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Arts & Cultural Council Accepting Applications for Strategic Opportunity Stipends

Rochester, NY, March 27, 2009 – The Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester, in partnership with the New York Foundation for the Arts, will be awarding Strategic Opportunity Stipends (SOS) to artists for work occurring between July and October 2009 that will significantly enhance their careers. Applications for the next SOS round are due to the Arts & Cultural Council by 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2009.

SOS grants are designed to help individual artists of all disciplines take advantage of unique opportunities that may significantly benefit their artistic work or career development. Visual, literary, media and performing artists may request support ranging from \$100 to \$600 for specific forthcoming opportunities.

Artists from the following 10 counties may apply to the Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester: Cayuga, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates.

Applications may be obtained online, by visiting: www.artsrochester.org/artscouncil/SOS0809.pdf

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:

The following date is NOT a postmark deadline. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m.

May 28, 2009 for opportunities July through October 2009

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