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**KRESGE ARTIST FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE
*Metro Detroit Writers, Musicians and Dancers are Invited
to Apply for \$25,000 Awards***

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Emerging and established metropolitan Detroit literary and performing artists may now apply for a \$25,000 Kresge Artist Fellowship at www.kresgeartsindetroit.org. Kresge Artist Fellowships are funded by The Kresge Foundation and administered by the College for Creative Studies, with professional practice opportunities for the selected fellows provided by ArtServe Michigan.

This year, the fellowships will provide support for 12 literary artists and 12 performing artists living and working in metropolitan Detroit (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties) whose commitment to innovation and artistic achievement are evident in the quality of their work. Artists working in the following disciplines are eligible to apply:

LITERARY ARTS

Art criticism in all categories (including literary, performing and visual), creative non-fiction, fiction, playwriting, poetry and interdisciplinary work within the above arts disciplines.

PERFORMING ARTS

Choreography, dance, music (composers and performers in all genres – blues, classical, country, electronic, folk, gospel, hip-hop, jazz, rap, rock, etc.), performance art, spoken word, sound art and interdisciplinary work within the above arts disciplines.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Kresge Arts in Detroit staff will hold information sessions for those artists interested in applying for a fellowship on the following dates:

Performing Artists
Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011
6-8 p.m.

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Literary Artists
Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011
3:30-5:30 p.m.

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Literary/Performing Artists
Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011
2-4 p.m.

Virgil H. Carr Cultural Center

To attend, please RSVP at www.kresgeartsindetroit.org. Applications are only available online and must be completed by **FEBRUARY 1, 2012**.

The fellowships recognize creative vision and commitment to excellence within a wide range of artistic disciplines, including artists who have been classically and academically trained, self-taught artists and artists whose art forms have been passed down through cultural and traditional heritage. Kresge Arts in Detroit is committed to supporting artists from diverse cultural backgrounds at all stages of their professional careers. The fellows are selected through an open, competitive process as judged by independent panels of local and national artists and arts professionals.

The Kresge Foundation - The Kresge Foundation is a \$3.1 billion private, national foundation that seeks to influence the quality of life for future generations by creating access and opportunity in underserved communities, improving the health of low-income people, supporting artistic expression, increasing college achievement, assisting in the revitalization of Detroit, and advancing methods for addressing climate change. The foundation works in seven program areas: arts and culture, community development, Detroit, education, the environment, health, and human services. Kresge Arts in Detroit represents one facet of the foundation's Detroit Program, a comprehensive community-development framework to strengthen the long-term economic, social and cultural fabric of the city and surrounding area. In 2010, the Board of Trustees approved 481 awards totaling \$158 million; \$134 million was paid out to grantees over the course of the year. For more information, visit www.kresge.org.

College for Creative Studies - The Kresge Eminent Artist Award and Kresge Artist Fellowships are administered by the Kresge Arts in Detroit office at the College for Creative Studies. The College for Creative Studies (CCS) is an integrated learning community located in Detroit. A private, fully accredited college, CCS enrolls 1,400 students pursuing Master of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees. CCS also offers visual art opportunities for learners of all ages through its Community Arts Partnerships and Continuing Education programs. The Advancing the Creative Spirit campaign enables CCS to provide a world-class art and design curriculum and innovative programming. The \$55 million campaign has raised more than \$42 million to date, and the College is working hard to keep its promise to the community. For more information, visit www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu.

ArtServe Michigan - ArtServe Michigan is the leading statewide arts and cultural advocacy organization dedicated to strengthening communities by positioning arts, culture and arts education as key contributors to the re-invention of Michigan's economy. They are committed to developing and supporting the creative and professional potential of artists and other creative practitioners working in Michigan. Through their statewide Creative Many Initiative and their work directing the Professional Practice Opportunities for Kresge Artist Fellows they offer a portfolio of programs designed to connect practitioners to the knowledge, networks and advocacy needed to help them thrive. ArtServe Michigan provides practical opportunities that stimulate ideas and growth. Their programs focus on four main areas: professional development, networking and dialogue, research and analysis, and awards and recognition. For more information, visit www.artservemichigan.org.

For more information about Kresge Arts in Detroit, visit www.kresgeartsindetroit.org.