

**For Immediate Release**

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**Deadline for next SOS grants is 5 pm Thursday, February 5 for opportunities March through June**

**Rochester, NY, December 23, 2008** – 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 March and June 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, February 5, 2009.

SOS grants are designed to help individual artists of all disciplines take advantage of unique opportunities that may significantly benefit their 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.

Applicants are encouraged to attend an information session. Please call (585) 473-4000, ext. 206 to register for one of the following SOS Grant Information Sessions:

**Friday, January 9, 2009, 12:00 p.m.**

**Arts & Cultural Council Offices**

277 N. Goodman Street , Rochester , 14607

**Thursday, January 15, 2009, 4:00 p.m.**

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277 N. Goodman Street , Rochester , 14607

**Friday, January 16, 2009, 3:00 p.m.**

**Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council (GO ART!)**

201 East Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020-2205

Applications may also be obtained online, by visiting:

<http://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](http://www.artsrochester.org).

**2009 deadlines:**

*The following dates are NOT postmark deadlines. Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on the specified dates.*

**February 5, 2009 for opportunities March through June 2009**

**May 28, 2009 for opportunities July through October 2009**

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