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**Bravo! Vail Receives National Endowment for the Arts Grant
Grant to support 2015 Festival Season**

Vail, CO – December 15, 2014 – National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Chairman Jane Chu announced today that Bravo! Vail is one of 919 nonprofit organizations nationwide to receive an NEA Art Works grant. Bravo! Vail is recommended for a \$15,000 grant to support their 2015 summer festival season. The season, which runs from July 1 to August 6, 2015, will feature residencies by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra, and the New York Philharmonic, as well as world-renowned solo artists and chamber musicians.

NEA Chairman Jane Chu said, "I'm pleased to be able to share the news of our support through Art Works including the award to Bravo! Vail. The arts foster value, connection, creativity and innovation for the American people and these recommended grants demonstrate those attributes and affirm that the arts are part of our everyday lives."

Says Bravo! Vail Artistic Director Anne-Marie McDermott, "Programming a Bravo! Vail season is a wonderfully collaborative process. What I and my colleagues strive for is to share with our audiences musical excellence, variety, excitement, and a distinctive point of view. It is a jigsaw puzzle twelve to eighteen months in the making, and worth every minutes of it at the end of the Festival. Every audience member has in some way been touched by the magic of great music."

Art Works grants support the creation of art, public engagement with art, lifelong learning in the arts, and enhancement of the livability of communities through the arts. The NEA received 1,474 eligible applications under the Art Works category, requesting more than \$75 million in funding. Of those applications, 919 are recommended for grants for a total of \$26.6 million.

For a complete listing of projects recommended for Art Works grant support, please visit the NEA website at arts.gov. Follow the conversation about this and other NEA-funded projects on Twitter at #NEAFall2014.

About Bravo! Vail

Hailed as one of the Top 10 "Can't Miss" Classical Music Festivals in the US by NPR (npr.com), Bravo! Vail brings world-renowned musicians to picturesque venues throughout Eagle County, Colorado, for six weeks each year, drawing music lovers from around the world. The only festival in North America to host three of the world's finest orchestras in a single season, Bravo! Vail celebrates its 28th season July 1 through August 6, 2015. The 2015 season features residencies by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra, and the New York Philharmonic, with celebrated concerto artists plus a wide array of stellar chamber music performances. For more information about Bravo! Vail visit bravovail.org or call 970.827.5700.

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