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CAP's 2008 Art Auction Offers an Evening of Excitement, Whimsy and Glamour

Portland, Ore. – (March 17, 2008) *Cirque*, a word suggestive of a circus (as in frenzied activity, sensationalism, theatricality, or razzle-dazzle) sets the whimsical tone for the theme of this year's annual art evening & auction benefiting Cascade AIDS Project (CAP). The evening will be full of fanciful surprises for guests who have come to expect nothing less. Now in its 19th year, this annual celebration of art, featuring live and silent auctions, will be held Saturday, April 5, 2008, at the Oregon Convention Center. Guests will enjoy the region's finest art, food and entertainment - created for a magical evening of *Cirque*.

Admission is \$100 for General Admission and Artist Reception, and \$275 for the Patron Event. For reservations or information call: (503) 223.9255 or visit CAP's website at www.cascadeaids.org.

The largest contemporary art auction of its kind in Oregon, *Cirque* has a fundraising goal this year of \$600,000 to benefit CAP's HIV/AIDS prevention work, support services, housing, education and advocacy programs. In addition to premier art, the event features food from Oregon's best restaurants and caterers, and a Patron Dinner designed for the event by Chef Christopher Israel of 23Hoyt and Saucebox. Live music and entertainment are featured throughout the venue.

The silent auction showcases more than 250 contemporary artworks. The live auction features 20 premier artworks, presented exclusively at the Patron Event and Dinner. Following this presentation, Patrons will rejoin the silent auction and Art Reception attendees for more entertainment. Featured artists include: Dale Chihuly, Lucinda Parker, Julie Rall, Tom Prochaska, George Johanson, William Jamison and Rene Rickabaugh.

The event honors Heidi and Patrick O'Neill, known locally for their great community support and their love of Northwest artists.

CAP is grateful to the 2008 *Cirque* sponsors who include *Cirque Executive Producer* The Hedinger Family Foundation, as well as *Producing Sponsors*: Carl Greve Jewelry & Timepiece Collections, Garvey Schubert Barer, Hoyt Realty Group, Oregon Convention Center, Pernod Ricard, Solena Cellars, Stoel Rives, West Coast Event Productions, Witham & Dickey, and *Supporting Sponsors*: Bullivant Houser Bailey, Delta Graphics, Pacific Power, Portland Monthly, Saks Fifth Avenue, The Standard, and Wells Fargo.

About Cascade AIDS Project

Cascade AIDS Project has provided community-based HIV services, including housing and education, to Oregon and SW Washington residents since 1985. More than 6,000 families in CAP's service area have a loved one living with HIV. Last year, CAP supported 2,624 people with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members, including 407 children. CAP educated nearly 29,000 individuals about HIV prevention, 44 percent of whom were children and youth. Helping to make this possible is the devotion of CAP volunteers, 660 youth and adult volunteers who gave 20,936 hours of service last year. Visit cascadeaids.org to learn more.

Attachments: CAP Art Auction 2008 Fact Sheet

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