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The President today announced the appointment of eight persons to the National Council on the Arts. These are terms for six years.

The new members of the Council are Angus L. Bowmer, of Ashland, Oregon; Van Cliburn, of Shreveport, Louisiana; Jerome Robbins, of New York City; Thomas Schippers of Cincinnati, Ohio; Gunther Schuller of Newton Centre, Massachusetts; George C. Seybolt of Dedham, Massachusetts; Harry M. Weese of Evanston, Illinois and Dolores Wharton of East Lansing, Michigan.

The appointees replace Council members Jean Dalrymple, O'Neil Ford, Richard Hunt, Robert Merrill, Gregory Peck, Rudolf Serkin, and Edward Villella. The eighth member with a term ending in 1974, was Duke Ellington, the bandleader and composer, who died on May 24th of this year.

The 26 members of the National Council on the Arts advises the National Endowment for the Arts on making the arts more widely available to millions of Americans, preserving America's cultural organizations and encouraging the creative development of the nation's finest talent. These aims are accomplished in part by awarding grants to individuals to state and regional arts agencies, and to other nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations in a variety of cultural fields.

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