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Durham Arts Council Presents 33rd Annual
CENTERFEST ARTS FESTIVAL

Durham, NC... Durham Arts Council will present its 33rd annual CenterFest Arts Festival on **Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17, 2006** in historic Downtown Durham. CenterFest 2006 will feature more than 100 juried visual artists, continuous live music, over 25 performers, festival foods, a Family “Funway” and a lively Creative Zone devoted to kids and the young at heart. Other festival features include promotional booths and activities of more than 30 Durham area non-profit and civic organizations. CenterFest is the longest-running street arts festival in North Carolina. Festival hours are Saturday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, and Sunday 12 noon – 6:00 pm.

CenterFest is in a new location this year on Foster Street in the Durham Central Park area.

Admission is free, with a suggested donation of \$3.00 at the gate (\$10 suggested donation for families of 4 or more). Proceeds support production of the festival and the DAC Annual Arts Fund that funds arts programs, artists, and arts organizations in the community. More information is available on-line at www.centerfest.durhamarts.org.

“This is our 33rd year of welcoming tens of thousands of art lovers from across the region to celebrate two-days of visual and performing arts on the streets of historic downtown Durham. CenterFest’s new location this year (due to street construction downtown) is surrounded by a lively community of cultural attractions. We plan to partner with everyone in the Durham Central Park area to create a wonderful, positive event for Durham,” said DAC Board President, Kathy Bartlett.

Durham Arts Council celebrates 52 years of creating community through the arts in 2006. Durham Arts Council, Inc. (DAC) is a private, 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization that “promotes excellence in and access to the creation, experience, and active support of the arts for all the people of our community.” As one of the oldest arts councils in the United States, and historically one of the strongest in North Carolina, Durham Arts Council fills three major roles in the region through which it carries out its mission:

- *DAC manages, programs and operates the Durham Arts Council building at 120 Morris St. in historic downtown Durham – this City-owned facility is an extraordinary community resource for Durham and the Triangle Region.*
- *DAC develops and delivers year-round, high quality, accessible arts programs, services and information for the public and arts community.*
- *DAC is the major service provider to the arts and cultural community as the local arts agency for this region. More information about Durham Arts Council programs and giving opportunities are available by calling (919) 560-2787 or online at www.durhamarts.org.*

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