

Mary Anne Keshen & Lisa Podos Join Board of Directors of California Alliance for Arts Education

June 15, 2012 (Los Angeles, CA) - Mark Slavkin, the Chair of the CA Alliance for Arts Education (CAAE) announced today that Mary Anne Keshen and Lisa Podos have joined the CAAE Board of Directors, the CA statewide arts education advocacy group based in Pasadena and Sacramento, CA.

"We are pleased to have both Mary Anne Keshen and Lisa Podos join us in our efforts to advocate, preserve and enhance arts education for all CA students," comments Mark Slavkin. "They both have extensive leadership experience in business and the arts and share our commitment to arts education and its vital role in our creative economy. We are excited to recruit new Board members from diverse business, arts related and cultural backgrounds."



Mary Anne Keshen is a private investor, attorney and art collector; she is also on the Board of Directors of the American Cinematheque, the leading arts organization dedicated to film's global influence as an art form. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the UCLA Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation and serves as a board member and advisor to private, public and non-profit companies. She is the founder and an owner of TKH Coastal Property Investments, LLC and RTA Investments and owns commercial properties and investments in California, the Southwest and Florida.

Lisa Podos acts as Strategic Consultant to The San Francisco Antiques Show Benefiting Enterprise for High School Students and has formerly served as its Executive Director. She has an extensive background in non-profit leadership and arts, and has worked at museums in New York and California. She currently serves on the Board of ArtTable and has a degree in Art History from Princeton, a Master's in the History of Decorative Arts from Parson's School of Design, a Master's in the Leadership in Museum Education from Bank Street Graduate School of Education and an MBA from Columbia Business School.



The California Alliance for Arts Education is the leading statewide arts education advocacy organization dedicated to maintaining and enhancing arts education in our schools.

The mission of the California Alliance for Arts Education is to promote, support, and advocate for visual and performing arts education for preschool through post-secondary students in California schools. For more information contact Joe Landon, Executive Director, at joe@artsed411.org or visit www.artsed411.org.