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Americans for the Arts is the nation's arts advocacy organization. As VP of Local Arts Advancement, Randy Cohen uses research, advocacy, and professional development to strengthen the nation's 5,000 local arts agencies. He recently published *The National Arts Index*, the first annual measure of the health and vitality of arts in the U.S. as well as the two premier economic studies of the arts industries. Randy developed the National Arts Policy Roundtable, an annual convening of leaders who focus on the advancement of American culture, in partnership with Robert Redford and the Sundance Preserve. Randy has given speeches in 48 states, and regularly appears in the news media—including the *Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, and on CNN, CNBC, and NPR.

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