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What: Launch of new Arts in Society Program – a collaboration between Hemera Foundation and Bonfils-Stanton Foundation in partnership with RedLine Contemporary Art Center

When: August 10, 2016 – Special Announcement at 8AM at RedLine with Bonfils-Stanton Foundation President/CEO, Gary Steuer. Second Announcement will be made August 10 at 7PM at RedLine with Hemera Foundation Arts Director, Tatiana Hernandez. Please RSVP to attend announcement to louise.martorano@redlineart.org.

Information Session: Thursday, September 1, 5:30 – 7 P.M., & Sunday, September 11, 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. at RedLine, 2350 Arapahoe Street, Denver CO 80205

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NEW “ARTS IN SOCIETY” PROGRAM LAUNCHED TO PROMOTE CROSS SECTOR WORK THROUGH THE ARTS

Denver, CO – Bonfils-Stanton Foundation and Hemera Foundation in partnership with RedLine Contemporary Art Center are excited to announce that beginning August 10, 2016, we will join forces to launch a new collaborative grantmaking program: *Arts in Society*. Hemera Foundation and Bonfils-Stanton Foundation are funding the initiative that will be administered by RedLine. This program has an expressed mission to foster cross-sector work through the arts. Through this partnership we seek to build capacity for social practice projects that implement artistic excellence to engage social issues in the seven-county Denver Metro area. Gary Steuer, President and CEO of the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation remarks on this collaboration:

We are pleased to be partnering with Hemera Foundation in launching this exciting new initiative. We believe extraordinary work is happening all over the country that engages arts organizations and artists as partners in illuminating and finding solutions to a wide array of civic and social challenges our communities face. This program will help facilitate the best of this work in the Denver region.

The *Arts in Society* Program will be announced on August 10, 2016 during RedLine’s 48hrs of Socially-Engaged Art & Conversation Summit.

Grants will be determined by a selection panel and will seek projects that best illustrate artistic excellence, broaden the understanding of the role arts play in society, demonstrate cross-sector work, exhibit cultural relevancy, foster community engagement, and present opportunities for shared learning. Bonfils-Stanton and Hemera Foundations are setting the model for this type of program in the Denver Metro area but it does not come without a national context. Tatiana Hernandez, Arts Director for The Hemera Foundation, comments on the timeliness of the Arts in Society initiative:

This work aligns with a growing movement in the arts nationally illustrated by Creative Time, SPART, A Blade of Grass, and the Guggenheim's recently announced Social Practice Initiative. We are thrilled to partner with Bonfils-Stanton Foundation and RedLine to help fuel socially-engaged art projects in Denver.

Average grant sizes will range between \$10,000 - \$50,000 and will be awarded to 10-15 artists, arts organizations, or other nonprofit groups per year during the 2017-2018 two-year pilot period. Year 1 Letters of Intent (LOIs) are due September 26, 2016. Finalists will be contacted in November and invited to submit full proposals by January 16, 2017.

The *Arts in Society* website will go live August 10 and the portal for applications will be published August 15, 2016.



About Bonfils-Stanton Foundation

Bonfils-Stanton Foundation strategically provides grants and fellowships to advance the arts and inspire creative leadership in Denver. Our foundation is richly steeped in Denver's cultural history, but we are also a contemporary leader in fueling innovation and exploration in our creative economy. Each year we give more than \$3 million to arts organizations and nonprofit leaders, because we believe these entities and individuals are critical to building and sustaining a vibrant community. www.bonfils-stantonfoundation.org



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About The Hemera Foundation

The Hemera Foundation, established in 2007, is a Bermuda based charitable organization. The Hemera Foundation supports innovative organizations and initiatives that foster basic human goodness in individuals and society. www.hemera.org



About RedLine Contemporary Art Center

RedLine is a nonprofit contemporary art center that fosters education and engagement between artists and communities to create positive social change. Located in Denver's Five Points neighborhood, RedLine combines an exhibition space and artist residency program with project-based engagement in the arts. RedLine responds to the needs of the community by engaging resident artists in programs that offer arts education for under-resourced youth, a community network for artists experiencing homelessness, and relevant public programming for members of the surrounding neighborhoods. www.redlineart.org