

# **IS IT TIME FOR A CABINET LEVEL SECRETARY OF THE ARTS?**

Branford Marsalis, signer 2570 commented:  
"We are the only developed country without one."

EMMY AWARD winning composer of the theme for *THE WEST WING*, Snuffy Walden, signer 4196:  
"Let's protect our artistic rights here in America."

6819. David Amram, composer-in-residence, Dem. Party convention, Denver 2008:  
"Dear President Obama: Please make this most important dream a reality. We need this for the future of our country, to give young people the picture that the arts are crucial for everyone to advance their lives by pursuing excellence and developing creativity. By making a Secretary of the Arts, we are showing the world as well as our own citizens that we have arrived to a new level as a nation."

**PLEASE JOIN THEM AND OVER  
200,000 OTHERS...and growing!**

**To sign the petition, please go to:**

**[www.petitiononline.com/esnyc/petition.html](http://www.petitiononline.com/esnyc/petition.html)**

**Or, just GOOGLE "secretary of the arts petition" as  
an exact phrase. And, click on the one from  
petitiononline.com**

**On behalf of El Sistema-New York City  
(ESNYC [ <http://elsistema-nyc.org/> ])**

**Thanks.**

***The arts are not frosting but baking soda.***

Michael Gazzaniga wrote in his most recent book,  
"Human: The Science Behind What Makes Us Unique."