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Canaveral National Seashore partners with Atlantic Center for the Arts to create environmental artist-in-residency program

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, Fla, May 28, 2019 – The legacy of artist and environmentalist Doris Leeper has connected Canaveral National Seashore and Atlantic Center for the Arts for many years. The two organizations are now embarking on a collaboration that uses creative arts to advocate for environmental health. Leeper's home at Eldora, on the grounds of the national park, will be the site of an artist residency program unlike any other in the United States. Laura Henning, Chief of Interpretation at Canaveral National Seashore says, "Canaveral National Seashore is looking forward to this new program with Atlantic Center for the Arts. This exciting endeavor promises to strengthen the connection between science and art."

Known as the *Soundscape Field Station*, the program invites musicians and scientists to work together within the pioneering field of *soundscape ecology*. From urban design to wildlife ecology, the sounds of our environment tell a story of wildlife biodiversity and the health of people living in that community. "It is important to provide innovative opportunities for sound artists to engage the community with the natural world in a new way that will inspire us to protect this resource," says Eve Payor, ACA Director of Community Programs. Atlantic Center for the Arts has over 40 years of experience in producing artist-in-residency programs that attract distinguished artists from all over the world.

The *Soundscape Field Station* will be the first of its kind in the United States dedicated to soundscape work, following in the tradition of other types of successful National Park Service artist-in-residence programs located in more than 100 parks throughout the country. The program begins November 2019 with artist Dr. Bernie Krause, a world-renowned *bioacoustician*, whose recordings have been featured in documentary films by National Geographic and BBC Earth.

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