

Announces:

National Endowment for Arts Grantee

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About the Grant

GRANT NAME: CHALLENGE AMERICA GRANT

PROJECT NAME: “GROWING UP INDIAN”

**TIMELINE: COMPONENTS PRESENTED IN JUNE, AUGUST, AND
SEPTEMBER, 2006**

The Backstreet Cultural Museum is proud to announce it has been chosen as a recipient for the National Endowment for the Arts (“NEA”) Challenge America Grant for the program “Growing Up Indian.” The program will be presented as a three part series including an oral history program featuring Mardi Gras Indian Chiefs, a Mardi Gras Indian folk craft workshop for children, and a cultural exchange program between Mardi Gras Indians and Native Americans of the Hopi, Navajo, and Apache Nations.

This program is designed to preserve and promote Mardi Gras Indian folkart by celebrating and exploring the origins of the traditions, arts, and crafts of the culture and its ties to Native American Heritage. Please call Donna Santiago at the Backstreet Cultural Museum at (504) 522-4806 for more information about this program.

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About the Museum

The Backstreet Cultural Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to presenting and preserving the unique cultural traditions of the New Orleans African-American society. The Backstreet Cultural Museum is the only museum featuring Mardi Gras Indian costumes as well as Brass Band Music, Social Aid & Pleasure Club memorabilia, Jazz Funeral artifacts, and an array of related photographs, films, and videos. In addition to its permanent exhibits, the Museum regularly hosts live presentations of the music, dance, and art associated with each of these activities and associations. The Backstreet Cultural Museum is the only museum entirely dedicated to the preservation and promotion of these rich folk-life traditions.

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