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Americans for the Arts Announces 2009 National Arts Awards

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Americans for the Arts, the leading organization for advancing the arts in America, announces recipients of the 2009 National Arts Awards. The annual awards recognize those artists and arts leaders who exhibit exemplary national leadership and whose work demonstrates extraordinary artistic achievement. They are organizations and individuals—artists, business leaders, and patrons—who understand that the arts enrich people and communities alike.

WHAT: Americans for the Arts 2009 National Arts Awards

HONORING:

Robert Redford, Lifetime Achievement Award

Salman Rushdie, Kitty Carlisle Hart Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Arts

Ed Ruscha, Artistic Excellence Award

Sidney Harman, Frederick R. Weisman Award for Philanthropy in the Arts

Rosario Dawson, Young Artist Award

Anne Finucane, Bank of America, Corporate Citizenship in the Arts Award

WHERE: Cipriani 42nd Street, 110 East 42nd Street, New York City

WHEN: Monday, October 5, 2009

6:30 pm Cocktail Reception

7:30 pm Dinner

HONORARY CHAIRS: Sheila C. Johnson and William T. Newman, Jr.

CHAIR: Maria Bell

CO-CHAIRS: Edythe and Eli Broad, Isabella and Theodor Dalenson, Julie and Edward J. Minskoff

FEATURED ARTIST: Kelly Richardson

PRESENTERS:

Author Paul Auster; filmmaker Ken Burns; Lisa Phillips, Director of the New Museum of Contemporary Art; Actress Kerry Washington

***Americans for the Arts** is the leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts and arts education in America. With offices in Washington, D.C. and New York City, it has a record of more than 50 years of service. Americans for the Arts is dedicated to representing and serving local communities and creating opportunities for every American to participate in and appreciate all forms of the arts. Additional information is available at www.AmericansForTheArts.org.*

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