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**Kansas Humanities Council Announces Free
Programs on Kansas Art and Artists**

TOPEKA - The Kansas Humanities Council announces Picturing America, a new Speakers Bureau series available in 2009. Six programs, highlighting Kansas art and artists, are offered in conjunction with Picturing America, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The programs are available to Kansas communities free-of-charge. A complete list of programs and booking information can be found at www.kansashumanities.org.

"The Speakers Bureau programs introduce historical themes through the work of artists who shaped, and were shaped by, Kansas," said Julie Mulvihill, Executive Director of the Kansas Humanities Council. "Using art to explore history is a fresh and engaging way for Kansans to explore their heritage."

Programs in the Speakers Bureau series cover a variety of topics including artists' depictions of The Dust Bowl, outsider art, artists Aaron Douglas and Birger Sandzen, women's clubs and fine art, and the artistic heritage of Kansas.

The free programs are supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities and presented by the Kansas Humanities Council. A non-profit organization, the Kansas Humanities Council conducts and supports community-based programs, serves as a financial resource through an active grant-making program, and encourages Kansans to participate in their communities.

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