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Oregon Cultural Trust Announces May 12 Deadline for Cultural Development Grant Applications

April 6, 2009. Salem, ORE -- The Oregon Cultural Trust announces a Tuesday, May 12, 2009 deadline for FY2010 Cultural Development grant applications. Oregon arts, heritage and humanities organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status are eligible to apply for competitive funds to support projects of cultural significance taking place between August 1, 2009 – July 31, 2010.

The Cultural Trust is Oregon's innovative funding mechanism to support culture in the broadest sense. Applications for competitive Cultural Development grants may be submitted for projects in one of the following categories: Access, Capacity, Creativity or Preservation. **Proposals must be postmarked or hand-delivered by 5 PM on May 12.** Applications and guidelines may be downloaded from www.culturaltrust.org/programs/grant_opportunities.php or requested from (503) 986-0088 or cultural.trust@state.or.us. Completed applications should be mailed or delivered to:

Oregon Cultural Trust
775 Summer Street NE, Ste 200
Salem, OR 97301-1280

Although Oregon Cultural Trust fundraising is driven by calendar year donations, its grantmaking depends on revenues received in a July 1 – June 30 fiscal year. Cultural Trust Executive Director Christine D'Arcy comments, "Although most donors give to the Trust at year-end, contributions can be made at any time and donors may give more than once a year. Gifts received by June 30, 2009 will increase the pool of funds to be awarded this summer." Increased donations allow the Trust to broaden and deepen its investment in Oregon's arts, heritage, history and humanities.

About the Oregon Cultural Trust

The OREGON CULTURAL TRUST is an innovative, statewide private-public program raising significant new funds to support and protect Oregon's arts, humanities and heritage. In addition to the creation of a permanent endowment, funds are distributed annually through three multi-faceted, wide-ranging grant programs. Donors to the Trust are eligible for a 100% Oregon income tax credit for contributions of up to \$500 for individuals, \$1,000 for couples filing jointly and \$2,500 for corporations. To motivate Oregonians to increase direct giving to cultural groups, Trust donors must also make matching gifts to one or more of 1,200 cultural nonprofits in order to qualify for the credit. No other state in the nation has a program like the Oregon Cultural Trust, which has been ranked with the bottle bill and the beach bill as among Oregon's most progressive public policy measures. More information: (503) 986-0088 or www.culturaltrust.org.