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## **Arts & Culture on Bainbridge Island Gets a New Online Home**

(Bainbridge Island, WA) -- Arts & Humanities Bainbridge is launching Currents Online, a powerful interactive website to connect anyone anywhere to the abundance of creativity that is a hallmark of Bainbridge Island. Currents Online will spotlight artists, contain informative columns and blogs, and provide an interactive cultural calendar.

According to Board President, Linda Semlitz, "Arts & Humanities Bainbridge (AHB), is a 32 - year-old island nonprofit that works to support and connect all artists and cultural organizations on the island."

AHB decided to create the online cultural platform after hearing from residents about the desire to more easily learn about cultural events and creative opportunities on the island. The Currents Online calendar will be a one-stop shop for discovering upcoming music, art shows, theatre, films and other cultural events with links to the island's creative institutions like Bainbridge Performing Arts, Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, Islandwood, Bloedel Reserve and many others.

The site also will feature profiles of artists from wood carvers to painters to quilters to musicians to actors to poets to anyone engaged in creative expression along with visuals, video and audio clips.

"We've designed this new website in such a way that people with mobility issues can feel in the know, be connected and get a taste of the cultural community....," said AnneSmart, AHB Executive Director.

Currents Online is believed to be the first platform of its kind in the state. It uses the Artsopolis platform originally developed as a program of Arts Council Silicon Valley to connect people to cultural experiences and information. More than 50 communities including Nashville, Austin, Boston and Kansas City are using the platform.

Jeff Trabucco, chief manager and visionary of Artsopolis, is a recent Bainbridge Island transplant. He believes that these city cultural web sites are meeting the need that communities have to better engage people and promote arts and cultural activities. "

The launch of Currents Online is planned for June 13. It will incorporate the content of AHB's quarterly print magazine, Currents, which will continue publication for the remainder of 2019.

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