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## **ART FEAST 2008 SHOWCASES THE ENERGY OF THE ARTS IN WEST COUNTY**

*Chesterfield Arts annual gala fundraiser will feature exciting performances, including an improvisational painting finale with Dan Dunn's Paintjam*

**CHESTERFIELD, December 3, 2007** – Chesterfield Arts is pleased to announce that its 9<sup>th</sup> annual gala fundraiser, *Art Feast*, is set to take place on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at the Kemp Auto Museum in Chesterfield. The night will be highlighted by visual and performing arts featuring the diverse and rich talent that exists in the St. Louis region, and a special exciting finale of music-fueled improvisational painting by national award-winning artist Dan Dunn.

Dunn is an accomplished painter with a national award-winning background in caricature, painting and illustration spanning three decades. His extensive experience in drawing and painting enables him to "jam" with paint onstage, improvising with his brushes much like a musician running through scales and riffs with seemingly effortless ease. He throws himself at the enormous canvas in a rhythmic frenzy, even painting upside down and sideways, revealing the final image at the last minute with a few well-placed strokes and a flip of the canvas. It's an adrenaline filled, non-stop, rock and roll ride! At the conclusion, a special live auction will determine who takes home this one-of-a-kind artwork, created just moments before. This exciting performance is made possible in part by Finale Sponsors Brinkmann Constructors and THF Realty.

The evening will also feature a silent auction of premium items, including vacation packages and tickets for local sporting and cultural events; unique items including behind-the-scenes tours and private in-home VIP events; and original artwork created and donated by area artists exclusively for this occasion. With over 150 items, there will be something for everyone! Bidding begins at 6:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, champagne and an open bar.

"This event brings a great sense of excitement for the arts in the West County area," said Executive Director Stacey Morse. "The Kemp Auto Museum lights up with energy as guests are dazzled by the incredible wealth of talented artists from our region."

*Art Feast 2008* co-chairs are Craig Conway, Regional President of Bank Midwest and Richard Jensen, Chairman and CEO of The Private Bank. Mary and Mark Knoy will serve as honorary chairs and MEMCO Barge Line is the Platinum Sponsor of the event.

Tickets for *Art Feast 2008* are on sale now for \$125 each; call 636-519-1955 to reserve. This annual fundraiser provides the financial support critical to helping Chesterfield Arts offer a unique and exciting array of performances, programs, exhibits, classes and world-class sculpture in the Chesterfield and West County area. For more information on Chesterfield Arts, visit [www.chesterfieldarts.org](http://www.chesterfieldarts.org). For more information on Dan Dunn's Paintjam, visit [www.paintjam.com](http://www.paintjam.com).

**WHAT: Art Feast 2008, gala fundraiser to benefit Chesterfield Arts**

**WHEN: Saturday, January 26, 2008; 6:30 pm**

**WHERE: Kemp Auto Museum, 16955 Chesterfield Airport Road, Chesterfield, MO 63005**

### **About Chesterfield Arts**

Chesterfield Arts is a non-profit community arts organization dedicated to fostering the growth of the visual, performing and literary arts within the City of Chesterfield and the West County region. To cultivate enthusiasm in a variety of artistic mediums, Chesterfield Arts presents a diverse mix of performing arts programs, exhibits high-quality artwork by professional artists and hosts educational classes for all ages. For more information, please visit [www.chesterfieldarts.org](http://www.chesterfieldarts.org).

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