

# *1000 Words Program Application*

The goal of the *1000 Words Project* is to engage artists in creating an autobiographical portrait focused on a famous figure diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease to create disease awareness. A mix of artists will be recruited from small communities/rural areas in eastern Kansas. Any artist will have the opportunity to submit a one page project proposal which will consist of who they've chosen, research resources to be used, chosen media (either pastel, charcoal, oil, watercolor, or acrylic). Project proposals must demonstrate a concise understanding of what is expected in the project. A panel consisting of Alzheimer's Association staff and professional artists will review and select eight artists. Artists will be provided \$100 stipend to assist with material cost & time spent. Stipend will be paid upon completion of the artist's submission of the artwork.

The gallery will tour to the communities of Manhattan, Marysville and Pittsburg, where they will be on display to the public for a month at each location.

A list of famous individuals who have been diagnosed with the disease has been included. Applicants are not limited to choosing from this list, but may do so if they wish.

Anticipated impact will be a decrease of stigma that surrounds dementia and Alzheimer's disease. The project will provide communities with disease awareness and incidences of occurrence. As the fourth leading cause of death in America, it is most stigmatizing. Typically seen as a disease of old age, data is showing the increase of early onset Alzheimer's disease in persons under age 65. Dementia is considered a family disease, for every one family member diagnosed; four are affected either financially or emotionally as the care responsibility increases.

This project is grant sponsored by the Kansas Arts Commission for the Arts in Community project. Interested artists are requested to submit their proposals by completely filling out the following application. Completed applications may be submitted to the following address:

Alzheimer's Association- NEKS Regional Office  
Attn: Karen Knappenberger  
4125 SW Gage Center Dr # LL-15  
Topeka, KS 66604

or e-mailed to [Karen.johnson@alz.org](mailto:Karen.johnson@alz.org)

Timeline for the enactment of this grant will be as follows:

12/21/07 Deadline for applications in to Alzheimer's Association by 5:00pm  
1/7/08 Artists notified via mail about selection status  
1/14/08 Artist's signed letter of agreement due into office 5:00 pm  
2/18/08 Artwork due to Alzheimer's Association by 5:00 pm  
3/5/08 1<sup>st</sup> Exhibit, month long  
4/2/08 2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibit, month long  
5/7/08 3<sup>rd</sup> exhibit, month long  
6/9/08 Project display portion completed

Please call 785-271-1844 or 913-831-3888 for more information.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Selected individual \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide a description of the proposed project. Include the medium, measurements, and biographical elements you plan to incorporate into the project. You may also choose to include a conceptual sketch of the proposed project.*  
*Description of proposed project:*

*Please outline research resources to be used. These resources may include but are not limited to: journal articles, biographies, and textbooks. The sources must be reliable, at least one must be a non internet resource.*

### **Jonathan Swift (1667-1745)**

Anglo-Irish satirist and political pamphleteer. Considered one of the great masters of English prose. His most famous book is still in print, Gulliver's Travels.

### **Ronald Reagan (1911-2004)**

40th American president (1980-1988) and the oldest man elected to that position. Both his mother and brother Neil died from Alzheimer's disease. He was also Governor of California 1966-1974. He started out in show business, he was in movies, radio and television. Many of his movies are on video (vhs) if not dvd. His wife Nancy and daughter Maureen have been very active in fundraising for the Alzheimer's Association in the USA.

### **Burgess Meredith (1908-1997)**

American actor whose career spanned 7 decades. He may be best remembered either as "The Penguin", a villain on the campy TV series in the 1960s of "Batman" or as the grizzled boxing trainer in the 1976 film "Rocky". His career began on Broadway in 1933 but it really took off after his film debut in 1936. He made over 70 films and countless television appearances.

### **Rosa Parks(1913-2005)**

In 1955 Montgomery, Alabama, this woman refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man thus beginning the American civil rights movement using non violent civil disobedience.

### **Ralph Waldo Emerson(1803-1882)**

American essayist and poet. A leader of the philosophical movement of transcendentalism. Rejected organized formal religion.

### **Frederick Law Olmsted(1822-1923)**

Major American landscape architect. In 1857, he was appointed superintendent of Central Park, the first great metropolitan park in the United States. He drew new plans for the park which had a pervasive influence on park design throughout the U.S. Consequently, he designed parks around the country and was the first commissioner of Yosemite National Park in California. He was the first landscape architect to preserve the natural features of the terrain and to add naturalistic elements when needed.

