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Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester Announces Grants Available to Region's Artists

August 5, 2008, Rochester, NY --The Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester announces that grants totaling approximately \$20,000 are available to the greater Rochester region's artists.

The Arts & Cultural Council's Decentralization Grants – Individual Artist Projects, funded in partnership with the New York State Council on the Arts, support artists in Monroe County for creation of new work that involves the community in the creative process. Four \$2,000 grants are available. The grants are for programs to be completed in 2009. The deadline for this grant is November 6, 2008.

Artists planning to apply for an Individual Artist Project Grant must register to attend one of three grant seminars scheduled during the months of August and September. Attendance at a seminar, or a one-on-one meeting with Arts Council grants staff is mandatory. No exceptions will be made.

Seminars will take place at the following times and locations:

- **Tuesday, August 26, 2008. 4:30 p.m.**
Arts & Cultural Council Offices
277 N. Goodman Street, Rochester, 14607
(585) 473-4000, ext. 202
- **Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 4:30 p.m.**
Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester
277 N. Goodman Street, Rochester, 14607
(585) 473-4000, ext. 202
- **Tuesday, September 23, 2008, 5:00 p.m.**
Arnett Branch Library
310 Arnett Blvd., Rochester, 14619
(585) 428-8214

The Strategic Opportunity Stipends (SOS), administered by the Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester and funded in partnership with the New York Foundation for the Arts, support artists with career-advancing opportunities. Artists in Cayuga, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates Counties, are eligible to apply for a maximum of \$600.

The deadlines for the SOS program are:

- **Thursday, September 25, 2008**
For opportunities taking place between November 2008 and February 2009
- **Thursday, February 5, 2009**
For opportunities taking place between March 2009 through June 2009

➤ **Thursday, May 28, 2009**

For opportunities taking place between July 2009 through October 2009

To register for a seminar or to make an appointment for a grant-writing consultation, call (585)473-4000, x 202; or email mfutter@artsrochester.org.

Applications and guidelines are available at <http://www.artsrochester.org/artscouncil/grants.htm>.

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