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Colorado Business Committee for the Arts (CBCA) Announces
2008 Leadership Arts Program Graduation

Denver, CO – Colorado Business Committee for the Arts (CBCA) is pleased to announce the 12th graduating class of Leadership Arts. A graduation recognition luncheon was held today at Denver Performing Arts Center complex.

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 34 graduates represent a wide variety of organizations, among them: Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, Colorado State Bank and Trust, Coors Brewing Company, Community First Foundation, Denver Office of Cultural Affairs, First National Bank of Colorado, Holland & Hart, McDermott Planning and Design and TIAA-CREF.

Sponsors for 2007-2008 were Arby's ~ The Bailey Company, U.S. Bank and Colorado Council for the Arts.

"The Bailey Company continues to support CBCA's Leadership Arts | Denver because we truly believe that strong business/arts partnerships benefit the entire community," said Todd Bailey, goodwill ambassador, Arby's ~ The Bailey Company.

"U.S. Bank's commitment to supporting the arts in Denver is underscored by our funding of CBCA's Leadership Arts program that educates, inspires and develops leaders to build and strengthen Denver's arts and culture community," said Hassan Salem, president of U.S. Bank in Denver.

Deborah Jordy, CBCA executive director, comments, "Leadership Arts | Denver prepares talented business people to effectively serve on boards of directors of arts and culture organizations. This increases arts/business partnerships and stimulates economic vitality in our communities."

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 1985 by local business leaders, Colorado is one of 12 affiliates of the National Business Committee for the Arts founded by David Rockefeller in 1967. www.cbca.org

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