Dear Friends,

I’m proud to present the 2007 Idaho Humanities Council Annual Report. This report offers a summation of the Council’s commitment to our mission of connecting people with ideas in Idaho, by nurturing a more literate, tolerant and intellectually vigorous Idaho community, better able to articulate life’s possibilities. This report reflects on projects and programs funded over 2007, and brings attention to the efforts of many traditions, and values of human culture.

The humanities offer us the opportunity to take pause, reflect, absorb and discover. They are fields of inquiry that explore the breadth of human experience. They help us frame and remold the power of ideas, cultivate new and involving voices and speak with depth and urgency about our most essential stories. The humanities include but are not limited to literature, history, languages, ethics, philosophy, comparative religion and the interpretation of the arts.

For over 30 years, the IHC has actively pursued the role of the humanities in the intellectual and cultural life of Idaho. As an out-of-state independent affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Council works with Idaho cultural organizations, such as libraries, historical societies, museums, arts councils, colleges and universities, and community colleges to bring innovative, thought-provoking programs to thousands of Idahoans annually.

Throughout 2007, the Council continued to sponsor programs and research designed to enrich public discussions and encourage citizen involvement. The IHC expanded public programs statewide, including book discussions at local libraries, Smithsonian traveling exhibitions, interpretive public lectures on literature and history, and the teaching of the humanities through educational programs, public radio broadcasts, and a number of humanities research projects. This report showcases these programs and identifies the need for the humanities in our communities.

The exhibit is critical to us because of the programs I have been able to bring to center of the grant. I thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Chair

2007 at a Glance

IHC Awarded $149,403 in Grants

IHC funded a total of 51 humanitites grants to community groups, schools, teachers and individuals, supporting projects, programs, planning, and research fellowships serving both local and statewide audiences.

Speakers Bureau Booked 129 Programs Statewide

IHC’s popular Speakers Bureau organized, operating with generous contributions from the Governor’s Lewis and Clark Trail Committee, continued active bookings in all regions of the state. Programs were presented in 50 cities and towns throughout Idaho, reaching more than 6,200 people.

Teachers Studied American Roots Music at 2007 Summer Institute

Thirty-four Idaho teachers from around the state attended IHC’s 2007 seven-week summer institute. New Harmonies: Exploring American Roots Music in July at the College of Idaho in Caldwell. The team of scholars included Western Folklife Center folklorist Hal Cannon (Salt Lake City, UT); former Library of Congress Folklife Center folklorist and fundraiser Rosalie Sorrels (Boise). The institute was supported in part by grants from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities “We the People” program.

Outstanding Achievement in the Humanities Award

The IHC honored former Lewis-Clark State College English Professor Keith Browning, founding editor of Confluence Press, with its 2007 Award for “Outstanding Achievement in the Humanities” in Lewiston in February 2008. The IHC annually recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding contributions that promote greater public awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the humanities in Idaho.

Smithsonian Exhibit New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music

The councils recognized the 10th anniversary of “Outstanding Achievement in the Humanities” — the IHC’s highest award for individual or organizational contributions that advance the understanding of the humanities in Idaho. Browning was selected to receive the award for his contributions as a literary editor who devoted much of his life to understanding of the humanities in Idaho.

Thanks to major support from The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, the IHC launched an initiative in 2007 that included this exhibition tour, a summer teacher institute and various regional concerts.

Distinguished Humanities Dinners and Lectures

Boise - President-boeschloss - author - Of many books including The Conquerors, gave the IHC’s 11th Annual Distinguished Humanities Lecture in early October to more than 700 people. Beschloss spoke about his latest book, Presidential Courage, which reviewed pivotal moments in American history when Presidents have made brave decisions that altered history. Thanks to the OfficeMax Boise Community Fund for generously sponsoring the evening, to Holland and Hart for sponsoring the Benefactor Reception and to media sponsors. The Idaho Statehouse and Coeur d’Alene.

Coeur d’Alene - Andrew Carroll, best-selling author of War Letters: Extraordinary Correspondence from American Wars, spoke about the importance of preserving wartime correspondence at the IHC’s 4th Annual North Idaho Distinguished Humanities Lecture in late October. Earlier in the day, he spoke to 1,000 high school students at Lake City and Coeur d’Alene High Schools.

Thanks to Riley Creek Lumber and Sterling Savings Bank for sponsoring the evening, the Hagadone Corporation for supporting the Benefactor Reception, Idaho Public Television and Coeur d’Alene Press for serving as media sponsors.

The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation supports the Idaho Humanities Council with rural America.

The exhibit and complimentary programming reached over 50,000 people during its stay in Idaho.

