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## Solar Works Pledges Support for Arts and Education Programs at Wells Fargo Center for the Arts

Santa Rosa, CA (August 7, 2009) – Solar Works, a Sonoma County leader in Green business practices, is joining the non-profit Wells Fargo Center for the Arts as a new Corporate Alliance Partner. The company has pledged \$50,000 annually to the Luther Burbank Memorial Foundation, which owns and operates the Center. The sponsorship will support of the Center's many arts, education and community enrichment programs, including its Education Through the Arts program serving 30,000 students and teachers from five North Bay counties each year.

Committed to "giving people the power to make a difference," Solar Works chose to support the Arts Center as part of its dedication to active community involvement, including education programs for children. "Solar Works is an integral and active partner in our community", said John Parry, CEO and owner. "We have a long-time commitment to education, the arts and good works, both as a business – and as individuals. Our new partnership helps us bring the richness of the arts to our community – and the richness of our community to the arts."

Solar Works is a full-service, licensed solar contractor, providing high quality solar systems for home, business and community. Founded by John Parry in 1986, the company is a local employer, active in the community, and dedicated to social and economic justice and a healthy environment. In addition to the company's new partnership with to the Arts Center, Solar Works is also an active supporter of KRCB Public Broadcasting Radio and Television, Harmony Ark Foundation, KOWS community radio, Food For Thought, Sonoma County's AIDS Food Bank, Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, Peace and Justice Center of Sonoma County, and Latino Service Providers, to name a few.

Wells Fargo Center for the Arts is a non-profit community arts center serving the North Bay for 28 years. The Center relies on corporate sponsorship and community donations to provide education programs for students and teachers; and present world-class performances in music, dance, theater, comedy and speaker events.

"Many people are not aware that ticket sales do not cover the cost of presenting the Center's programs, said Rick Nowlin, executive director. "We are grateful for the support of businesses and organizations, such as Solar Works, because without this support we could not continue to provide education programs and performances for our community."

In addition to support from its business partners, the non-profit Arts Center relies on charitable contributions from grants and foundations, and over 2,000 members.

### About Wells Fargo Center for the Arts

A non-profit community arts center, Wells Fargo Center for the Arts is home to world-class performances, nationally recognized education programs, contemporary sculpture, and many popular events. The Arts Center is located in the heart of the Sonoma wine country and ranked among California's top performing arts presenters. Together with its resident companies, the Center presents more than 100 performances each year in music, dance, theater, renowned speakers, and comedy; and education programs serving 30,000 children and adults annually. Owned and operated by the Luther Burbank Memorial Foundation, the Center relies on charitable community donations to achieve its mission – to enrich, educate, and entertain.