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## **Nevada Art Advocates Presents 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Saturday Nov. 21 at the Orleans Hotel Ballroom**

*Majority Leader of the Senate U.S. Senator Harry Reid  
To be Honored for Extraordinary Support of the Arts*

Las Vegas, NV, September 18, 2009 -- Nevada Arts Advocates (NAA), a nonprofit 501 (C-3) statewide organization dedicated to supporting cultural, fine and performing arts in the state of Nevada, is pleased to announce its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Nevada Arts Advocates Gala on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at the Orleans Hotel and Casino.

The event begins at 7 p.m. with a Silent Auction and Cocktail Reception, following by dinner, an awards program. Entertainment will be provided Larry Hart, a Grammy winning recording artist, producer and director of the concert "Praise" and the theatre musical "Sisterella."

NAA will present its Art Advocacy Award to **U.S. Senator Harry Reid** for his extraordinary support of the National and local arts programs. During 2009, Senator Reid successfully fought to increase funding for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and ensured the 2009 Economic Recovery Package included \$50M for the NEA.

Senator Reid also prevented Museums and Cultural organizations from being excluded from Stimulus Funding; directed Federal Appropriations to Nevada Arts and Cultural Facilities, including over \$400,000 to the Smith Center for the Performing Arts for their K-12 Arts Education Program; and hosted Grant Workshops to educate Nevadans about Grand Funding Opportunities for the arts.

NAA exists to encourage Nevadans to participate in and enjoy the arts. The organization develops and supports cultural and educational activities designed to sustain funding and foster appreciation of the arts. NAA also works to expand and enhance access to arts opportunities through public awareness, advocacy and outreach.

The NAA strongly encourages arts advocates to attend the gala and invite their respective legislators. The price for reservations is \$100 per person. For details, sponsorship opportunities or to donate a silent auction item, call 702-362-8885 or visit the web site [nvartsadvocates@earthlink.net](http://nvartsadvocates@earthlink.net).

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