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Registration Open for ART WORKS! Conference Showcase Exhibits

DULUTH, MN— ART WORKS!, a first-ever conference designed to activate a creative economy in the Twin Ports, invites local artists, arts-related organizations, and venues (galleries, etc) to exhibit their offerings on March 14, 2008, from 7:30 am to 6 pm at Lake Superior College, 2101 Trinity Road, in Duluth.

Exhibitor tables (6') are available for \$50 each, and include draping and two chairs. The exhibitor fee also includes registration for the ART WORKS! conference. A limited number of tables will have electrical connections available; and box lunches will be provided for each exhibitor. PLEASE NOTE: the ART WORKS! Showcase Exhibits are intended for display and information-sharing purposes, but not retail sales.

The ART WORKS! conference will bring artists, business people and community people together to explore how engaging in collaborative efforts can bring economic growth to our region. The day-long conference will include guest speakers, panel discussions, and the opportunity to develop and implement initiatives for further action.

For further information and exhibitor registration, please visit the ART WORKS! [Web site](http://www.artworkstwinports.org), www.artworkstwinports.org. The exhibitor registration deadline is February 15th, 2008.

To date, Minnesota Power, Como Oil & Propane, the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation and the A.H. Zeppa Family Foundation have signed on as Gold Sponsors. The Duluth Art Institute, The JPG Group, Northland's NewsCenter, Red Rock Radio, Duluth Chamber of Commerce, the Area Partnership for Economic Expansion (APEX), Lake Superior College, Compudyne, Reader and SMDC have also signed on as sponsors of the event.

The Knight Creative Communities Initiative is a venture that aims to pull together the ideas and talents of all parts of the community in building a more attractive environment for economic growth. The KCCI was initiated and funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation and works with the Creative Class Group and 31 citizen Catalysts.

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