



House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies
Americans for the Arts Witness List
“National Arts Advocacy Day”
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Mr. Robert Lynch is the president and CEO of Americans for the Arts, the national organization dedicated to advancing the arts and arts education in people’s lives, schools, and communities. Celebrating its 51st year, Americans for the Arts is the national convener of Arts Advocacy Day, which is co-sponsored by 84 national arts service organizations, representing thousands of nonprofit arts groups, state and local arts agencies and artists of every discipline across the country.

Mayor Elizabeth B. Kautz began serving as Burnsville Minnesota’s Mayor in January 1995 and is presently serving her sixth term. Mayor Kautz has focused on restoring safe neighborhoods, economic development, maintaining quality level of community development, balancing the needs of residential and commercial development. She is currently President of The United States Conference of Mayors and represents Burnsville on numerous local, regional, state and national boards.

Actor Alec Baldwin has appeared in over forty films, including *Beetle Juice*, *Working Girl*, *Miami Blues*, *The Hunt for Red October*, *Glengarry Glen Ross*, *Malice*, *The Juror*, *The Edge*, *Ghosts of Mississippi*, *State and Main*, *The Cat in the Hat*, *The Cooler* (National Board of Review Award for Best Supporting Actor, Oscar nomination), *The Aviator*, *The Departed*, and *It’s Complicated*, among many others. On television Baldwin currently stars with Tina Fey on NBC’s *30 Rock*, winner of the 2007, 2008 and 2009 Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series. Baldwin has received five SAG Awards, three Golden Globes, the Television Critics Award and two Emmy awards as Best Actor in a Comedy Series for his performance on the show. His company, El Dorado Pictures, has produced several projects including *Nuremberg: Infamy on Trial* for TNT television (Emmy nomination), *The Confession* for Showtime (WGA award for best adapted screenplay) and David Mamet’s film, *State and Main*. Alec Baldwin is also a dedicated supporter of numerous causes related to public policy and the arts and animal welfare. He has been the host of *The New York Philharmonic This Week*.

Edgar Smith, Jr. is founder, chairman and CEO of **World Pac Paper LLC** and the winner of the 2010 Small Business Person of the Year for the State of Ohio and Region V of the United States, which covers Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan, by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Smith serves as a Director and the Vice Chair, Small Business for the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, representing the interest of nearly 6,000 member businesses. For 14 years, Smith has served on the board of Cincinnati’s united arts fund, ArtsWave. He is the chair of ArtsWave’s 2011 campaign which seeks to raise \$11 million for Cincinnati area arts and cultural organizations.

Actor Kevin Spacey is the Artistic Director of The Old Vic Theatre Company in London. He directed its inaugural production *Cloaca* before appearing in *National Anthems*, *The Philadelphia Story*, *Richard II*, *A Moon for the Misbegotten*, which subsequently transferred to Broadway, and *Speed-the-Plow*. Previous theatre includes *The Iceman Cometh* (Evening Standard and Olivier Awards for Best Actor); *Lost in Yonkers* (Tony Award, Best Supporting Actor); *Long Day’s Journey into Night* (Broadway and West End) and *The Seagull* (Kennedy Center). His most recent stage appearance was in The Old Vic production of *Inherit the Wind*. He will next be seen starring in *Richard III*. His films include *The Usual Suspects* (Academy Award, Best Supporting Actor), *American Beauty* (Academy and BAFTA Awards, Best Actor), *Swimming with Sharks*, *Se7en*, *LA Confidential*, *Glengarry Glen Ross*, *The Shipping News*, and *Beyond the Sea*. His production company Trigger Street executive produced the film *The Social Network*, which won the Golden Globe for Best Film. He was most recently seen in *The Men Who Stare at Goats* and starred as Jack Abramoff in the feature *Casino Jack*, for which he received a Golden Globe Nomination for Best Actor.