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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Firehouse Gallery Receives Grant from Andy Warhol Foundation**

Burlington, VT: (January 14, 2009) Burlington City Arts (BCA) is pleased to announce that the Firehouse Gallery has received a grant in the amount of \$75,000 from the Andy Warhol Foundation in support of Gallery programming over the next two calendar years. This is the first grant awarded by the Warhol Foundation to an organization in Vermont.

“We are absolutely thrilled – not only to receive these funds in a financially difficult time, but as a testament to the quality of contemporary work from Vermont and regional artists that has been shown and will continue to be shown in the Firehouse Gallery,” says BCA Executive Director Doreen Kraft. Firehouse Gallery curator Chris Thompson said, “The grant from the Warhol Foundation will allow the Gallery to pursue regional and national level artists and pair them with really fantastic Vermont artists – it will elevate the profile of contemporary art in Vermont.”

The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts was established in 1987. In accordance with Andy Warhol's will, its mission is the advancement of the visual arts. The Foundation's objective is to foster innovative artistic expression and the creative process by encouraging and supporting cultural organizations that in turn, directly or indirectly, support artists and their work. The Foundation values the contribution these organizations make to artists and audiences and to society as a whole by supporting, exhibiting and

interpreting a broad spectrum of contemporary artistic practice. For more information about the Andy Warhol Foundation, please visit [www.warholfoundation.org](http://www.warholfoundation.org).

Recently, grants have been awarded to The New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York City, The Philadelphia Museum of Art, Atlanta Contemporary Art Center and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. The Firehouse Gallery will use these funds to defray the cost of materials, travel fees and construction for exhibitions, as well as produce 3 catalogues a year for selected exhibitions. The grant will also fund technology upgrades in the Gallery.

The Andy Warhol Foundation Grant is an important part of Burlington City Arts, which is dedicated to the promotion of excellence, experimentation, and education in all forms of contemporary art. For more information about gallery exhibitions, special events, classes and workshops, please call 802.865.7166 or visit [BURLINGTONCITYARTS.COM](http://BURLINGTONCITYARTS.COM).

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