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## **BSA Foundation to receive \$20,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts**

[Boston, January 30, 2017]—National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Chairman Jane Chu has approved more than \$30 million in grants as part of the NEA's first major funding announcement for fiscal year 2017. Included in this announcement is an Art Works grant of \$20,000 to the BSA Foundation for the 2017 Common Boston Festival. According to the NEA, Art Works focuses on the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts.

"The arts are for all of us, and by supporting organizations such as the BSA Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts is providing more opportunities for the public to engage with the arts," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. "Whether in a theater, a town square, a museum, or a hospital, the arts are everywhere and make our lives richer."

"We are delighted that the NEA has approved a grant for our 2017 Common Boston festival. The BSA Foundation is grateful to the NEA for its support of this annual program and the Foundation's mission to illuminate the connection between design and the quality of life," says Laura Wernick FAIA, Chair of the BSA Foundation.

CB17 is an annual open-house architecture festival in Boston. During one weekend in June, this completely free festival unlocks the doors to dozens of architecturally, culturally, and historically significant sites, encouraging residents and visitors to consider why design matters, while tapping into unique stories that illuminate the region's vibrant communities. From historic sites to office towers to community gardens, participants get unparalleled access to more than 50 unique sites that contribute to making Boston such an exceptional place to live, work, and play. For more information, visit [commonboston.org](http://commonboston.org)

## About Common Boston

Common Boston (CB), a program of the BSA Foundation, was founded 10+ years ago by the Boston Society of Architects/AIA. Since 2005, CB has hosted more than 250+ events for thousands of attendees in 35 communities around the region. In doing so, the all-volunteer organization connects designers and the public for more vibrant, sustainable, and equitable communities. For more information, visit [commonboston.org](http://commonboston.org).

## About the BSA Foundation

The goal of the BSA Foundation (Foundation) is to enhance public understanding of the built environment and the processes that shape it. With understanding, the Foundation believes communities will be better equipped to enrich and preserve our physical and natural surroundings. The Foundation's vision is to build a better Boston by engaging communities, inspiring vision, and provoking positive change. The Boston Society of Architects/AIA established the Foundation in 1971 with a goal of engendering in current and future generations informed commitment to sensitive, well-designed, humanistic environments. A 501(c)(3) public charity, the Foundation is an independent corporation governed by a 15-member Board of Trustees that includes six architects as well as nine non-architect members. For more information, visit [architects.org/foundation](http://architects.org/foundation).

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