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The Chicago High School for the Arts Receives Exemplary School Designation

Key West, FL (May 15, 2016)...The Chicago High School for the Arts has been designated a 2016-2018 Exemplary School by Arts Schools Network, the nation's largest professional membership organization of specialized arts schools. Created to highlight a school's commitment to excellence, this designation is presented to an Arts Schools Network member school in recognition of its efforts to evaluate strategically its purpose, operations, and educational programs. This honor signifies that The Chicago High School for the Arts has successfully completed a self-evaluation in the following areas: strengths, areas for improvement, consistency with school-wide or program purposes, aspirations, and future challenges.

The Chicago High School for the Arts, or ChiArts, is the city's first public arts high school, providing artistically gifted, diverse Chicago high school students with intensive pre-professional training in the arts alongside a comprehensive college preparatory academic curriculum. Their tuition-free training offers rigorous conservatory instruction by Chicago's top teaching artists in Creative Writing, Dance, Music, Theatre, and the Visual Arts to students from all of the city's 50 wards. ChiArts has been ranked in the top six percent of U.S. high schools by U.S. News and World Report and been awarded the highest possible school quality rating by Chicago Public Schools. In the fall of 2014, ChiArts moved to a fully renovated permanent home on the border of Humboldt Park and Ukrainian Village, marking a new chapter in arts education for Chicago's scholar-artists.

About Arts Schools Network

Dedicated to excellence and leadership in arts education, Arts Schools Network, a non-profit professional organization founded in 1981, is a dynamic resource for arts school leaders, innovative partners and members of arts education institutions. Arts Schools Network is dedicated to providing teachers, administrators, and arts schools' leaders with quality resources, support, professional development, and networking opportunities. For more than 35 years, ASN has offered informational and inspirational programs, communications, and services, and helped arts educators share best practices, experiences, and expertise. Visit the website at www.artsschoolsnetwork.org to learn more.

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