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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 THE ARTS AND CULTURAL
COUNCIL FOR GREATER ROCHESTER.**

Brooklyn, NY - September 1, 2009 □ 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) on Wednesday, September 16, 3:00-6:00pm. 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 100 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 2009 – 2010 include Architecture/Environmental Structures, Choreography, Fiction, Music/Sound, Painting, Photography, Playwriting/Screenwriting, and Video. The 2010 – 2011 cycle will offer Crafts, Digital/Electronic Arts, Film, Interdisciplinary Work, Nonfiction Literature, Poetry, Printmaking/Drawing/Book Arts, and Sculpture.

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-September.

Applications must be submitted on or before the following dates:

November 2, 2009 Fiction, Playwriting/Screenwriting, Photography

November 3, 2009 Painting, Music/Sound

November 4, 2009 Architecture/Environmental Structures, Choreography, Video

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

About the New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA)

The New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) was founded in 1971 to empower artists at critical stages in their creative lives. Each year we provide over \$1 million in cash grants to individuals and small organizations. Our fiscal sponsorship program is one of the largest and most established in the country and helps artists and organizations raise and manage over \$3 million annually. Our NYFA Learning programs provide thousands of artists with professional development training and our website, NYFA.org, received over 4.4 million unique visits last year and has information about more than 8,000 opportunities and resources available to artists in all disciplines.

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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The **Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester** is a nonprofit corporation serving arts and culture in the 10-county greater Rochester region. Our mission is to strengthen and promote the region's creative sector through grant programs, constituent services, and special initiatives; and to act as an advocate, planner, and funder, supporting artistic vitality and cultural diversity throughout the region. For more information about our programs and services, visit www.artsrochester.org.