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CuDC Receives Mayor's Arts Award for Excellence in Service to the Arts

WASHINGTON, DC – Cultural Development Corporation (CuDC) was honored with the 2008 Mayor's Arts Award for Excellence in Service to the Arts. This award is given annually to an individual or organization that has displayed a lasting commitment to advancing the arts in the District of Columbia. The 23rd Annual Mayor's Arts Awards were presented by The Honorable Adrian M. Fenty and the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities on March 17, 2008 at the Kennedy Center's Concert Hall.

Jeanny Ho, President of the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce and Kamal Ali, Owner of Ben's Chili Bowl presented the Mayor's Award to CuDC's Executive Director, Anne Corbett. Ms. Ho and Mr. Ali both represent District neighborhoods in which CuDC's presence (with Flashpoint and Mather Studios at 916 G Street, NW and Source at 1835 14th Street, NW) make a positive and resounding impact on the economic development and quality of life in our city.

"We are so honored to be recognized by the Mayor in this capacity," stated Corbett. "We work hard to create arts space, empower artists and enrich our communities but this work is often behind the scenes and by design, our role can be invisible to the community at large. So this kind of visible recognition is invaluable to sustaining our efforts."

ABOUT Cultural Development Corporation

Cultural Development Corporation creates opportunities for artists and arts organizations that stimulate economic development and improve the quality of life. We envision the arts driving economic and community development as an integral part of DC's vibrant metropolitan area. Our scope includes service to artists and arts organizations, property owners, developers and residents throughout the DC metropolitan area. Cultural Development Corporation is generously supported by Bank of America, the Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, the DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities, the MARPAT Foundation, the Eugene & Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, Prince Charitable Trusts and many other sponsors.

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