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MEDIA ALERT:

**CAC DIRECTOR SELECTED FOR 2008 ARTS LEADERSHIP CLASS
The Metropolitan Atlanta Arts and Culture Coalition's
Art Leaders in Metropolitan Atlanta Participants Announced**

Douglasville -- The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is pleased to announce that CAC Executive Director, Laura C. Lieberman, has been selected by the Metropolitan Atlanta Arts and Culture Coalition (MAAC) to participate in its 2008 Arts Leaders in Metropolitan Atlanta (ALMA) class. Established to develop strong relationships among business and arts leaders in the greater metro area, the 2008 ALMA class will meet to discuss current issues impacting the arts and corporate support of the arts four times this fall.

More than 200 of Atlanta's top arts and business executives have completed the program since its inception in 2004. ALMA encourages leaders throughout the community to take an active role in learning about the opportunities and challenges facing the region's arts and cultural community – it seeks to create an open dialogue between the arts and business communities to better understand each other's perspectives, and to provide both business and arts leaders with the tools to become more informed, engaged and effective arts advocates, and to appreciate the role that each sector plays in the cultural landscape and quality of life of the region. ALMA seminars are held every fall at different locations throughout the metropolitan region to help participants have greater appreciation and knowledge of interesting and unique cultural venues in the area and to broaden understanding and appreciation of the arts throughout the region.

"I am honored to participate in this prestigious arts leadership program," stated Laura Lieberman who has served as the Executive Director of the Cultural Arts Council in Douglasville since January 2003, and who was elected President of the Georgia Assembly of Community Arts Agencies' statewide Board of Directors in 2007. "I hope that what I learn and the people I meet through ALMA will help both our local arts council and arts agencies throughout Georgia better fulfill their missions to provide quality arts activities and cultural programs – and that my participation in ALMA this fall will help us find more and much needed corporate support for that programming."

Founded in 1979, the Georgia Assembly of Community Arts Agencies' mission is to strengthen and foster community arts organizations in Georgia, to connect community arts organizations, provide professional development and technical assistance, and promote the arts. GACAA is a network of local arts councils and arts organizations across the state, comprised of professional and volunteer peers in the community arts field and providing a number of programs and services including an annual statewide conference in May. The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County, established in 1986, served more than 45,000 residents of and visitors to Douglas County last year – including more than 10,000 children and young people. Georgia Council for the Arts panelists have identified CAC as the top ranked local arts agency in the state for the past three years.

