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Museum of Contemporary Craft receives Community Awards Grant from the Oregon Community Foundation

PORTLAND, OR—February 9, 2009—Museum of Contemporary Craft is the recipient of a Community Awards Grant made possible by the William Swindells, Sr. Memorial Fund and the Jene Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, the Museum announced today. The award supports the hire of a part-time grant writer, a goal of the Museum’s capacity building project.

“This is our first grant from the Oregon Community Foundation’s Community Awards and we are delighted to have their support for our capacity building project,” said Deniz Conger, senior director of development, Museum of Contemporary Craft.

Over the past eight decades, Museum of Contemporary Craft has made Portland one of the leading destinations for artists, enthusiasts, students, collectors and historians from across the country to connect with and celebrate craft. Recognized as one of the defining American institutions for modern craft, Museum of Contemporary Craft has a renowned collection of 1,000 pieces.

During the past four years, the Museum has experienced transformational change, reintroducing itself to the community as a vital arts organization. Since opening the doors of its new space in the Pearl District, Portland’s most active arts neighborhood, in 2007, the organization has received national acclaim for its curatorial and educational programming.

ABOUT THE OREGON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The mission of the Oregon Community Foundation is to improve life in Oregon and promote effective philanthropy. OCF works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create charitable funds to support the community causes they care about. Through these funds, OCF awards more the \$55 million annually in grants and scholarships.

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The Foundation makes grants through an application process that involves local citizens in the review and evaluation of requests for funds. Application materials are available through the foundation's Portland office. Individuals or businesses interested in establishing a fund may contact the Portland office at 1221 SW Yamhill, Suite 100, Portland OR 97205, 503.227.6846.

ABOUT MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY CRAFT

Committed to the advancement of craft since 1937, Museum of Contemporary Craft is one of Oregon's oldest cultural institutions. Centrally located in Portland's Pearl District, the Museum is nationally acclaimed for its curatorial program and is a vibrant center for investigation and dialogue, expanding the definition of craft and the way audiences experience it. Visit the Museum online at www.MuseumofContemporaryCraft.org.

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