**SURVEY of KENNEDY CENTER CULTURAL VISITORS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

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1. In what year did you participate in the Kennedy Center Cultural Visitors Program?

A1. Drop-down list: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

1. What was your profession when you participated in the Cultural Visitors Program? *Please select one box.*

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| Actor  |  |
| Arts presenter/manager  |  |
| Dancer  |  |
| Director  |  |
| Film artist |  |
| Musician  |  |
| Singer  |  |
| Theater technician  |  |
| Visual artist |  |
| Other(please write in): |  |

1. Exchange programs provide participants with many important opportunities for learning and engaging people from other countries. In the table below, please identify the **three** most important accomplishments resulting from your participation in the Cultural Visitors Program.

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| --- | --- |
|  | **√** |
| Learned new techniques in my craft (dancing, singing, playing an instrument, acting, etc.) |  |
| Learned new management skills  |  |
| Participated in workshops with other performing artists, directors, arts managers or theater technicians in the United States |  |
| Attended performances, working rehearsals or showcases in the United States |  |
| Learned about American art, theater and film  |  |
| Developed professional contacts with artists, directors, technicians and managers from the United States  |  |
| Developed professional contacts with artists, directors, technicians and managers from outside the United States  |  |
| Built relationships with U.S. cultural organizations |  |
| Performed in the United States |  |
| Purchased artistic material not readily available in my country |  |
| Shared my culture with others  |  |
| Learned more about American people and American society  |  |
| Learned how performing arts and culture can be used to address social issues |  |
| Gained insight into the role of the private sector in American performing arts and culture |  |
| Other (Please write in):  |  |

1. How much did the Kennedy Center Cultural Visitors Program meet your expectations? *Please select one box.*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Did not meet any of my expectations** | **Did not meet most of my expectations** | **Met some of my expectations** | **Met most of my expectations** | **Met all of my expectations** |
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1. What is your most important accomplishment that is a direct result of your experience in the Cultural Visitors Program?

A5. Open-ended response

1. To what extent did the Cultural Visitors Program improve your knowledge and skills in your technical field? *Please select one box.*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Not at All** | **To a Small Extent** | **To a Good Extent** | **To a Great Extent** | **Not Applicable** |
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1. Please provide an example of how you have been able to apply the knowledge and skills that you learned during exchange program.

A7. Open-ended response

1. Which aspects of the Kennedy Center Cultural Visitors Program were the most valuable in increasing your skills? *Please select one box in each row.*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Yes** | **No** | **Not Applicable** |
| Joint performance with American performing artists  |  |  |  |
| Close observation of techniques of other performing artists, managers, directors or theater technicians in Washington, D.C., New York City and other cities |  |  |  |
| Workshops run by American performing artists, managers, directors or theater technicians |  |  |  |
| Meetings and discussions about performance art, acting and techniques with other performing artists  |  |  |  |
| Meetings and discussions about managing, directing or theater techniques with other managers, directors or theater technicians |  |  |  |
| Other (Please write in): |  |  |  |

1. How has your experience in the Kennedy Center Cultural Visitors Program impacted your career?

A9. Open-ended response

1. As a direct result of your participation in the Kennedy Center Cultural Visitors Program, have you done or received any of the following at work or in your community? *Please select one box in each row.*

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|  | **Yes** | **No** |
| Higher level of responsibilities or leadership in the same job  |  |  |
| Organized or initiated new activities or projects in the same job  |  |  |
| New job with more responsibilities  |  |  |
| Increased salary/wages  |  |  |
| Received a fellowship or stipend to continue my artistic work |  |  |
| Organized an arts, dance, theater or film festival  |  |  |
| Participated in an arts, dance, theater or film festival |  |  |
| Collaborated in an art, dance, theater or film project  |  |  |
| Assumed a leadership role or position in my community |  |  |
| Organized or initiated new activities and projects in my community  |  |  |
| Established a new organization in my community |  |  |
| Served as a teacher/mentor for new artists, directors, technicians or managers  |  |  |
| Other (Please write in): |  |  |

