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### **Twelve Regional Artists Receive Funding Through the Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester**

**Rochester, NY, June 28, 2010** – The Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester, in partnership with the New York Foundation for the Arts, has awarded grants to twelve artists from across the region. A total of \$3,943 in Strategic Opportunity Stipends was awarded for work occurring from July through October 2010 that will significantly enhance artists' careers. Over \$10,000 in requests from 19 artists was received for this highly competitive grant program. Stipends, which ranged from \$177 to \$550, were awarded to the following artists:

- **Matthias Boettrich**, visual artist, of Rochester, for an exhibition at Image City Photography Gallery;
- **Zanne Brunner**, visual artist, of Rochester, for the creation and display of a large outdoor mural in the town of Irondequoit;
- **Nils Caspersson**, musician, of Victor, to perform as an invited dulcimer musician at Korro Festival 2010, a regional folk music festival in Vaxjo, Sweden;
- **Laticia Eggleston**, ceramicist, of Rochester, for a juried exhibit at the Junior League of Rochester's Annual Holiday Market;
- **Rick McKee Hock**, visual artist, of Rochester, to exhibit in the Memorial Art Gallery's 2010 Rochester Biennial;
- **Amanda Jacobs**, composer, of Rochester, for a two-week, summer intensive film scoring mentorship with Hummie Mann in Seattle, WA;
- **Phyllis Kloda**, ceramicist, of Brockport, for a two-week intensive artist residency program at the Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts in Newcastle, ME;
- **Scott McCarney**, visual artist, of Rochester, for an exhibit at the Western New York Book Art Collaborative, as part of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery's Beyond/In Western New York 2010: Alternating Currents exhibition;
- **Stefan Petranek**, visual artist, of Rochester, for an exhibit in CEPA Gallery, Buffalo, NY, as part of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery's Beyond/In Western New York 2010: Alternating Currents exhibition;
- **Claudia M. Stanek**, literary artist, of East Rochester, for a 30-day writers' residency with the opportunity to devote time exclusively to writing at The Art Factory in Bialystok, Poland;
- **Juanita R. Suarez**, dancer, of Brockport, to participate in the improviser festival, an extensive free form festival featuring major players in the field of dance/music/visual/media art improvisation;
- **Mike Yates**, visual artist, of Rochester, for a group invitation exhibition entitled, "Bits and Pieces," at the Four Walls Gallery.

"These funds support the important work of our region's artists, helping them take advantage of career opportunities that ultimately benefit the economy and artistic richness of our region as a whole," said Sarah Lentini, President and CEO of the Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester.

Strategic Opportunity Stipends, available to artists from all creative disciplines, are awarded multiple times throughout the year. Artists from the following ten counties may apply to the Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester: Cayuga, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates.

For information about this grant program, call the Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester, (585) 473-4000, or visit [www.artsrochester.org](http://www.artsrochester.org).

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*The **Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester** is a nonprofit corporation serving arts, culture, and education 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](http://www.artsrochester.org).*