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ARTS EDUCATION ADVOCATES TO BE HONORED

Champion of Arts Education Awards will recognize those who make the arts a high learning priority

SAN JOSE, CALIF— (December 18, 2007) —The City of San Jose’s Office of Cultural Affairs has announced that nominations are open for the Champions of Arts Education Awards. The awards honor exemplary educators, administrators, parents, schools and partners who champion high quality arts education programs in San Jose’s public schools.

“With arts education gaining much deserved political and educational momentum in our schools, the City of San Jose, the Office of Cultural Affairs, and the Arts Commission are eager to recognize the exemplary and groundbreaking work taking place within public schools throughout our city,” said Lisa Gonzales, arts commissioner, City of San Jose, California.

According to Gonzales, nominations are welcomed from anyone, including self-nominations. The award categories include: Distinguished Arts Educator, Distinguished Administrator, Distinguished Parent Advocate, Distinguished School and Distinguished Corporate/Business Partner.

Nominations are being accepted until 5 p.m., January 31 and may be mailed or delivered to Arts Awards, San Jose Office of Cultural Affairs, 365 S. Market Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

Awards will be announced the week of March 17. The awards announcement takes place during California Arts Education Month—a month-long celebration in which California counties, school districts, museums, performing arts centers, libraries and government buildings host events that illustrate the importance and lifelong benefits of arts education. For more information and to submit a nomination, please visit www.sanjoseculture.org.

About the Office of Cultural Affairs

The Office of Cultural Affairs is a unit of the City's Office of Economic Development. Together, we foster cultural and economic development as related strategies for continuing to build San Jose as the cultural and economic heart of Silicon Valley. The Office of Cultural Affairs coordinates services for a large number of outdoor events and festivals, offers a variety of financial support opportunities for arts and culture providers, supports arts education, and leads the development of public art works throughout the city. The Office of Cultural Affairs also provides staff support for the San Jose Arts Commission, a 13-member citizen advisory body appointed by the City Council. For more information, please visit, www.sanjoseculture.org.

About the City of San Jose's Office of Economic Development

The City of San Jose's Office of Economic Development (OED) is committed to a vital, competitive San Jose economy that increases prosperity for people and companies and enhances City revenues. The Office guides the City's economic strategy, provides assistance for business success, helps connect employers with trained workers, and provides art and cultural resources to our community. For more information, please visit, www.sjeconomy.com.

About the City of San Jose

From its founding in 1777 as California's first city, San Jose has been a leader, driven by its spirit of innovation. Today, San Jose stands as the largest city in Northern California and the Capital of Silicon Valley—the world's leading center of innovation. The city, the 10th largest in the U.S., is committed to remaining a top-ranked place to do business, work, live, play and learn. For more information, visit, www.sanjoseca.gov.

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