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***Education Through the Arts Grants Available Now for Collaborations
Between Schools and Teaching Artists and/or Cultural Organizations***

Rochester, NY, March 17, 2009 – The Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester will be awarding *Education Through the Arts* grants in support of partnerships between schools and teaching artists or cultural organizations that focus on the integrated study of the arts and non-arts subjects. Applications for matching grants of up to \$5,000 are due to the Arts & Cultural Council by 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2009.*

Education Through the Arts provides grant support for collaborations between schools and cultural organizations or teaching artists that focus on the creation and implementation of arts integrated units of study. Eligible projects will involve a direct collaboration between at least one classroom teacher and one teaching artist for projects taking place in Monroe County schools between August and December of 2009.

This program is funded by the Arts in Education Program of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA). These grants are part of the Local Capacity Building initiative, a statewide effort to promote widespread participation in arts in education.

First-time applicants are required to attend an information session or meet individually with Arts Council staff. Returning applicants are strongly encouraged to contact staff to discuss the proposed project. Please call (585) 473-4000, ext. 206 to register for one of the following *Education Through the Arts* grant information sessions:

Thursday, April 9, 2009, 12:00 p.m.

Arts & Cultural Council Offices

277 N. Goodman Street, Rochester, NY 14607

Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

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Applications may also be obtained online, by visiting: www.artsrochester.org/artscouncil/grants.htm

For more information or assistance in completing the application, call the Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester, (585) 473-4000, ext. 206, or visit www.artsrochester.org.

Deadline: May 7, 2009*

**This date is NOT a postmark deadline. Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on the specified date.*