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**\*\*\*EVENT ADVISORY\*\*\***

**ARTIST NICK CAVE AND LOCAL D.C. STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE  
IN THEARC'S COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE NOVEMBER 28**

**Annual Event to Celebrate the Creative Spirit in Partnership with  
Art in Embassies, U.S. Department of State, Cultural Exchange Program**

**Washington, D.C.** – Washington's THEARC (Town Hall Education, Arts Recreation Campus) hosts its 7th Annual Community Open House with special guest, renowned visual artist and dancer, Nick Cave, Wednesday, November 28 at 5:30 – 7:30pm. In partnership with Art in Embassies (AIE), U.S. Department of State, celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this year's event will feature a special Artist Exchange presentation and educational pilot that will be showcased by students of the Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design, the Levine School of Music, and The Washington Ballet @ THEARC.

The public is invited to visit THEARC and see dance, musical, and theatrical performances, try out instruments at an instrument petting zoo, create a wearable piece of art, enjoy free refreshments, and more. Attendance is free.

**Who:** Artist Nick Cave,  
Art in Embassies, U.S. Department of State,  
THEARC,  
The Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design  
The Levine School of Music, and  
The Washington Ballet @ THEARC

**What:** Annual community open house featuring student performances, exhibits, and light refreshments. Artist Nick Cave will be in attendance.

**When:** Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

**Where:** THEARC, 1901 Mississippi Ave., S.E. Washington, D.C. 20020

The Performance at 6 pm will take place in THEARC Theater. Other exhibits will be on display throughout THEARC's facility.

**RSVP:** Interested media should contact Abigail Gardner at [agardner@skdknick.com](mailto:agardner@skdknick.com) for more information on AIE's Artist Exchange and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and Wil Thomas [WThomas@thearc.org](mailto:WThomas@thearc.org) at THEARC for questions about the Community Open House.

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### **About Art in Embassies**

*For five decades, Art in Embassies (AIE) has played a leading role in U.S. public diplomacy through a focused mission of vital cross-cultural dialogue and understanding through the visual arts and dynamic artist exchange. The Museum of Modern Art first envisioned this global visual arts program in 1953, and President John F. Kennedy formalized it at the U.S. Department of State in 1963. Today, AIE is a public-private partnership having engaged over 20,000 participants globally, including artists, museums, galleries, universities, and private collectors, and encompasses over 200 venues in 189 countries. Professional curators and registrars create and ship about 60 exhibitions per year, and since 2003, over 58 permanent collections have been installed in the Department's diplomatic facilities throughout the world. AIE fosters U.S. relations within local communities world-wide – an integral aspect of Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's commitment to smART power.*

### **About Town Hall Education Arts Recreation Campus - THEARC**

*Since its opening in 2005, [Town Hall Education Arts Recreation Campus - THEARC](http://www.thearc.org) - has become a national prototype combining social service, recreational, cultural, educational and health care programs. Built and now run by nonprofit Building Bridges Across the River, THEARC is a \$27 million, 110,000 square foot campus on 16.5 acres of land in southeast Washington, D.C., that is home to ten of Washington, DC's best nonprofit agencies all working under BBAR's leadership to revitalize the community THEARC serves. THEARC features a 365-seat theater, a regulation-size gymnasium, public gardens and playgrounds, computer labs, an art gallery, on site and mobile medical and dental clinics for children and youth, classrooms, meeting space, and state-of-the-art music, visual arts and dance studios. For more information, please visit [www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org).*

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