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LOWER MANHATTAN CULTURAL COUNCIL REACHES OUT TO CHINESE ARTISTS AND ART GROUPS



New York, NY, July 2009 — Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) is pleased to announce two grants: Manhattan Community Arts Fund (MCAF) and The Fund for Creative Communities (The Fund). Funded by the city and the state, these grants support artists and arts organizations planning to present projects in Manhattan in 2010 with an application deadline on September 22nd, 2009.

This year, LMCC offers grant **application assistance** for Chinese and Chinese American artists **Tuesday, September 1st, at 3pm at Seward Park Branch Library, 192 East Broadway.** Grant programs and the applications will be reviewed and **Mandarin translation** will be available. Attending an information session is required for all first time applicants. Artists are encouraged to read application materials before the session so that LMCC staff can answer their questions. Applications can be downloaded from LMCC's website at www.lmcc.net.

Recognizing the need to support the vibrant art forms that exist within Manhattan's Chinese and Chinese American community, LMCC continues to expand its outreach efforts to reach artists and art groups in the Chinatown area. "Given the current economic climate, we want to ensure that these vital public resources are made available to the full range of talented Chinese and Chinese American artists working in Manhattan. As our core partner, Chinese American Arts Council has helped to make this possible," says Kay Takeda, Director of Grants and Services at LMCC.

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