



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Construction Begins on Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center** *Official Ceremony to Launch Project Carries Artistic Theme*

*Pleasanton, CA*---The public is invited to join in the festivities of a brief reception to observe the start of construction on Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center. This planned premier cultural center will feature a 240-seat flexible studio theater, 2,000 square feet of high quality gallery space, two large art classrooms, and a spacious grand lobby for receptions and events.

The project is expected to reach completion in late 2009. Pleasanton residents Nancy and Gary Harrington have generously donated what will become a dramatic feature of the Firehouse Arts Center—two 30-foot glass marquees designed by world-renowned glass artist Martin Donlon. Meanwhile, the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation, the City's non-profit partner on the project, is actively raising funds and has thus far secured \$1.77 million for the Firehouse Arts Center.

**WHO:** The public, elected officials and staff from the City of Pleasanton, board members from the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation, the City's non-profit fundraising partner on the project, members of Pleasanton's art community and downtown association

**WHAT:** Ceremony to observe the start of construction on the Firehouse Arts Center; an 'Art Experience' will be incorporated into the program to symbolize a new beginning for the arts in downtown Pleasanton

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 17, 2008  
3:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Old Fire Station #1 in Pleasanton  
4444 Railroad Avenue

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