

## Researching Asian American Arts Organizations

### 1. Choose an arts organization to research:

- Kearny Street Workshop
- East West Players
- Asian Improv aRts (AIR)
- Pan-Asian Repertory Theater
- Chen Dance Company
- Visual Communications
- Center for Asian American Media
- Any Asian American arts organization in your area

### 2. As you complete your research, try to answer these questions:

- When, why, and by whom was this organization founded?
- What type of social justice mission does the organization have?
- How has the organization changed over the years?
- What does this organization do in the past and currently?
- Find a few seminal achievements for this organization. Why are they considered important? See if you can find relevant videos, audio recordings, newspaper reviews and reliable blogs about these seminal moments.
- How well do you think the organization fulfills its social justice mission?

### 3. To complete your research, you should:

- Explore the organization's website carefully.
- Go to <https://archive.org>, to see if there are archived versions of the organization's website.
- Look for websites of local newspapers:
  - Newspaper databases--many schools have subscriptions to newspapers.com or ProQuest. There is also a free trial available on [www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com).
- Search the Internet for relevant and reliable articles, videos, and podcasts. Interviews are often particularly helpful.

4. Prepare a short (7–10 minutes) presentation for your class:

At the end of your presentation, your classmates should understand:

- Why the organization was founded, and how it has changed since its founding;
- The key socio-political issues that the organization is most concerned about;
- How the organization has fought for social justice;
- What their greatest achievements and challenges are.