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CALL FOR ARTISTS

2010 COMMUNITY ARTISTS PROGRAM (CAP) FORMERLY NEIGHBORHOOD TOURING PROGRAM (NTP)

DALLAS, TX– The City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs is pleased to announce the 2010 re-launch of our longstanding program for ethnic and culturally specific artists, the newly named: Community Artists Program (CAP), formerly NTP. The program aims to provide quality cultural arts and community development opportunities in the framework of this year's city budget. The Community Artists Program funds Dallas based artists and organizations to teach, perform, or exhibit works that promote cultural awareness, heighten understanding of art forms and celebrate ethnic traditions. The program is open to artists of all genres including visual and media arts, theatre, dance, music, literary, multi-media and folk arts. Applicants must be residents of the city of Dallas and can submit applications for performances, workshops and/or residencies.

Applications will be evaluated by a Peer Review Panel on artistic qualifications, merit, as well as how the community will benefit from the proposed program. Artists and organizations selected for participation on the CAP roster will be notified by February 2010. Detailed guidelines and requirements are available online at the Office of Cultural Affairs website, www.dallasculture.org/CAP. The application deadline for the Community Artists Program is January 6, 2009

The City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) works to enhance the vitality of the City and the quality of life for all Dallas citizens by creating an environment wherein arts and cultural organizations can thrive so that people of all ages can enjoy opportunities for creative expressions and the celebration of our community's multicultural heritage. Our mission is to establish a cultural system that ensures that ALL Dallas citizens and visitors have an opportunity to experience the finest in arts and culture. The OCA is advised by an 18-member Cultural Affairs Commission appointed by the Dallas City Council. The OCA manages the city's Cultural Contracts, Community Artists and Public Art Programs; oversees five cultural centers including the Bath House Cultural Center, Latino Cultural Center, Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, Oak Cliff Cultural Center (opening in 2010), and South Dallas Cultural Center; and operates the city's classical music radio station, WRR101.1FM. More information on the programs and services provided by the OCA can be found at www.dallasculture.org.

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