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ARTS ACTIVIST, JUDITH TERRA SWORN IN AS NEW CHAIR OF THE DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Washington, DC - On Wednesday, July 22, 2011, arts activist, Judith Terra, was sworn in as chair of the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities. The non-paying position helps to spearhead the future of the creative economy in the District.

“We on the commission will do what we humanly can to help create jobs, educational opportunities, fresh ideas, and a new spirit of enthusiasm for the District’s creative economy,” said Terra.

“As chair, I will be a proud ambassador to the arts, humanities, entertainment, fashion, hospitality and related communities throughout the District’s wards and communities, and to individuals and organizations working at every level. I seek to serve them all equally and well.

“We also must reach out to others beyond the boundaries of the District as well as reach out to the international communities to determine how we can work together to create opportunities that will benefit everyone,” said Terra.

Mrs. Terra is co-founder of both Terra Museum of American Art in Chicago and Musee D’Art American Givemy in France. She and her late husband, Ambassador Daniel J. Terra spent many years promoting American Art. When Terra Museum of American Art opened in April 1987, it was the first museum in the U.S. since the establishment of New York’s Whitney Museum of American Art in 1930 devoted exclusively to American Art.

Mrs. Terra played a key role in the development of both American Art museums, including serving as co-director of Terra Museum in Chicago. The primary emphasis of both these institutions was their educational programs and facilities.

Terra succeeds Dr. Anne Ashmore-Hudson as chair.

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