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**MEDIA ALERT: Cultural Arts Council Selected as One of A Hundred in the U.S. By Americans for the Arts**

Douglasville, Georgia – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is delighted to announce that Americans for the Arts has identified the CAC as one of the 100 community arts agencies in the nation which will participate in its Local Arts Index (LAI) initiative. Funded in part by the Kresge Foundation, the Local Arts Index initiative will examine model programming and best practices of community-based arts agencies around the country during the next 18 months. As an LAI project participant, CAC Executive Director Laura Lieberman will attend the Americans for the Arts' "Half Century Summit," its 50th national conference of arts leaders in Baltimore, Maryland, in June 2010.

Americans for the Arts, the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts in America, is dedicated to representing and serving local communities and creating opportunities for every American to participate in and appreciate all forms of the arts. AFTA serves more than 150,000 organizational and individual members and stakeholders. Americans for the Arts has four primary goals: 1) To lead and serve individuals and organizations to help build environments in which the arts and arts education <[http://www.americansforthearts.org/about\\_us/##](http://www.americansforthearts.org/about_us/##)> thrive and contribute to more vibrant and creative communities; 2) To generate meaningful public and private sector policies and more leaders and resources for the arts and arts education; 3) To build individual awareness and appreciation of the value of the arts and arts education; and 4) To ensure the operational stability of the organization and its ability to creatively respond to opportunities and challenges.

"Americans for the Arts is a wonderful organization," stated Laura Lieberman. "We are very proud to have been chosen to participate in the Local Arts Index initiative, especially because the project will focus on innovative cultural programming development and new business models being implemented throughout the U.S. Douglasville's arts council will be learning about the most effective ways to offer our services to our community with a group of outstanding national partners. We are really excited about the prospect – and grateful for the opportunity."

The mission of the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is to nurture, guide and stimulate the enjoyment of and participation in the arts among Douglas County residents by providing an atmosphere conducive to the arts, broadening the spectrum of quality exhibits and performances available to the community, and fostering individual interactions with the arts through a wide range of satellite organizations. The Cultural Arts Council and its programs are supported by its members, sponsors, the City of Douglasville, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, and Georgia Council for the Arts through appropriations from the State General

Assembly. The GCA is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes a great nation deserves great art.

The Cultural Arts Center is located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, located about 20 miles from Atlanta and just off I-20 (exit 36). Hours of operation are Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, 1 until 5 p.m. For more information, please call 770/949-2787 or visit our web site --- [www.artsdouglas.org](http://www.artsdouglas.org).