



Art, Culture & Science Center

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## **The Leonardo Announces Fundraising Milestone**

Group Has Raised 73 percent of Funds Necessary to Release City Bond

SALT LAKE CITY—Nov. 16, 2004—Supporters of The Leonardo at Library Square, an art, culture and science center that will open in the old Salt Lake City library building, announced today that they have raised \$7.3 million of the \$10 million needed to release a voter-approved bond.

Approximately one year ago, Salt Lake City voters approved a \$10 million bond to help create The Leonardo. The \$10 million bond funds will go toward seismic, electrical, heating and plumbing upgrades, and remodeling. The Leonardo will raise the remaining funds to build exhibits and operate the facility. The private-public partnership will bring an ideal resident into a city-owned building, completing Library Square with a facility that complements the new City Library – all at no ongoing expense to the city budget.

In order to receive the \$10 million bond, The Leonardo must first raise a dollar-for-dollar match of \$10 million. Today's announcement brings the group to within \$2.7 million of this goal.

"In one year, we have made incredible progress thanks to our "Renaissance Partners," said Mary Tull, development manager for The Leonardo. "These early donors recognized the promise of The Leonardo as an important educational and cultural opportunity bringing together art, culture and science to inspire creativity and innovation. They are the true visionaries, who are willing to see the world – and our community – in new and imaginative ways."

Major initial donors to \$7.3 million include: The O.C. Tanner Foundation, which provided the first \$1 million gift; Patrick Byrne; Norm and Barbara Tanner; Bruce Bastian, Peter Ashdown, Dr. Dave and Julie Bolick, and; the George C. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, which has pledged the final \$1.5 million toward the \$10 million city bond match.

Kaye Jorgensen of the O.C. Tanner Foundation, Lisa Eccles and Bob Graham of the George C. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, and Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson were present at today's announcement.

### **About The Leonardo**

Inspired by Leonardo da Vinci—one of history's most versatile visionaries—The Leonardo will be a one-of-a-kind Art, Culture and Science center that encourages visitors to explore subjects from new perspectives.

The Leonardo will open in the former Salt Lake City main library building on Library Square. From this exciting location, The Leonardo and the magnificent new City Library will create a dynamic public square for research and learning. The mission of The Leonardo, with its innovative art-culture-science approach, is to become a national model for exploration, discovery and invention.

Three organizations have come together to create and develop The Leonardo: Global Artways ([www.globalartways.org](http://www.globalartways.org)), Salt Lake City's arts education program; the Center for Documentary Arts ([www.cdautah.org](http://www.cdautah.org)); and the Utah Science Center ([www.utahsciencecenter.org](http://www.utahsciencecenter.org)).