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### **BARBARA SACERDOTE APPOINTED ARTS & HUMANITIES COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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The Bainbridge Island Arts & Humanities Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Bainbridge resident Barbara Sacerdote as its Executive Director, effective June 1, 2011.

"I and the entire Arts & Humanities Council Board are delighted to have found an individual as talented as Barbara to succeed Cheryl Dale as our Executive Director," Arts & Humanities Council Board of Directors President Mike Lewars said. "Barbara brings a wealth of experience and a real passion for the arts and humanities."

A six-year island resident, Ms. Sacerdote has a long and accomplished history in arts administration on both coasts, including leadership positions in development and communications at Pacific Northwest Ballet, the Tacoma Art Museum, and the National Audubon Society.

She was co-founder of the Arts Council of Southern Oregon and holds an MFA in arts administration from Columbia University. She is also a classical pianist and is currently President of the West Sound Wildlife Shelter Board of Directors.

"I look forward to enriching the innovative and resilient cultural community of Bainbridge Island," Ms. Sacerdote said.

For more information, please contact the Arts & Humanities Council at **206.842.7901**.

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Founded in 1986, the Bainbridge Island Arts & Humanities Council directs the award-winning Arts Education Community Consortium, which last year reached 3,500 public school students, grades K-12; presents the Celluloid Bainbridge Film Festival, Poetry Corners, and the annual Island Treasure and Amy Awards; publishes *Currents*, a seasonal arts and culture magazine; and administers the City of Bainbridge Island's Public Art Program.

Each summer the council holds the Bainbridge in Bloom garden tour, annually attracting thousands of visitors and island gardeners. **The 2011 Bloom will be held July 8-10**. For tickets and information, visit [www.gardentour.org](http://www.gardentour.org).