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### **Revolving Museum Wins Commonwealth Award for Exceptional Achievements in Arts and Culture**

LOWELL, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The Revolving Museum announced today that it has been named a winner of the 2007 Commonwealth Awards, presented biannually by The Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC). The Commonwealth Awards are the state's highest honors in the arts, humanities and sciences, and will be presented during ceremonies at the Massachusetts State House on Wednesday, March 7, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., sponsored by Bank of America along with The Massachusetts Advocates for Arts, Sciences, and Humanities; and The Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities.

Chosen by a committee of cultural and business leaders, the Commonwealth Award recipients in six categories were drawn from a pool of 52 nominations received from across the state. The Revolving Museum won in the Community category, which recognizes a local cultural council, organization, or artist who has significantly integrated the arts, humanities or sciences into a community.

"The Revolving Museum is a striking example of what a cultural institution can do to strengthen a community," said Mary Kelley, MCC's executive director. "Under Jerry Beck's leadership, the Museum has woven its work into the fabric of Lowell with a range of outstanding exhibitions, public events and education programs that stimulate community dialogue and bring people of all backgrounds and ages together. Jerry and the Revolving Museum have played an important role in making Lowell the vital city it is today."

"Most art museums can exist anywhere; all they need are artworks and walls to hang them on," said Jerry Beck, artistic director of The Revolving Museum. "But the unique nature of mission of The Revolving Museum could not exist, much less flourish, without the support and vision of the City of Lowell and its unbelievably talented and dedicated community of artists, students public officials, business leaders and volunteers.

"The museum has been truly blessed and inspired by their support," Beck said, "and I'm honored to accept this award on their behalf. This recognition will further enable us to reach out to thousands of youth and community members through our upcoming extravaganza, *ARTventures: A Creative Revolution in the Making*."

#### **About The Revolving Museum**

Revolving Museum is an evolving laboratory of creative expression for people of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities who seek to experience the transformative power of art. Through public art, exhibitions, and educational programs, The Museum promotes artistic exploration and appreciation; encourages community participation and growth; and provides opportunities for empowerment and social change.

The Museum is open, free of charge, Tuesday through Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm. The Revolving

Museum is a 501(c)(3), charitable organization. For more information, call (978) YES ARTS (978/937-2787) or visit [www.revolvingmuseum.org](http://www.revolvingmuseum.org). Information on the ARTventure Series is available at [www.LowellARTventures.org](http://www.LowellARTventures.org).

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