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STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

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Theater*

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Commissioning*

State & Regional

Theater

Visual Arts

The following statement was issued today by the National Endowment for the Arts:

The Administration is requesting a basic two-year extension of the authorization statute which governs the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and the Institute of Museum Services (IMS).

The basic reauthorization recommendation provides for a simple extension of appropriation authorities for the agencies for a two year period (FY 1994 and 1995). The funding level authorized for the Arts Endowment for FY 1994 is the \$174,593,000 reflected in the President's budget. The reauthorization proposal makes no substantive changes in the authorities of the agencies.

The three agencies were last reauthorized by the Arts, Humanities and Museums Amendments of 1990 (Public Law 101-512), enacted on November 5, 1990. Present authorities for these agencies expire September 30, 1993.

A two year extension allows the agencies and the Administration time to assess the overall legislative policies of the agencies. At the same time, it allows the agencies to go forward with their work.