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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BUSINESS IN THE ARTS AWARDS

*Theme For the Aug. 18 Awards Breakfast is "New Artitude"*

PHOENIX, Ariz. (June xx, 2010): Nominations are being accepted in six categories for the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Business in the Arts Awards. Winners will be announced at the Business in the Arts Awards Breakfast, presented by Wells Fargo, on Wednesday, Aug. 18 from 7 to 9:30 a.m. at The Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel.

Nomination forms and guidelines are available at [www.abcannualawardsbreakfast.org](http://www.abcannualawardsbreakfast.org) or by calling the Arts and Business Council of Greater Phoenix at (602) 234-4711. Deadline for submission is 5 p.m. Monday, July 5.

Nominations are being accepted in the following categories:

- Large Business Partner of the Year: recognizing a business of 1,000 or more employees for creative and innovative support of the arts in the greater metropolitan Phoenix area.
- Mid-Size Business Partner of the Year: for a business with 500-999 employees;
- Small Business Partner of the Year: for a business with up to 499 employees;
- Arts Organization of the Year: recognizing an arts and cultural organization that has demonstrated exemplary achievement in fulfilling its mission, community impact and managerial strength. Organizations must be located in the greater metropolitan Phoenix area and be 501(c)3 tax-exempt.
- Arts Advocate of the Year: recognizing a business, civic, community or arts leader who has demonstrated exemplary leadership and support of the arts and cultural community, significantly impacting one or more arts organizations, or the arts community in general.
- Arts Board Member of the Year: recognizing the exceptional service, commitment and contributions of a board member to the arts and cultural organization on which he or she services.

**About the Arts and Business Council of Greater Phoenix:** The Arts & Business Council of Greater Phoenix (A&BC) links the vitality and expertise of the business community to non-profit arts and cultural organizations to the benefit of both individually and our community as a whole. Originally chartered to develop and administer the volunteer match program known as Business Volunteers for the Arts (BVA), the organization has grown to offer a broader range of services including opportunities for governance training, new educational opportunities for artists, and functioning as a strategic partner for capacity building. The Arts & Business Council of Greater Phoenix provides exposure throughout the community, growth and enrichment in leadership skills and experience for executives and key management, and business-to-business opportunities.