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SMARTS! Announces 2008-2009 Events and Programs

SMARTS! Seeks Volunteers and Sponsors for 2008-2009 Events

Centennial, CO January 8, 2008 – **SMARTS!** the South Metro Arts Center, Inc. is pleased to announce its line up of 2008-2009 fund raising and arts and cultural awareness events. **SMARTS!**, a volunteer-run, 501(3)(c) arts and culture organization is working toward the formation and building of a comprehensive arts center for South Metro Denver. The 2008 events include its seventh annual Wines for the Arts! at Hudson Gardens in June and golf tournament in early summer. The organization is working on plans for a new event — a half-day business-community oriented symposium: **Culture, Arts, and the South Metro Economy** to be held in late April/early May 2008. The 2009 events are slated to include Wine for the Arts!, a golf tournament, and an early-fall Taste of the Arts. **SMARTS!** seeks volunteers to help with all aspects of event planning, fund raising, arts and cultural awareness, and on-site event support. All events provide opportunities for sponsors to show their support for arts, culture, and arts education in the South Metro Denver community.

The **SMARTS!** executive board, an all-volunteer board, includes John Phillips, Chair; Marilyn Adkins, Vice Chair; Clyde Gilley, Treasurer; Gordon Brown, Volunteer Director and Librarian; Lillian Macca, Historian; Kim Larson-Cooney, Education Director; Shirley Meier, Member; and Pam O'Mara, Executive Director. Ms O'Mara has provided business and marketing strategy consultation to enterprises and municipalities for more than 20 years and is the Founder and President of IP²InSource LLC, a management consultancy based in Centennial, CO. She holds degrees from Pierce Law Center (L.L.M. in Intellectual Property), New England School of Law (J.D.); Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (M.S.); and Hofstra University (B.A).

For more information about **SMARTS!**, fundraising events, and sponsorship opportunities visit www.southmetroarts.org and contact Pam O'Mara: pom@southmetroarts.org. For more information about volunteering, contact Gordon Brown: gbrown@southmetroarts.org.

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