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Media Advisory

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**Creative Placemaking: Transforming Communities through the Arts
Community Forum at Mesa Arts Center
Monday, June 8**

WHAT: **Mesa Mayor John Giles** and **Jamie Bennett, Executive Director of ArtPlace America**, will discuss the impact of Creative Placemaking in a free community forum held at Mesa Arts Center on Monday, June 8 at 4 p.m. The discussion will be moderated by Bob Booker, Executive Director of the Arizona Commission on the Arts. ArtPlace America grantees from Ajo, Mesa and Phoenix will also present on Creative Placemaking initiatives and impact in their communities. Bennett will present highlights of what is happening with this movement nationwide. The talk will be followed by a Q & A session and an after party event at Republica Empanada, in downtown Mesa.

Additional presenters from Arizona ArtPlace Grantees, Roosevelt Row (Phoenix), Mesa Arts Center (Mesa) and International Sonoran Desert Alliance (Ajo) are listed below.

- Roosevelt Row, Phoenix: Greg Esser and Vernon Pierre
- Mesa Arts Center, Mesa: Cindy Ornstein and David Luna
- International Sonoran Desert Alliance, Ajo: Tracy Taft and Lorraine Marquez Eiler

WHERE: Mesa Arts Center, One East Main Street, Mesa, AZ 85201

WHEN: Monday, June 8, 4-7 p.m.

COST: Free, refreshments provided. RSVP required.

HOW: Those planning to attend the event are asked to RSVP at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/creative-placemaking-transforming-communities-through-the-arts-part-2-tickets-17037302029>.

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ABOUT MESA ARTS CENTER

The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. Owned and operated by the City of Mesa, Arizona's largest arts center is recognized as an international award-winning venue. The unique and architecturally stunning facility is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios. For more information, visit mesaartscenter.com.