts ("School for the Arts") is a public private partnership comprised of a statewide residential state-chartered charter high school, § 22-15F-1 *et seq.*, (the "Charter School") and the School for the Arts-NM, the nonprofit educational institution affiliated with the Charter School created to offer a strong academic program that leads to a New Mexico high school diploma of excellence together with intensive pre-professional instruction in the performing and visual arts to New Mexico students with exceptional promise and aptitude in the arts:

WHEREAS, the School for the Arts - NM was created to be a partner with the Charter School and also to provide opportunities for many children throughout New Mexico to participate in events related to art and culture to enrich the education of New Mexico students;

WHEREAS, the School for the Arts intends to use local New Mexico artists, historians, elders and living treasures to participate as guest artists at the School for the Arts introducing students to New Mexico culture from tribal arts to traditional mariachi music and the cultural context for art;

WHEREAS, DCA and the School for the Arts share a commitment to promoting New Mexico's rich cultural ties to the arts, particularly through cultural art events, and have determined that a collaborative Arts Education Partnership between the parties would be of benefit to all New Mexicans.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

