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November 6, 2007, Ann Arbor, MI: Artrain USA announced today that the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation, on behalf of BNSF Railway Company, is sponsoring Artrain USA's presentation of the *Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture* exhibition in Springfield, Missouri.

"We are pleased to support Artrain USA's visit to Springfield hosted by the Commercial Club of Springfield" said Richard Russack, president of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation. He continued, "BNSF's support is consistent with its long standing involvement in a variety of community efforts in Springfield."

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation is the philanthropic arm of BNSF Railway. For over 30 years, BNSF has supported Artrain USA, donating crews and services to help transport Artrain USA from community to community across America. The Foundation provided a \$50,000 grant to support the development and National Tour of *Native Views*.

"BNSF has been one of our most outstanding partners and we are pleased to call them a sponsor for our visit to Springfield." stated Debra Polich, president/CEO of Artrain USA "They make sure we get to places like Springfield on time. The added financial sponsorship and this grant of \$7,500 from the Foundation really helps defray expenses for our visit to Springfield."

Artrain USA will visit Springfield, Missouri November 15 – 19, 2007. Presented by the Commercial Club of Springfield, Artrain USA will be located at the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge, Commercial Street at Jefferson Avenue. Artrain USA will be open for general public tours on Saturday, November 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 18, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Named as an American Masterpiece exhibition by the National Endowment for the Arts, Artrain USA's *Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture*, is touring America – coast to coast – from April 2004 through December 2007. *Native Views* is a contemporary Native American art exhibition comprised of 71 artworks by 54 Native American artists. It explores the influence of popular culture and the many commonalities shared by all Americans. Visitors discover the richness, complexity and breadth of contemporary Native American art while examining varying perspectives on society.

A nonprofit organization, Artrain USA's mission is to *enrich lives and build communities through the arts*. An art museum housed in vintage rail cars that travels via the nation's railroads, Artrain USA brings world class art exhibitions and art education programs to communities and their residents and delivers exceptional opportunities for learning, growth and art appreciation while encouraging the development of local cultural programs and organizations. Artrain USA received the 2006 *National Service Award for Museums* by the Institute of Museum and Library Service. Since its founding in 1971, more than 3.2 million people have visited Artrain USA during more than 830 community visits across the nation.

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