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Governor-elect Kristi Noem
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Governor-elect Noem,

Congratulations! I write on behalf of the Board of Directors and Membership of Arts South Dakota with our best regards to you and your staff during this transition period and throughout your administration. We look forward to working with you.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to the 24th biennial **Governor's Awards in the Arts**. Traditionally, our Governor has delivered a brief *State of the Arts Address* and has personally presented the awards for Outstanding Support of the Arts by an Individual, Outstanding Support by an Organization, Outstanding Service in Arts Education, Distinction in Creative Achievement, and Outstanding Support of the Arts to Native Nations with Lands in South Dakota. **The presentation and banquet will be held at the Pierre Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center, Tuesday evening, February 12th.** The reception begins at 5:00; the banquet is from 6:00 until 9:00PM. All legislators are invited along with esteemed artists and arts leaders from across South Dakota. We are planning for it now, with you as the host as well as the Guest of Honor.

This event is one of the highest honors South Dakota bestows on artists and arts supporters working in communities across the state, improving the quality of life through cultural growth and using the power of the arts in education. I know that their work in the arts is important to you, and hope that you will be able to join us in celebrating and honoring them as a tremendous resource for our state.

The 'state of the arts' is excellent in South Dakota, due in large measure to the dedication and vision of the South Dakota Arts Council and Department of Tourism. I hope we will have an opportunity to visit soon about the roles the arts can play in South Dakota, and how we can help you move toward your vision for our future. The South Dakota Arts Council is an extraordinary state arts agency, and our long-time effective public/private partnership makes it possible for us to do so much -- South Dakota has become a national model in that regard and we hope to continue in that shared direction.

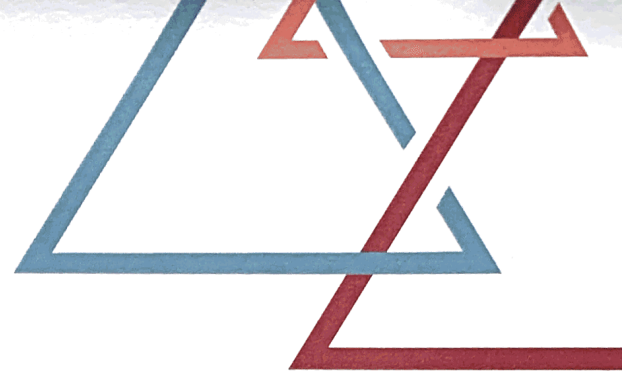
On a personal note, I wish you all the best in your administration!

Sincerely,



Dale Lamphere
Arts South Dakota Chair
South Dakota Artist Laureate

Cc: Jim Speirs, Arts South Dakota Executive Director
Patrick Baker, South Dakota Arts Council Executive Director



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