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**ARTS & BUSINESS COUNCIL OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA
APPOINTS TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

PHILADELPHIA, PA – March 26, 2007 – The **Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia** is pleased to announce the appointment of prominent arts leader **Romona Riscoe Benson** and executive **William (Bill) Black** to its board of directors.

Benson is the president and CEO of the African American Museum in Philadelphia. Benson, who began her tenure at the museum as interim president & CEO, provides key staff leadership and direction for fiscal strategies. She also promotes community involvement through an important initiative that provides young adults with on-the-job training in museum studies.

Black is the director of public affairs for Comcast Corporation, and is responsible for the development and management of all internal processes associated with Comcast's community investment initiatives. Black oversees all key public affairs programs including Comcast Cares Day, United Way, Comcast's Leaders & Achievers Scholarship Program, and Comcast Foundation grant applications.

"We are thrilled to welcome two such notable leaders in the arts and business community to our board," said Stephen S. Aichele, chair of the Arts & Business Council board. "Their extensive knowledge of their respective and diverse fields will be invaluable to the Council."

About the Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia

The Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia, an affiliate of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and a chapter of the national Arts & Business Council of Americans for the Arts, is the region's only nonprofit organization dedicated to cultivating mutually beneficial relationships between business and the arts and cultural institutions located in southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and northern Delaware. Since its inception in 1981, the Arts & Business Council has partnered with the business sector to generate more than \$24 million in contributed goods and services for the region's arts and cultural institutions and has trained and placed more than 2,000 business professionals in a variety of leadership roles within arts organizations. For more information, please visit www.artsandbusinessphila.org or call 215.790.3620.

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