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Dear Friends,

As a LEAP graduate student at CSU, I am excited to tell you about some great news! This fall, students from the LEAP program (Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Arts Advocacy, and the Public) will attend the 8th Conference of the Research Network Sociology of the Arts of the European Sociological Association, which will take place in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Sept. 4-6.

Three LEAP students, including myself, have been selected to present their research at the conference on arts leadership topics to audiences of international peers. Additionally, LEAP students are presenting and co-presenting two interconnected workshops at the conference. We have been working hard with students from the University of Leipzig's Institut für Kulturwissenschaften (Institute for Cultural Studies) to plan sessions that address a bridge between culturally diverse worlds to discuss topics of theory, research, and the future of the arts and cultural management field. Read more about the conference.

We feel that this kind of communication and interaction with our international peers is what is needed for the arts today to ensure they will continue to thrive tomorrow. As a relatively new program at CSU, I know my classmates and I are extremely proud to have been asked to represent Colorado State University on an international level.

We know that the arts are collaborative by nature - no artist is an island. That's why we could not do this without support - support from the university; the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance; our community; and YOU!

I hope you will consider supporting the LEAP students who will travel to Romania in September through a financial contribution as we continue to put CSU on the global map and partner with others to ensure the future of the arts is sustainable and bright.

Thank you for your support!

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