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Inland Pacific Ballet to Accept City Proclamation: Awarded NEA Grant for Educational Outreach

WHAT: City Proclamation Presentation
Montclair City Council Meeting

WHEN: **Monday, October 21, 2013 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Montclair City Hall, Council Chambers
5111 Benito Street, Montclair, CA 91763

WHO: Victoria Koenig, Artistic Director, Inland Pacific Ballet

WHY: The Montclair City Council will recognize October as National Arts and Humanities Month at its October 21 meeting. Accepting the proclamation will be Victoria Koenig, Artistic Director of Inland Pacific Ballet. The City of Montclair is home to critically acclaimed Inland Pacific Ballet, one of the premiere professional dance companies in southern California. Established in 1994, the Company was recently recognized for its outstanding arts education programs with an “Arts Engagement in American Communities” grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The \$10,000 grant will support IPB’s *Young Person’s Guide to the Ballet* educational outreach program that serves 6,000-8,000 K-12 students each year.

National Arts and Humanities Month (NAHM) is coordinated by Americans for the Arts, the nation’s leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts. NAHM is designed to encourage Americans to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives, and to begin a lifelong habit of active participation in the arts and humanities. The month-long celebration grew out of National Arts Week, which Americans for the Arts, along with the National Endowment for the Arts, began in 1985. More information about National Arts and Humanities Month is available online at AmericansForTheArts.org/nahm.