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THE ARTS MEAN BUSINESS IN EDMONDS

(Edmonds – WA) The Edmonds Arts Summit on Saturday, June 29th, will feature speaker Randy Cohen, V.P. of Research and Policy at Americans for the Arts in Washington D.C. Cohen is a noted expert in the field of arts funding, research, policy, and using the arts to address community development issues, and he will kick off the city's inaugural Arts Summit alongside Mayor Dave Earling. Cohen's talk, "The Arts Mean Business", will draw on his years of experience working with the arts in communities of all sizes in states across the nation.

The event is free and intended to bring together local visual, literary and performing artists, arts organizations, educators, businesses, and supporters. In addition to the opening session which starts at 9:00 AM at the Edmonds Center for the Arts, 410 4th Avenue N, there will be breakout sessions which give an opportunity to meet with funders, learn more about getting the word out in news and through social media and video, explore the principals of successful collaboration and partnerships, find out more about regional examples of new arts participation, and ways to engage in the regional Arts Crush Community Engagement Festival next October. Facilitated discussions in the afternoon will focus on participant's ideas and priorities for shaping the future of arts & culture in Edmonds.

The Arts Summit has been made possible by community partners and sponsorships including Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation, Edmonds Center for the Arts, Edmonds Chamber of Commerce, Edmonds Community College, Edmonds Landing, Edmonds School District, Hazel Miller Foundation, Hubbard Family Foundation, Lynnwood Honda, Panera Bread, Port of Edmonds, Swedish Edmonds, Washington State Arts Commission, Windermere Real Estate-Edmonds, and Economic Alliance Snohomish County.

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