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2007 Grants for Public Projects, Research Fellowships, K-12 Teacher Projects and Planning

Mini and Major Grants:

The Magic Valley Arts Council (Twin Falls) was awarded $1,000 to launch a brown bag lecture series featuring talks on Idaho history including the Japanese Internment Camp at Minidoka and Basque history.

The Historical Museum of St. Gertrude’s Monastery (Ketchum) received $3,982 to conduct an oral history proj- ect centering on Monastery foodways. Susan Swremium, Idaho State University English Professor, recorded oral history interviews with many of the sisters in residence. The interviews will be archived at the Museum of St. Gertrude and the Idaho Historical Society Oral History Center.

The Coeur d’Alene Tribe (Plummer) received $1,984 to support a Cultural Conference for Native American men, focusing on a number of cultural sustainability issues, including wellness, traditional arts and crafts, music and dance, language preservation, spiritual values, and justice.

Boise State University Department of Philosophy (Boise) received $981 to support an event for guest speaker Alice Parman to attend the Idaho Association of Museums annual conference in Pocatello in April.

Sun Valley Center for the Arts (Sun Valley) received $4,000 to help fund a public forum on the 100th Annual Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference in Boise. The guest speaker was John Hawthorne, Professor of Metaphysical Philosophy at Oxford University, spoke about “What Can Academic Philosophy Offer the Humanities in the 21st Century?”

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Funds were awarded to Idaho Falls Arts Council (Idaho Falls) to support the fourth annual Ernest Hemingway Festival in Ketchum. The festival’s theme was “Hemingway and Paris,” and featured a screening of a new Hemingway documentary by Mariel Hemingway, based on her grandmother’s posthumously published memoir A Moveable Feast about his early years in Paris.

The Foundation for Self-taught American Artists, (Philadelphia, PA) received $4,850 to help produce a documentary film about Idaho’s “outside” artist James Castle, entitled The World Outside: The Life and Art of James Castle. Castle was born deaf and mute in Garden Valley (Boise County) in 1899 and since his death in 1977, his artwork has gained worldwide recognition.

Lewis-Clark State College (Lewiston) was awarded $5,000 to support its regional 18-member speakers bureau that was organized to help commemorate the 100th anniversary of Lewis & Clark Bicentennial, and all presentations dealt with aspects of the expedition and Nez Perce history and culture.

The Cabin (former Log Cabin Literary Center, Boise) was awarded $3,500 to support public events complementing Boise’s “Big Read” program, the project involved the community in reading the same book and attending discussions, films, workshops, exhibits, and other programs.

 Idaho State University (Pocatello) received $5,000 to help support a conference called “Crossing Borders: The Politics of Language and Identity.” The conference explored issues of immigrants and receiving nations, including language and cultural identity struggles.

City of Spirit Lake (Spirit Lake) received $2,000 to develop a photographic display of historical photographs of the area to travel to local sites throughout the community’s year-long centennial commemoration.

Sotierion, Inc., Spirit Lake Y.E.S. (Spirit Lake) received $1,500 to involve high school students in an oral his- tory project with residents of Spirit Lake as part of the town’s centennial commemoration.

Ad a Community Library (Boise) was awarded $1,750 to host a series of lectures by Boise music journalist and poet Norm Winston on how music influenced the work of great writers such as Ernest Hemingway, Frederico Garcia Lorca and Gertrude Stein.

Rocky Mountain Writers Festival (Pocatello) received $1,974 to support a humanities lecture at the spring 2008 Rocky Mountain Writers Festival in Pocatello. Utah poet and essayist Paisley Rekdal spoke on poetry and photography.

Malad Valley Wesleyan Foundation (Malad City) received $2,000 to support the fourth annual Welsh Festival in June 2008. The two-day festival featured music, food, and a variety of workshops on the history, language, myths, and culture of Wales and all things Welsh.

The Idaho Mytheaver (Sandpoint) was awarded $1,250 to duplicate onto archival CDs and distribute to Idaho research libraries a series of 11 public radio programs about Native American stories and storytellers that were produced years ago for public radio station KBPR in Spokane and originally recorded on cassette tapes.

Lewis-Clark State College (Lewiston) received $2,000 to support the 21st Annual Native American Awareness Week, held in March.

Idaho State University (Pocatello) was awarded $1,500 to host a multidisciplinary conference on “The Art of Gender in Everyday Life,” in March 2008.

The University of Idaho (Moscow) received $5,012 to host a conference on “Jazz History and Culture,” honoring the 100th anniversary of Lionel Hampton’s birth, as part of the 41st Annual Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow in February 2009.

The Basque Museum and BSU Basque Studies Program (Boise) were awarded $4,000 to bring author Mark Kurlansky to Boise in March 2008 for a public lecture at the Basque Center in downtown Boise.

