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**State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Announce
Art Bento Program Applications Now Open**

*Arts education program for public and charter elementary schools on O'ahu available
at no cost to schools, transportation included*

The Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) is proud to offer the Art Bento Program at HiSAM, a museum education program of the Hawai'i State Art Museum (HiSAM). Arts education is a top priority in the SFCA Strategic Plan: "To strengthen arts education Pre-K through 12 and plan for lifelong learning."

About the Program

The Art Bento Program at HiSAM is a four-part standards-based museum education program developed for Hawai'i Department of Education (DOE) public and charter elementary schools on O'ahu (second through sixth grade) students and their teachers. This unique educational experience emphasizes fine arts literacy and is led by qualified teaching artists from the SFCA's Artistic Teaching Partners (ATP) roster. The theme, "Responding to Art," is supported by an introductory professional development session for teachers. The program continues in the classroom with the Teaching Artist leading a pre-visit lesson. Next, during the museum visit, students experience an inquiry-based guided tour in the HiSAM galleries, engage in an artmaking lesson with their Teaching Artist, and explore art concepts through hands-on activities in the "I Love Art Gallery." During the post-visit in the classroom, students review concepts and vocabulary as they reflect on the museum experience. Each segment actively engages students and teachers through inquiry-based activities connected to current arts standards and ELA Common Core Standards.

There is no cost to schools to participate in the program. In addition, the program also provides funds for bus transportation to the museum.

View a powerpoint about the program and a short film produced by the Hawai'i Department of Education's Video Production Branch at <http://sfca.hawaii.gov/grants-programs/art-bento/>.

Application Deadline

Applications are due Friday, March 6, 2020. Download an application form from the SFCA website: <http://sfca.hawaii.gov/grants-programs/art-bento/>

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About the SFCA

The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA), a government agency administratively attached to the Department of Accounting and General Services (Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 9), was established by the Hawai'i State Legislature in 1965, to promote, perpetuate, preserve and encourage culture and the arts, history and the humanities as central to the quality of life of the people of Hawai'i. SFCA funding is provided by the State of Hawai'i and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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