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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCEMENT IN THE ARTS NAMES CHICAGO BUSINESSMAN PAUL ZELLER AS NEW CHAIRMAN

MIAMI, FL (June 29, 2006) –The Board of Trustees of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA), a not-for-profit organization that identifies emerging artists and assists them at critical junctures in their educational and professional development, has elected prominent Chicago real estate developer **Paul Zeller** to a two-year term as chairman. Zeller is the founder, president and CEO of Zeller Realty Group and its affiliated companies, Zeller Realty Corporation, Zeller Management Corporation and Zeller Development Corporation. NFAA announced the selection during its annual June board meeting in Washington, D.C. Zeller's term, beginning July 1, 2006, runs through June 30, 2008.

"Paul Zeller is one of our most active and passionate trustees, and takes the helm at an exciting time in the organization's 25-year history. Since joining our Board in 2004, Paul has made significant strides in developing NFAA's presence in the Chicago area and in strengthening our marketing initiatives nationwide," said Dr. William H. Banchs, NFAA president. "He is a proven leader and visionary, and we anticipate that he will take us to new heights as we empower the arts for America's future."

NFAA identifies and rewards exceptional student artists from across the U.S. in nine art disciplines: dance, film and video, classical, pop and jazz music, photography, theater, visual arts, voice and writing. High school juniors are encouraged to apply for an awards package including more than \$500,000 in cash prizes and the chance to be named a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, earning national recognition and opportunities for additional scholarships. NFAA is the exclusive nominating body to the Commission on Presidential Scholars, who are honored each year in a White House-sponsored Medallion Ceremony in Washington, D.C., as well as in a special performance at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and exhibition at the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

To learn more about NFAA, call 800-970-ARTS (2787) or visit www.NFAA.ARTSawards.org.

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ABOUT NFAA:

Dedicated to empowering the arts for America's future, the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 by businessman and visionary Ted Arison. NFAA's mission is to identify emerging artists and assist them at critical junctures with their educational and professional development; and to raise the appreciation for, and support of, the arts in American society.

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