

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Seattle is a city of innovation and is rated one of the most creative and educated cities in the nation, yet not all Seattle students have access to quality arts education in our public schools; and
- WHEREAS,** the arts are defined as a core subject in Washington state's definition of basic education and considered an essential component of a complete and balanced education for all students; and
- WHEREAS,** The Creative Advantage – a multi-year effort between the City of Seattle and Seattle Public Schools – proposes a comprehensive K-12 arts plan focused on access, quality and equity that will restore arts education to all students in all classrooms; and
- WHEREAS,** arts participation and training – in the classroom and out of school – develops imagination and creativity, which are increasingly understood as critical capacities needed for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce; and
- WHEREAS,** under-resourced students who have access to the arts tend to have better academic results, better workforce opportunities and more civic engagement, and
- WHEREAS,** we applaud the dedication of arts educators and advocates and call for school and community leaders to continue to broaden and strengthen their arts education focus;

*NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 2016 TO BE*

## Arts Education Month



Mayor Edward B. Murray  
City of Seattle

