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## Sangre de Cristo Arts Center Board of Trustees Endorses Christo and Jeanne-Claude's *Over the River* Project

PUEBLO— The Board of Trustees at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center endorses Christo and Jeanne-Claude's proposed *Over the River* art project, in a unanimous vote Wednesday afternoon.

*Over the River* is a two-week temporary work of art being created by internationally acclaimed artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude. A total of 5.9 miles of silvery, luminous fabric panels will be suspended high above the Arkansas River at eight aesthetically selected locations along the 43 mile stretch of the river between Salida and Canon City. As with previous works of art in rural environments, Christo and Jeanne-Claude will continue their unprecedented commitment to respecting, protecting and integrating the environment into *Over the River*.

Signed posters donated by Christo and Jeanne-Claude will be featured in the Arts Center's upcoming exhibit, *Nature, Human, Art*. The artists donated the posters to the Arts Center and have asked that they be sold with all proceeds benefiting the Arts Center. Featuring either photography or reproductions of sketches, the posters showcase the artists' recent works including *The Gates* and *Over the River*. The posters will be on display in the King Gallery at the Arts Center beginning Saturday, January 26 through May 10.

All of Christo and Jeanne-Claude's art works are entirely financed by them through the sale of Christo's preparatory drawings, collages, scale models, lithographs and early works from the 1950s-1960s. The artists have never accepted sponsorship or grants of any kind and all materials will be recycled.

Christo and Jeanne-Claude will have a talk on March 6, 2008 in the Arts Center Theatre to discuss the *Over the River* art project.

Admission to the Arts Center is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Members of the Arts Center receive free admission. For more information, please call 719-295-7200 or stop by the Arts Center located at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., just off of I-25, exit 98b.