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Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester Announces Grants Available to Region's Artists

August 14, 2009, Rochester, NY --The Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester announces that grants totaling over \$20,000 are available to the greater Rochester region's artists.

The Arts & Cultural Council's Decentralization Grants – Individual Artist Projects, funded in partnership with the New York State Council on the Arts, support artists in Monroe County for creation of new work that involves the community in the creative process. Three \$2,300 grants are available. The grants are for programs to be completed in 2010. The deadline for this grant is November 5, 2009.

Artists planning to apply for an Individual Artist Project Grant must register to attend one of three grant seminars scheduled during the months of August and September. Attendance at a seminar, or a one-on-one meeting with Arts Council grants staff is mandatory. No exceptions will be made.

Seminars will take place at the following times and locations:

- **Tuesday, August 25, 2009, 4:30 p.m.**
Arts & Cultural Council Offices
277 N. Goodman Street, Rochester , 14607
(585) 473-4000, ext. 206
- **Thursday, September 10, 2009, 5:00 p.m.**
Brighton Memorial Library
2300 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester NY 14618
To register, call: (585) 473-4000, ext. 206
For Directions to the library, call: (585) 784-5300
- **Thursday, September 17, 2009, 4:00 p.m.**
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The Strategic Opportunity Stipends (SOS), administered by the Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester and funded in partnership with the New York Foundation for the Arts, support artists with career-advancing opportunities. Artists in Cayuga, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates Counties, are eligible to apply for a maximum of \$600.

The deadlines for the SOS program are:

- **Thursday, September 24, 2009**

For opportunities taking place between November 2009 and February 2010

➤ **Wednesday, January 27, 2010**

For opportunities taking place between March 2010 through June 2010

➤ **Tuesday, May 25, 2010**

For opportunities taking place between July 2010 through October 2010

To register for a seminar or to make an appointment for a grant-writing consultation, call (585)473-4000, x 206; or email jwatson@artsrochester.org.

Applications and guidelines are available at <http://www.artsrochester.org/artscouncil/grants.htm>.

Please note: These grant programs are offered contingent upon the Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester's receipt of funding. The Arts & Cultural Council reserves the right to cancel the grant programs at any time.

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