1. Thinking back, what was your level of knowledgeabout the following aspects of the United States **before** participating in the Cultural Visitors Program? *Please select one box in each row.*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **No Knowledge**  | **Limited Knowledge** | **Moderate Knowledge** | **Extensive Knowledge** |
| Daily life in the United States |  |  |  |  |
| American arts and culture  |  |  |  |  |
| Religious diversity in the United States |  |  |  |  |
| Ethnic diversity in the United States  |  |  |  |  |
| The U.S. political system |  |  |  |  |
| The U.S. economy  |  |  |  |  |
| The U.S. legal system |  |  |  |  |
| Education in the United States  |  |  |  |  |
| Freedom of speech and the press in the United States |  |  |  |  |
| Voluntary community services and philanthropy in the United States |  |  |  |  |
| American history  |  |  |  |  |
| American popular culture |  |  |  |  |
| The United States overall  |  |  |  |  |

1. Thinking back, what was your level of knowledgeabout the following aspects of the United States **after** participating in the Cultural Visitors Program? *Please select one box in each row.*

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **No Knowledge**  | **Limited Knowledge** | **Moderate Knowledge** | **Extensive Knowledge** |
| Daily life in the United States |  |  |  |  |
| American arts and culture  |  |  |  |  |
| Religious diversity in the United States |  |  |  |  |
| Ethnic diversity in the United States  |  |  |  |  |
| The U.S. political system |  |  |  |  |
| The U.S. economy  |  |  |  |  |
| The U.S. legal system |  |  |  |  |
| Education in the United States  |  |  |  |  |
| Freedom of speech and the press in the United States |  |  |  |  |
| Voluntary community services and philanthropy in the United States |  |  |  |  |
| American history  |  |  |  |  |
| American popular culture |  |  |  |  |
| The United States overall  |  |  |  |  |

1. How did your views of the United States Government and the American people change as a result of your program participation? *Please select one box in each row.*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Much Less Favorable** | **Less Favorable** | **No Change** | **More Favorable** | **Much More Favorable** |
| United States Government |  |  |  |  |  |
| American people |  |  |  |  |  |

1. How did your exchange visit in the United States influence your work?

A14. Open-ended response

1. Have you shared your experience or knowledge you gained during your participation in the Cultural Visitors Program in any of the following ways? *Please select all that apply*.

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| --- | --- |
|  | **√** |
| Discussion with your family |  |
| Discussion with your friends and community members |  |
| Discussion with your colleagues  |  |
| Interview with a media outlet (newspaper, television, radio or Internet) |  |
| Wrote a newspaper or magazine article, including an editorial or opinion piece |  |
| Post on a blog or other Internet networking space  |  |
| Demonstration or performance in your community  |  |
| Wrote an academic book |  |
| Wrote a non-academic book |  |
| Wrote a professional article for a journal or academic publication |  |
| Formal presentation at work  |  |
| Formal presentation at a community event |  |
| Other (Please write in):  |  |

1. Do you think your family, friends and colleagues have a more favorable or less favorable opinion of the United States because of the information you shared with them? *Please select one box.*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Much less favorable** | **Less favorable** | **No change** | **More favorable** | **Much more favorable** | **I don’t know** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Since your return home, have you shared your Cultural Visitors Program experience with any young artists or students in your home country?

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| --- | --- |
|  | **✓** |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |

1. Has Department of State staff in the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your home country been in contact with you since your return from the United States?

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| --- | --- |
|  | **✓** |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |

If yes, go to Q19.

If no, go to Q20.

