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## **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts Awards to Honor Outstanding Individuals and Organizations**

**Rochester, NY, August 25, 2008** – On Wednesday, October 8, 2008, arts, cultural, and civic leaders will salute the eight recipients of the Arts & Cultural Council’s distinguished awards, bestowed each year on individuals and organizations that have made a significant, demonstrable contribution to the growth and well-being of the greater Rochester cultural community.

2008 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the Arts Awards. The program for this year’s ceremony includes performances by **Steve Greene and Friends; W.D. Snodgrass, a BOA Editions-published Pulitzer Prize winning poet; a cast member of Broadway-bound *Jane Austen’s Pride & Prejudice, A New Musical*; and Jay Stetzer, performing a special two-minute tale.** Local elected officials will offer remarks.

Sarah Lentini, President and CEO of the Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester says, “The Arts Awards is the largest annual gathering of greater Rochester cultural leaders, artists, and arts patrons from every discipline.” “This year,” she remarks, “is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this special event which celebrates the accomplishments and impact of our region’s remarkable cultural industry; and this is especially important as Rochester works to showcase and market our region.”

The recipients of the 2008 Arts Awards are:

### **Artists**

**Steven DelMonte (Videography/Photography)**  
**James Sawicki (Music/Sound Production)**  
**Jay Stetzer (Literary/Performing Arts)**

### **Organization**

**BOA Editions, Ltd.**

### **Champions of the Arts**

**Ann Mowris Mulligan**  
**Louis Perticone**

### **Lifetime Achievement**

**Ned Corman**  
**Roger Wilhelm**

Recipients were selected by the Arts & Cultural Council’s awards selection committee: Charlotte Herrera and Grace Tillinghast (Co-Chairs), Nancy Gong, Nydia Padilla-Rodriguez, Manuel Rivera-Ortiz and Robert Russell.

### **Underwriters and Sponsors**

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**25th Annual Arts Awards**

The Arts Awards will take place on Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Rochester beginning with a reception at 11:15 a.m. followed by the program and luncheon at 12:00 p.m. Event invitations will be mailed in early September. Seating is limited and reservations are required; RSVP by Wednesday, October 1, 2008.

**Advertising and Congratulatory Messages in the Event Program Booklet**

Deadline - Friday, September 12, 2008

Rates:

Full Page (5" w x 8" h), \$250

1/2 Page (5" w x 4" h), \$150

Business Card, \$100

The Arts Awards Program booklet is 8.5" high x 5.5" wide

For more information contact the Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester at (585) 473-4000, extension 205.

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