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Media Advisory:

OREGON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON ARTS AND CULTURE
“LOVE LETTER” FUNDING INFUSION

SALEM, Ore. – Oregon Community Foundation President and CEO Lisa Mensah will provide an update on statewide arts funding from OCF as part of the Oregon Legislature’s Arts and Culture Caucus Kick Off. Last year, OCF came together with the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation and Oregon lawmakers to announce a \$52 million “love letter” to arts and culture in response to continued challenges for this critically important sector of Oregon’s economy. The event will feature performances, including Grammy award-winning artist esperanza spalding.

Please note: We will provide video of quotes and b-roll from the event by 9 p.m. Contact Carrie Kikel (info below) to receive the link when it is available.

WHAT: Oregon Legislature’s Arts and Culture Caucus Kick Off Event

WHO: Oregon’s Arts and Culture Caucus of state lawmakers, in partnership with Oregon Community Foundation, Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Cultural Trust and the Cultural Advocacy Coalition of Oregon.

WHERE: Elsinore Theater, 170 High St SE, Salem, OR 97301

WHEN: 5:30 p.m. (program begins at 6 p.m.)
Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025

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