1. What was the reason for the follow-up from the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your home country? *Please select all that apply.*

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| --- | --- |
|  | **√** |
| Discussed your experience in the United States  |  |
| Asked about your work and/or career  |  |
| Asked you to perform, direct or participate in an U.S. Embassy event  |  |
| Invited you to attend a U.S. Embassy event  |  |
| Informed you about an upcoming American performing arts or cultural event |  |
| Told you about new performing opportunities in your country with managers of theaters, performing arts centers, etc.  |  |
| Connected you with other performing artists, directors, managers or technicians |  |
| Informed you of other opportunities to study or work in the United States  |  |
| Other (Please write in): |  |

1. Have you returned to the United States since you participated in the Kennedy Center Cultural Visitors Program? *Please select one box.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **√** |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |

If yes, go to Q21.

If no, go to Q24.

1. Approximately how much time have you spent in the United States on **business travel** or for **professional reasons** since your participation in the Cultural Visitors Program? *Please select one box.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **√** |
| None |  |
| Less than 1 month |  |
| 1 month up to 3 months |  |
| 3 months up to 6 months |  |
| 6 months up to one year |  |
| One year or greater  |  |

1. If you traveled to the United States on business, what was the reason for traveling?

A22. Open-ended response

1. How much time have you spent in the United States on **personal** travel since your participation in the Cultural Visitors Program? *Please select one box.*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **√** |
| None |  |
| Less than 1 month |  |
| 1 month up to 3 months |  |
| 3 months up to 6 months |  |
| 6 months up to one year |  |
| One year or greater  |  |

1. Have you been in contact with people you met during the Cultural Visitors Program?

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| --- | --- |
|  | **✓** |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |

If yes, go to Q25.

If no, go to Q26.

1. Of the following list of people you met through your participation in the Cultural Visitors Program, whom have you been in contact with since your return home? *Please select all that apply.*

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| --- | --- |
|  | **√** |
| Other program participants from institutions different than my own |  |
| Kennedy Center Cultural Visitors Program Director |  |
| Kennedy Center Cultural Visitors Program Coordinator |  |
| Performing artists, arts managers, directors and theater technicians I met during my exchange  |  |
| The director of my personal mentorship or workshop |  |
| Performing artists with whom you made joint performances |  |
| Potential collaborators I met during networking events  |  |
| U.S. Department of State staff in Washington, D.C. |  |
| Kennedy Center Cultural Visitors program alumni |  |
| Alumni of other U.S. cultural exchange programs in my country |  |
| Other (Please write in): |  |

1. Please describe any collaboration or work you are engaged in that was developed with a performing artists, arts presenters, directors or theatre technicians you met while in the United States.

A26. Open-ended response

1. Which forms of media do you primarily use to keep informed about American arts and culture? *Please select all that apply.*

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| --- | --- |
|  | **√** |
| Television |  |
| Radio |  |
| Film |  |
| Books |  |
| Newspapers |  |
| Magazines and trade journals |  |
| Art and culture websites |  |
| News websites |  |
| *Culture Connect* website |  |
| Social networking sites (for example, Facebook, Twitter) |  |
| Internet photo and video sharing sites (for example, Flickr and YouTube)  |  |
| Other (Please write in): |  |

1. Are you still working in the arts field?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **✓** |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |

If yes, please go to Q30.

If no, please go to Q29.

1. Why are you no longer working in the arts field?

Q29. Open-ended response

1. What was your home country at the time of the program?

A30. Drop-down list (countries)

1. In which country do you currently live?

A31. Drop-down list (countries)

1. Which statement best describes the geographic location of where you currently live? *Please select one box.*

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| --- | --- |
|  | **√** |
| My country’s capital |  |
| Another major city in my country other than the capital  |  |
| A small city, town or rural location in my country  |  |

1. What is your age?

A33. Drop-down list (numbers)

1. What is your gender?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **√** |
| Female  |  |
| Male  |  |

1. If you have additional comments or suggestions for improving the Kennedy Center Cultural Visitors Program, please give details here. We value your thoughts and feedback.

A35. Open-ended response

1. How long did it take for you to complete this survey?

Q36. Drop-down list (minutes)

Thank you for completing this survey!