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**Colorado Business Committee for the Arts (CBCA) Announces  
2007 Leadership Arts Program Graduation**

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO – Colorado Business Committee for the Arts (CBCA) is pleased to announce the second graduating class of Leadership Arts. A graduation luncheon was held today at Fine Arts Center, Colorado Springs.

Leadership Arts is an innovative CBCA program that trains business people in skills needed to serve on boards of directors of nonprofit cultural organizations and fosters the exchange of ideas and information between the arts and business sectors. This year's graduates include representatives from Colorado Springs Business Journal, El Pomar Foundation, Smokebrush Foundation for the Arts and University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

The 2006-2007 program sponsors were Bee Vradenburg Foundation, Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado and *Colorado Springs Business Journal*. "We support CBCA's Leadership Arts program as a testament to our commitment to the Colorado Springs community and the economic contribution of the arts and cultural sector," says Lon P. Matejczyk, Publisher, *Colorado Springs Business Journal*.

Deborah Jordy, CBCA Executive Director, comments, "CBAC helps drive the arts engine in Colorado Springs through our Leadership Arts training and have now trained over 30 graduates. The program prepares talented business people to effectively serve on boards of directors of arts and culture organizations."

Leadership Arts also graduated its 11<sup>th</sup> class in Denver in 2007.

*Colorado Business Committee for the Arts (CBCA) is a catalyst for Colorado's business community to leverage the arts for economic vitality. CBCA is a member organization of leading companies that have a philanthropic commitment to the arts and recognize the link between our cultural vitality and creative and innovative success. Over 130 metro area businesses, with over 75,000 employees, are members of CBCA. Established in 1984 by local business leaders, Colorado is one of 11 affiliates of the National Business Committee for the Arts founded by David Rockefeller in 1967. www.cbca.org*

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