

Sandra L. Gibson



Education:

- 1973 Graduate of Thomas W. Harvey High School
- 1977 Wittenberg University, Bachelor of Music Degree, *magna cum laude*
- 1978 Northwestern University, Master of Music Degree in Historical Musicology and Performance
- 1983 University of California, successfully completed coursework for Ph.D. in Ethnomusicology

Career Service:

- 1980-1985 University of California, Arts Administrator
- 1985-1990 American Film Institute, Director, Campus Operations and Personnel
- 1990-1998 Public Corporation for the Arts, Executive Director
- 1998-2000 Americans for the Arts, Executive Vice President and COO
- 2000-2011 Association of Performing Arts Presenters, Special Executive
- 2011- Consultant to the Office of Assistant Secretary of Education and Access, Smithsonian Institution and the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage
- 2012- Sandra L. Gibson & Associates, LLC

Present Civic and Professional Affiliations:

- 2009 Resource Center for Cultural Engagement, Founding Board Member
- 2010- National Center for Creative Aging
- 2010- American University, Arts Management Program Advisory Council
- 2011 Smithsonian Folkways Records, National Advisory Board, Chair
- 2012- Friends of the British Council, Board of Directors, Chair
- 2012 China International Performing Arts Fair and Festival, Guangzhou, Senior Artistic Advisor

Recognition:

- 1972-1977 Theodore Presser and Alida Atwell Music Scholarship Recipient
- 1977 National Fellowship Award, Alpha Lambda Delta Woman's Honorary Recipient
- 1985 Employee of the Year, Department of the Arts, University Extension, UCLA Award
- 1990 Long Beach Monthly - Featured: "The Ten That Make Long Beach Tick"
- 1991 Leadership Long Beach, Class of 1991
- 1993 Who's Who in Leading American Executives Award
- 1995 Belle Lowe Woman of the Year Award
- 1995 Cambodian Business Association International and Cultural Relations Award
- 1996 NAACP Community Leader Award
- 1997 California State Assembly "Woman of the Year", Assembly District 54
- 2004 Appointed to the U. S. National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization by U. S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell
- 2006 Reappointed to the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO by U. S. Secretary State Condoleezza Rice

Sandra is an energetic, creative, service-minded individual. She is a very dedicated advocate for the performing arts. Sandra is a seasoned nonprofit CEO with more than 25 years of experience. She has a track record of success in leadership, management, external relations, strategic planning, fund-raising, program development, grant making, board and staff development, advocacy and public affairs, arts and cultural development, research, and publications.

Inducted:
Member of The Harvey Alumni Association
Distinguished Graduates
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