The Rockefeller Foundation is delighted to announce its 2009 New York City Cultural Innovation Fund grantees. The Foundation supports creative expression and innovation, as we have since our founding in 1913, because artistic, scientific, and social advances are interconnected. Today, more than ever, our communities need a creative sector that shatters barriers between disciplines and bridges right-brain ingenuity and left-brain problem-solving. These eighteen diverse institutions will receive grants of up to $250,000 to fire our imaginations, enrich our neighborhoods, and inspire us to envision and build a better tomorrow.

Congratulations!

THE ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS...
- to pioneer open-source Web applications for the New York City cultural community

ALLIANCE FOR DOWNTOWN NEW YORK, INC....
- for a creative arts district prototype that supports permanent artists' workspaces and commercial growth

ASIA SOCIETY...
- for a series of debates in which artists, scientists, business leaders, and scholars are ancient forms of dialogue to address contemporary challenges

BRIC ARTS | MEDIA | BKLYN...
- to inaugurate a creative laboratory and residency linking the visual, media, and performing arts

CREATIVE CAPITAL...
- to harvest successful business and NGO capital-generation models for the benefit of artists

THE JOYCE THEATER, INC....
- to use creative arts residencies to support projects combining theater and dance

OURNAL OF ARTS...
- to develop sustainable business models that enable Off and Off Off Broadway theaters to survive and thrive

HERE ARTS CENTER...
- for an interactive video, blog, and podcast series examining the real-life survival challenges of New York City performing artists

INSTITUTE FOR URBAN DESIGN...
- to launch Urban Design Week, an open-air festival celebrating the year's innovations in architecture and urban design

NEW YORK CITY BALLET...
- for a convergence of architecture and dance through commissioning new ballets for a set designed by architect Santiago Calatrava

THE NEW SCHOOL...
- for a design and public policy partnership to research, promote, and amplify community-based solutions for sustainability

PREGONES THEATER...
- to expand Zip Tickets, the VIP discount ticket service for South Bronx, Washington Heights, and East Harlem zip codes

PROJECT ENTERPRISE...
- in partnership with ArtHouse, to help artist entrepreneurs build assets and equity through an artist peer loan program

QUEENS COUNCIL ON THE ARTS...
- to design an interactive cell phone cultural map to transform the 7 train into an art express

RINGSIDE INC. (STREB)...
- to spark new dance forms by incorporating extreme action techniques such as high wire and skydiving

TEATRO CÍRCULO...
- to grow Latino audiences by training micro-entrepreneurs, from empanada vendors to beauty shop owners, to become sales agents for cultural events