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National Endowment for the Arts Awards \$25,000 to the *Oxford American*

LITTLE ROCK, AR — National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu has approved more than \$25 million in grants as part of the NEA's first major funding announcement for fiscal year 2018. Included in this announcement is an Art Works grant of \$25,000 to the *Oxford American* to support the publication and promotion of the magazine.

The Art Works category is the NEA's largest funding category and supports projects that focus on the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and/or the strengthening of communities through the arts.

"It is energizing to see the impact that the arts are making throughout the United States. These NEA-supported projects, such as this one at the *Oxford American*, are good examples of how the arts build stronger and more vibrant communities, improve well-being, prepare our children to succeed, and increase the quality of our lives," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. "At the National Endowment for the Arts, we believe that all people should have access to the joy, opportunities and connections the arts bring."

The award granted to the *Oxford American*—a national magazine dedicated to featuring the best in Southern writing—will fund the publication of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry by both emerging and established authors in 2018.

"It is gratifying to receive support from the National Endowment for the Arts for the third year in a row," said *Oxford American* editor Eliza Borné. "Funding from the NEA helps ensure that our core work—publishing excellent writing—will be sustainable for years to come."

"The NEA's support serves as an important acknowledgement that the quality of the *OA*'s work is amongst the top tier of literary arts happening in the United States today," said Ryan Harris, the *OA*'s executive director. "Further, organizations like the NEA are vital to the long-term health of the creative economy in our country. The NEA's investment in the *Oxford American*, and in countless other artists and arts organizations, helps employ millions of Americans."

For more information on projects included in the NEA grant announcement, visit arts.gov/news.

ABOUT THE OXFORD AMERICAN

Oxford American is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization and national magazine dedicated to featuring the very best in Southern writing, while documenting the complexity and vitality of the American South. The *Oxford American* is committed to the development of young individuals aspiring to work in the publishing industry and to the production and presentation of multidisciplinary arts events in and around Little Rock, Arkansas. Billed as "A Magazine of the South," it has won four National Magazine Awards—including the 2016 Award for General Excellence in the category of Literature, Science and Politics—and other high honors since it began publication in 1992. The *Oxford American* is published from the University of Central Arkansas. For more information, visit OxfordAmerican.org.