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## **Center for Documentary Arts' Leslie Kelen to Receive Community Builder Award**

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 17, 2005—The Utah Women's Alliance for Building Community has selected Leslie Kelen, executive director of the Center for Documentary Arts (CDA), to receive a 2005 Community Builder Award.

The Community Builder Awards are given annually to "individuals and organizations who build bridges across the divides in our human lives."

Kelen, along with Ljubica "Buba" Roth of the Utah Peace Institute, My Princess Pearls and Pearls with a Purpose Foundation, the Girl Scouts of Utah Partners in Safety Campaign, and the Church of Religious Science, will receive the award at the Utah Women's Alliance for Building Community annual Community Builder Award event on Tuesday, Oct. 18 beginning at 6 p.m.

For over 20 years, Kelen has brought community groups together by giving a voice to the "unvoiced" in Utah. He launched the Center for Documentary Arts (formerly the Oral History Institute) in 1983 with a statewide effort to depict the experiences of Utah's largest and oldest ethnic communities. CDA is currently hosting *EXODUS: Photographs by Sebastião Salgado*, one of the largest and most significant exhibits of its kind ever to come to the Intermountain Region. CDA is also involved in a six-year project called "Crossing the Tracks," which seeks to describe the fissure between Salt Lake City's "east" and "west" sides and create a dialogue on the meaning of race, ethnicity, religion, and economic class.

### **The Center for Documentary Arts**

For over 20 years, the Center for Documentary Arts ([www.cdautah.org](http://www.cdautah.org)) has provided a candid vision of Utah's people by using the tools of documentary work – photography, oral history, filmmaking, narrative writing, radio, poetry, dance and music.

CDA, along with Global Artways and the Utah Science Center, are founding partners in The Leonardo at Library Square, an exciting new art, culture and science center that will be located in the former Salt Lake City main library building.

### **CDA at The Leonardo**

CDA, together with Global Artways ([www.globalartways.org](http://www.globalartways.org)) and the Utah Science Center ([www.utahsciencecenter.org](http://www.utahsciencecenter.org)), have partnered to create The Leonardo at Library Square. Located in the heart of Utah's capital city, The Leonardo will be an art, culture and science center that encourages visitors to see the world-and themselves-in new and imaginative ways.

At The Leonardo, CDA will promote documentary arts by combining a museum, a center for the study of documentary arts, and research facilities all in one site. CDA at The Leonardo will feature two major exhibit areas: The Peopling of Utah permanent exhibit area of 5,000 square feet featuring semi-permanent displays that utilize contemporary and historical photographs, dioramas, video installations, selected artifacts, maps and listening stations to dramatically evoke the experiences and accomplishments of the diverse people who are contributing to the making of Utah life. The Human Rights Gallery & Education Center will house rotating exhibit galleries comprising an additional 5,000 square feet of space. The galleries will present the work of national and international artist-activists in order to enhance our connection with the global community, encourage intercultural learning and exchange, and foster dialogue on democracy, tolerance and human rights.