

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE CREATIVE KIND

Arts and Business Awards at Planet Art set for April 27

PHILADELPHIA, PA - April 19, 2010 - On Tuesday, April 27 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, the Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia will recognize the region's brightest stars at its annual Awards Luncheon, dubbed this year as *Planet Art*.

According to Karen B. Davis, President and CEO of the Arts & Business Council, "*Planet Art* will be a great awards celebration filled with many special moments including performances by *ArcheDream for Humankind*, who will transport us to another world and *Caryn Lin*, electric violinist, whose appearance will take us to the limits of imagination."

Also onstage will be an appearance by "beloved" humanoid Jaemi HUBO from Drexel University and the event will include a special announcement from PNC Arts Alive, Awards 2010 presenting sponsor.

President of PNC Bank for Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey Bill Mills notes, "We are pleased to be the presenting sponsor of the 2010 Awards and to continue to expand our PNC Arts Alive program, our five-year, \$5 million grants initiative that supports arts organizations in putting forth their best, most original thinking to expand audience participation and engagement.

This year's honorees include:

- World-renowned architects Robert Venturi and Denise Scott Brown, long-time Philadelphia residents, who will be honored with the most prestigious award of the event, the **Anne d'Harnoncourt Award for Artistic Excellence**, presented by Cozen O'Connor.
- Jeanette Lerman-Neubauer and Joe Neubauer will receive the **G. Fred DiBona Jr. Individual Leadership Award** presented by Independence Blue Cross.
- **Business and Arts Partnerships:**
 - PECO (large business) and The African American Museum in Philadelphia presented by KPMG LLP
 - Calfayan Construction Associates (small business) and the Abington Art Center presented by Electronic Ink & The Bancorp Bank
- **Volunteers of the Year:**
 - John (Jack) Pollack of AstraZeneca, Business On Call Volunteer of the Year presented by American Water
 - Carolyn Ashburn of Temple University Health System, Business Volunteer of the Year presented by Verizon
 - Jeffrey P. Bates, Esq. of Marshall Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyer of the Year presented by Saul Ewing LLP
 - Stan Coplan of Aetna, Technology Connectors of the Year presented by Comcast
 - Jerilyn Dressler of Your Part-Time Controller, Business On Board Member of the Year presented by PECO

About the Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia

The Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia, an affiliate of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, develops relationships between business and the arts for the mutual benefit of both and in support of the advancement of the Greater Philadelphia Region. For more information, visit www.artsandbusinessphila.org or call 215.790.3620.