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**Free Symposium Supports Creation of
South Metro Cultural Arts Center**

SMARTS! Presents Arts, Culture & the South Metro Economy April 30, 2008

Centennial, CO March 26, 2008 – The South Metro Arts Center, Inc. (SMARTS!), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, presents *Arts, Culture & the South Metro Economy*, a symposium on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the South Metro Denver Realtor Association Activity Center, 7899 South Lincoln Court, Littleton, Colorado 80122. The program is free to the public, however seating is limited and registration at www.southmetroarts.org is required. Donations are highly encouraged and can be made online. The goal is to draw attention to South Metro's need for the creation and operation of a regional cultural and performing arts facility and local community facilities.

Scheduled speakers include Colorado Business Committee for the Arts Executive Director, Deborah Jordy on the *Economic Impact of the Arts* and Chris Wineman of Semple Brown Design, P.C. on *Cultural Center Facility Design & Management*. Centennial's Mayor Randy Pye is moderating an expert panel discussion about *Lessons Learned & How Best to Apply Them*. Panelists include Arapahoe Community College President Bert Glandon; Susan Martin, Lakewood Cultural Center; Joel Meggers, President, Community Resource Services; and Brenda Tierney, RTD FasTracks. South Metro Arts Center Executive Director, Pam O'Mara will talk about the South Metro Art Center initiative and the need for a regional arts center and a proposal for how to accomplish the task.

The beverage sponsor is Coffee@Work (www.coffeework.biz). For more information about the symposium, SMARTS!, and sponsorships, contact Pam O'Mara at 720.839.8104 and pjomara@southmetroarts.org. Visit SMARTS! online at www.southmetroarts.org.

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