Idaho Public Television (Statewide) received $12,100 for the statewide broadcast of the 25th season of American Experience. This award-winning history series featured new programs on such topics as Buffalo Bill, George H.W. Bush, Kit Carson and Walt Whitman.

University of Idaho (Moscow) received $3,500 to support the sixth annual American Indian Film Festival in Moscow, recently renamed “Sapaj’unay Cinema.”

Idaho State University (Pocatello) was awarded $6,623 to bring writer Terry Tempest Williams to Pocatello for a public lecture and series of “con- versations” in April of 2008.

Museum of Idaho (Boise) received $5,000 to host an exhibition titled World of the Pharaohs: Egyptian Masterpieces from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. The exhibit is 8,000 square feet and consists of over 200 artifacts and The Museum of Idaho was the first venue ever to display the collection in its entirety.

Idaho State University (Pocatello) received $3,000 for Dr. Jamie Romine to research the lives of early women settlers in South Bannock County and prepare a paper, a lecture, and write an “ethno drama” for stage to high- light their lives and experiences.

Idaho Public Television (Statewide) received $4,000 to help support the 2007 season of American Masters. This documentary series examines the lives, works, and creative processes of America’s outstanding cultural artists. Funds also will help support The War series, the Ken Burns’ documentary about World War II.

Idaho Falls City Club (Idaho Falls) received $3,500 to implement the first year of monthly pro- grams by the newly formed Idaho Falls City Club.

Research Fellowships:

Jason Herbeck (Boise), Assistant Professor of French at Boise State University, was awarded $3,500 to con- duct research examining the issues of French writer Albert Camus. Herbeck plans to exam- ine Camus’ literature as a “workshop of philosophical inquiry.” He notes that both Camus’ literary works and philo- sophical essays appear on high school and college syllabi, but are seldom considered as correspondent parts of a whole.

Brian Norman (Pocatello), Idaho State University Assistant Professor of Ethnic American Literatures, received $3,500 to research and compile a book about “neo-segregation tales” in contemporary literature. Norman explored why contemporary literature fre- quently continues to return to issues of segregation and racial division from the Jim Crow and Civil Rights era to “address contemporary concerns about racial division and national identity.”

Kerry Hunter (Caldwell), College of Idaho Political Science Professor, received $3,500 to research and write about politicians in New Zealand, focusing primarily on the preservation of individual rights and freedoms as they compare to similar rights in the United States.
Financial Summary for the Year Ending October 31, 2007

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NOTES:

*Includes income received for annual dinner registrations as attendance fees and expenses for price of dinner, actual program income totaled $66,424
**Includes 136,264 directly related to annual dinners - income and expenses for these events often occur in different fiscal years.
***Includes nonfederal accumulated income raised over the history of IHC and invested in money market, mutual fund, and endowment accounts. Nonfederal funds are used for special programming initiatives.

Annual audit conducted by Winton, Harris & Company
Detailed audit report available from IHC upon request

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David Santerre, Associate Professor of English at Boise State University (Boise), received $3,500 to continue research and compilation of a web-based catalog of books owned, borrowed, written in, and consulted by 19th century American author Herman Melville.

Debbie Lee (Moscow), Associate Professor of English at Washington State University, received $3,500 to finish research and write a history of the Selway-Bitterroot and Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness areas.

April J. Niemela, Highland Junior-Senior High School (Craigmont), received $1,000 to support the guest author at the Northwest Inland Writing Project (NIWP), a young writer’s conference held in northern Idaho.

Bonnie Warne, South Fremont High School (Saint Anthony), received $1,000 to support a guest author at the third annual Upper Valley Young Author’s Conference held in eastern Idaho.

James See, Mullan High School (Mullan), received $1,000 to develop curriculum and an activity kit focused on the Great Fire of 1910, one of the largest forest fires in U.S. history, and the story of firefighter Edward Pulaski.

Beverly Schmucker, Maple Grove Elementary School (Boise), was awarded $1,000 to help fund a one-day workshop on reading and music. Peggy Skeffington Gretch presented a one-day in-service workshop for area music and reading teachers.

Chris McAvo, a teacher at the Community School (Hailey), was awarded $1,000 to support activities in a course examining local history of the Wood River Valley.

Susan Hodgins, English teacher at Moscow Senior High School (Moscow), received $998 to print an anthology of student responses to a Holocaust survivor visiting their classroom.

Merrianne Montgomery, a teacher at Willow Creek Elementary (Nampa), received $450 to help bring Idaho State Historical Society resources into Willow Creek Elementary School, and to help fund a one-day field trip to significant historical sites in Boise.

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