### **Sugar Ray Robinson (1921-1989)**

American boxer born Walker Smith Jr. He got his boxing name from a friend named Ray Robinson and the nickname sugar from a reporter who described him as "sweet as sugar". Held world welterweight title from 1946-1951 and middleweight champion five times between 1951-1960. As recently as 1997, he has been renamed the best of all time.

### **E.B. White (1899-1985)**

American writer famous for his essays and children's literature. His most famous books are Charlotte's Web and Stuart Little. Both are still in print.

### **Aaron Copland (1900-1990)**

Composer and writer about American music. Often called the dean of American composers. Many of his pieces are considered paradigms of American music by the public. He incorporated folk and pop music into such Americanized works as his scores for the ballets: Billy The Kid(1938),Rodeo(1942), and Appalachian Spring(1943-44) which portray episodes from American regional history.

### **Arthur "Spud" Melin (1925-2002)**

Co-founder of what became the giant toy company WHAM-O, inc. It introduced to the world to such fads as the Frisbee and the Hula-Hoop.

### **Benjamin O. Davis Jr (1913-2002)**

First Black General in the U.S. Air Force. He was the leader of the fabled 332nd Fighter Group, "Tuskegee Airmen" during World War 2. He and his pilots escorted bombers on 200 air combat missions over Europe flying into the teeth of some of the Nazi Luftwaffe's most tenacious defenses. It was one of the 332nd's proudest achievements that not one of the bombers it protected was lost to an enemy fighter. In 1970, after he retired, he supervised the federal sky marshal program that was designed to quell a rash of airline highjackings.

### **Charlton Heston (1924-(age 77))**

Through a videotaped statement, the actor announced that his doctors have told him he is "suffering symptoms consistent with Alzheimer's Disease". The actor is also a political activist and was president of the (USA) NRA from 1998-2003. He intends to keep working for as long as he can in both politics and Hollywood. His best known movies are The Ten commandments, and Ben-Hur for which he won the American Oscar award for best actor. He has been in more than 60 films.

### **Charles Bronson(1921-2003)**

American actor. Made his mark as tough guy, did a series of vigilante films(Death Wish) and in some notable ones such as Magnificent Seven, the Great Escape, and the Dirty Dozen. He was said to have died from pneumonia but also had Alzheimer's Disease.

### **Jack Lord (1920-1998)**

American actor. While played different parts in movies and series, He became a household name with the success of Hawaii Five-0, America's longest running crime series on tv. From 1968 to 1980, he became famous for fighting crime and usually ending each episode with the line "book em Danno". It ran for 284 episodes in 80 countries. After the series ended he gave up acting and stayed on in Hawaii. He died of heart failure but he did have Alzheimer's Disease. Earlier in the nineties there was talk of a reunion special in which Danno would have been promoted and possibly a new series would be launched but he was too sick.

### **Robert Sargent Shriver(1915-)**

American public official and diplomat(went by his middle name.) In 1953, he married Eunice Kennedy, future President John F. Kennedy's sister. Lawyer, naval officer. Founded and directed the Peace Corps; founded and organized Head Start; created Legal Services; Created Volunteers in Service to America; created the Job Corps; served as president and chairman of the board of the Special Olympics; U.S. ambassador to France and Democratic nominee for vice president of the USA(1972). He sent a letter to the Washington Post in June 2003 announcing he was in the early stages of Alzheimer's Disease.

### **George Balanchine (1904-1983)**

Russian born American choreographer, one of the foremost choreographers in the history of ballet particularly in the neoclassical style. He co-founded the NYC Ballet. Under his direction it became one of the world's great performing groups. He also choreographed for George Gershwin and Richard Rodgers.

### **Norman Rockwell(1894-1978)**

American painter and illustrator best known for his magazine covers and illustrations for such prominent American periodicals as Saturday Evening Post, Ladies Home Journal and the now defunct Look. He was born in NYC and trained at the Art Students League. His favorite subjects were everyday events that celebrated small town life and patriotic themes.

### **James Doohan(1920-2005)**

Diagnosed in 2004. Received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, his last public appearance. Most famous for his role as Lt. Commander Montgomery "Scotty" Scott, Chief Engineer and miracle worker of the starship Enterprise. It ran on the NBC network for three years(1966-1969). After cancellation it became such a cult favorite that it not only spawned ten movies as of this writing and four spin-off TV series. It also continues to live on in reruns on cable and DVD.

### **William Hanna(1910-2000)**

Director of many cartoons that are classics such as the "Jetsons", the "Flintstones", "Secret Squirrel", "Josey and the Pussy Cats" and "Scooby Doo Where are You"