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Florida Council on Arts and Culture 2011 Officers Elected

Tallahassee, FL --- Interim Secretary of State Dawn K. Roberts announced today officers elected to the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. Katharine Dickenson has been elected Chair of the Council; Janeen Mason, Vice Chair and Dr. Barbara Grazul Hubbard, Secretary. Officers are nominated and elected by the membership of the Council on an annual basis.

It will be a pleasure to work with this distinguished slate of officers in promoting arts and culture as essential to quality of life for all Floridians, said Interim Secretary Roberts.

Chair Katharine Dickenson of Boca Raton has served on many boards, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C, the Childrens Museum at Singing Pines, the Boca Raton Historical Society where she served as chair, the Boca Raton Junior League where she served as president, and the Mounts Botanical Garden. A life-long Floridian, Mrs. Dickenson has been appointed to a number of terms with the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. She has served on the Council at the pleasure of Governor Bush (2003-2008) and Governor Crist (2009-present), previously serving as Council Chair in 2007. She is the only Floridian to have served as both chairman of the Council on Arts and Culture and chairman of the Historic Preservation Advisory Council (now the Florida Historical Commission). In 2010, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar appointed Mrs. Dickenson to the Saint Augustine 450 Commemorative Commission.

Vice Chair Janeen Mason of Stuart is a fine artist, as well as an author and illustrator of children's literature. She has served as a member on the Board of Directors for the Arts Council of Stuart and Martin County, the Florida Association of Public Art Administrators, Illustrator Coordinator for the Society of Childrens Book Writers and Illustrators: Florida, as well as the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Blake Library.

Ms. Mason received a Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award and is a popular speaker on radio, in schools, libraries and workshops. She was recently featured with the MacArthur Award Winner, Dr. Edie Widder, on NOVA Science Now. Ms. Masons books have won the Ben Franklin Award, the U. S. Maritime Literature Award, The Moms Choice Award, the iParenting award, the Moonbeam Childrens Book Award, and she was a finalist for the Book of the Year Award in 2010. A solo exhibit of her original illustrations has been featured in a number of Florida Museums.

Secretary Dr. Barbara Grazul Hubbard of Dunedin is the Creative Director of The Right Brain Workshop, specializing in institutional advancement, educational marketing, visual communication, and creative consulting. She is an artist (printmaker), arts educator, and university professor. Barbara serves as Center Director for the Eckerd College Program for Experienced Learners and is involved in student mentoring, program growth and institutional advancement. Dr. Hubbard is also a professor of graduate study in higher education with extensive experience working with teaching professionals in the areas of faculty development and higher education administration. She was awarded her degree from the College of Education at University of South Florida. She is a graduate of the Leadership Development Institute at Eckerd College and a member of Leadership Pinellas. Dr. Hubbard is the chairman of The Pinellas County Cultural Advisory Council, past chair for the City of Dunedins Art and Cultural Advisory Committee, and active in the Professional Association of Visual Artists.

The Florida Council on Arts and Culture is the 15-member advisory council appointed to advise the Secretary of State regarding cultural grant funding and on all matters pertaining to culture in Florida. Appointments to the Council are determined by the Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, in consultation with the Secretary of State. The appointments are based on geographic representation, as well as demonstrated history of community service in arts and culture.

The Division of Cultural Affairs is Floridas legislatively designated state arts agency. The Division promotes the arts and culture as essential to quality of life for all Floridians. To

achieve its mission, the Division funds and supports cultural programs that provide artistic excellence, diversity, education, access and economic vitality for Floridas communities.

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