

NEUBAUERS RECOGNIZED FOR ARTS LEADERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS

PHILADELPHIA, PA - April 13, 2010 – The Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia has named Philadelphia business leaders Joseph Neubauer and his wife Jeanette Lerman-Neubauer recipients of this year's *G. Fred DiBona, Jr. Individual Leadership Award*.

“The list of the Neubauer’s contributions to the arts in Philadelphia and nationally is extensive, from the Philadelphia Museum of Art to the Philadelphia Orchestra to the live high definition Saturday broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera,” says Karen B. Davis, President and CEO of the Arts & Business Council. “We are thrilled to show the Neubauers our appreciation with this recognition.”

This award recognizes an individual business or civic leader who has contributed to one or more cultural organizations in the region, has exhibited dedication above and beyond his/her professional responsibilities and has made a measurable impact on the region’s cultural landscape.

Last fall, the Neubauers joined others in sponsoring a landmark exhibition of abstract impressionist painter Arshile Gorky at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, where they have also established a chair of conservation. In January 2007 they led a partnership of supporters to keep the Thomas Eakins painting “The Gross Clinic” in Philadelphia, saving this locally-historic work from a proposed move out of the city.

“Partnerships are the fastest way to get things done,” Joe Neubauer said at the time.

Three years ago a grant from the Neubauer Family Foundation enabled simulcasts of the Metropolitan Opera of New York to be introduced into neighborhood movie theaters in 44 countries throughout the world.

Joe Neubauer, Chairman of ARAMARK since 1984, has served as chairman of the Philadelphia Orchestra board is a recipient of the Woodrow Wilson Award for Corporate Citizenship and has been inducted into the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans.

“Art is a way of seeing and thinking, of breaking boundaries and being creative,” Jeanette Lerman-Neubauer has said. She has served on boards of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Jewish Museum of New York and is founder and president of J. P. Lerman & Company, a strategic and marketing communications firm in Philadelphia.

“The Neubauers are the ultimate patrons of the arts, both in Philadelphia and throughout the world,” says Bill Mills, president of PNC Bank for Philadelphia and southern New Jersey. “Their support of programs that make the arts more accessible to people is unprecedented.”

PNC Arts Alive, a five-year, \$5 million grants initiative through the PNC Foundation that supports arts organizations in putting forth their best, most original thinking to expand audience participation and engagement, is the presenting sponsor of the April 27 Awards Luncheon to be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Last year’s event drew more than 1,500 people.

“The Council established this award to honor the arts leadership of the late Independence Blue Cross Chairman G. Fred DiBona, Jr.” Davis explains. “By honoring the Neubauers, we are certainly keeping Fred’s leadership tradition alive.”

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 on registering for the Awards Luncheon, visit www.artsandbusinessphila.org or call 215.790.3620.