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N O M C L E N D S A H E A L I N G T O T H E C O M M O N W E A L T H



NOMC/AF President, Bethany Bultman, testifies about the statewide health initiative for artists and musicians on June 13, 2011 to Massachusetts' Representative Sarah Peake and Senator Eileen Donoghue, Chairs of the Joint Committee of Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development at the Provincetown Town Hall Auditorium.

Healthcareforartists.org and its connected working group, **the Artists Health Care Working Group** and **ArtistsUndertheDome.org** - the website are actively collaborating with the **Massachusetts Cultural Council** and the **Massachusetts Artists Leaders Coalition (MALC)** to establish a statewide system-wide occupational health detection and treatment program for Massachusetts artists of all

disciplines in conjunction with the **New Orleans Musicians' Clinic**.

NOMC founder, Johann Bultman hails from Cape Cod and is the son of the noted Provincetown abstract expressionist, Fritz Bultman, one of the founders of the Provincetown Fine Arts Works Center. Johann not only founded the NOMC, but also was pivotal in founding a consortium of the 14 community health service providers in New Orleans, 504HealthNet, to receive the federal **Primary Care Access and Stabilization Grant (PCASG)** and to become the clinics to "road test" federal health care reform.

Since the Commonwealth has state-wide health care reform, **the NOMC had the unique ability to help Massachusetts arts' advocates duplicate our innovative detection and occupational care system on a state-wide level for those in subsidized care and those not in subsidized care. This would be a first in the USA and could be replicated state-by-state and nationwide.** NOMC is advising, sharing and leveraging what we have learned in screening artists of all disciplines for occupational health issues.

ArtistsUndertheDome.org strives to inform

Massachusetts's artists of the State House Artist Working Group's efforts and also helps to keep Massachusetts'

artists informed of statewide efforts and public policy initiatives that may impact their livelihoods. This site acts a vital resource for individual artists of all disciplines on the legislative and regulatory processes. The goal is to empower individual artists to become more engaged with the democratic process and public policy making. The website is also home to the Massachusetts Artists Leaders Coalition (MALC). It is free to join.



Also visit these sites: **www.HealthcareForArtists.org** & the national artists run organization: **www.artistsalliance.us**