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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Youth/Education Headline:** Teen Artists, Writers and Performers Sought For Twentieth Anniversary Session of The California State Summer School for the Arts (InnerSpark)

The California State Summer School for the Arts (InnerSpark) is conducting the California Arts Search to identify the most talented high school-aged visual, literary, media and performing artists in California. The teenagers who are selected will be designated California Arts Scholars, and will attend one of the country's premier summer arts institutes on the campus of the California Institute of the Arts in Valencia from July 8 through August 5, 2006.

Flyers and posters describing the school's programs and application process are now available at local high schools, libraries and arts councils. Application forms and instructions are also available on the web at [www.innerspark.us](http://www.innerspark.us).

For the 520 students accepted, InnerSpark represents a unique opportunity to spend four weeks studying and working with professional artists, writers and performers of national stature. The program provides an educational link to institutions of higher learning, major performing and fine arts organizations, and the film, television and recording industries for students considering careers in the arts. The talented teenagers who successfully complete the program will receive three units of California State University course credit.

InnerSpark offers instruction in the fields of animation, music, dance, film and video, theatre, creative writing and the visual arts. The California Legislature created the California State Summer School for the Arts to establish a training environment for the state's young artists. The school has conducted summer sessions in each consecutive year beginning in 1987. More than 9,000 young Californians have attended since the program's inception. For many of them, it was the first step to important and successful careers in the arts and related industries.

According to Robert M. Jaffe, Director, "Throughout its history, the school has provided the highest quality professional artistic training to the most deserving teenagers regardless of their economic situations. We provided scholarships to more than 40% of the students who were selected to attend last summer, and we expect to equal or surpass that record in 2006, our twentieth annual summer session." The school charges California students, whose families have the means to pay, a comprehensive fee of \$2,185 to cover room, board and tuition for the four-week session. Students from outside of California must pay a comprehensive fee of \$4,400.

Those wishing to learn more about InnerSpark can visit [www.innerspark.us](http://www.innerspark.us) on the web, call 916-274-5815, or send an email message to [shelly@innerspark.us](mailto:shelly@innerspark.us).