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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

NIDA Director Nora Volkow to speak at Aspen Ideas Festival July 2

NIDA's [Dr. Nora D. Volkow](#) will speak at the Aspen Ideas Festival July 2 in Aspen, Colorado. The festival, in its eighth year, is presented by the Aspen Institute and *The Atlantic*, and is a gathering of the world's foremost thought leaders.

WHO: Dr. Nora D. Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

WHAT: *Our Genes and Our Addictions* (moderated discussion)
(With: Cheryl Heaton, Steve Hyman, Amir Levine; Moderator: Scott Stossel)

WHEN: Monday, July 2, 2012 1:15 p.m. to 2:25 p.m. MT

WHERE: [Aspen Ideas Festival](#)
Koch Building (Booz Allen Hamilton Room)

Dr. Volkow will also lead a brief talk July 2 at 4:00 p.m. MT as part of the [Legacy's](#) "Ripple Effect" series (Location: Koch Building, Stranahan Room), and will appear live from the festival on Andrea Mitchell Reports on Tuesday, July 3.

For more information, or to arrange an interview with Dr. Volkow during the festival, please contact Stephanie Older, olders@nida.nih.gov or 240-274-0665. Follow NIDA on Twitter during the festival at [@NIDAnews](#).

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