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**FREE WORKSHOP ON \$7,000 CASH GRANTS FOR ARTISTS TO BE HELD BY
NEW YORK FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS (NYFA) AND ARTS & CULTURAL COUNCIL FOR GREATER
ROCHESTER.**

New York, NY - August 14, 2008 – **New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA)** will conduct an information seminar on NYFA Artists' Fellowships at the **Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester (277 North Goodman Street, Rochester, NY 14607) on Thursday, August 21, 12:00-1:30 pm**. The information seminar will address questions about NYFA's on-line application process and inform artists about funding opportunities and other areas of career development. The seminar is free, and no reservations are required.

Each year, NYFA offers \$7,000 cash grants to up to 150 artists in all disciplines selected via a peer panel process. Since the Fellowships were first established in 1985, NYFA has awarded more than \$22 million to over 3,500 New York artists.

Artistic disciplines eligible in 2008 – 2009 include Crafts, Digital/Electronic Arts, Film, Interdisciplinary Work, Nonfiction Literature, Poetry, Printmaking/Drawing/Book Arts, and Sculpture. The 2009 – 2010 cycle will offer Architecture/Environmental Structures, Choreography, Fiction, Music Composition, Painting, Photography, Playwriting/Screenwriting, and Video.

To be eligible for a NYFA Fellowship, applicants must be a resident of New York State for at least two years prior to the application deadline and cannot be enrolled in a degree program of any kind. The Artists' Fellowships application calls for a small sample of work which is reviewed by panels of artists working in the category being reviewed. NYFA will begin accepting on-line submissions at www.nyfa.org/afp in early-August.

Applications must be submitted on or before the following dates:
October 6, 2008 Poetry, Printmaking/Drawing/Book Arts;
October 8, 2008 Nonfiction Literature, Sculpture;
October 10, 2008 Crafts, Digital/Electronic Arts, Film, Interdisciplinary Work

For more information about NYFA Fellowship seminars, please call NYFA at 212.366.6900, ext. 224.

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About the New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA)

New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) provides more support to artists and arts organizations in all disciplines than any other private organization in the country: nearly \$10 million annually. NYFA's Fellowships are awarded to New York State artists from a field of 16 disciplines, covering the visual, performing, and literary arts.

NYFA's national information resources and fiscal sponsorship enable artists and emerging organizations to meet their artistic goals and see projects into fruition. Small and midsized organizations are further supported with services and training that encourages and sustains their growth.

NYFA's annual budget of nearly \$11 million comes from individual, corporate, foundation, and public sources, as well as NYFA's fiscal sponsorship services for artists and emerging organizations.

For complete information about NYFA and its ongoing programs, activities, and services, please see www.nyfa.org or call 212-366-6900.



NYFA Artists' Fellowships are administered with leadership support from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency.

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