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**\$50,000 KRESGE AWARD TO CHARLES MCGEE**

Detroit artist **Charles McGee**, 84, has been named the inaugural **2008 Kresge Eminent Artist**, a new \$50,000 award that is part of the **Kresge Foundation's** major community development efforts in Detroit. A teacher and community arts advocate, McGee is founder of the **Charles McGee School of Art, Gallery 7** and the **Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit (CAID)**. McGee was selected by a panel that included **Gerhardt Knodel**, former director of **Cranbrook Academy of Art** in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; **Dennis Alan Nawrocki**, author of *Art in Detroit Public Places*; and **Cledie Taylor**, founder and director of **Arts Extended Gallery** in Detroit.

The Kresge Foundation is also funding 18 \$25,000 artist fellowships for Detroit artists. The next deadline for applications is Feb. 27, 2009. For more info, see [www.kresge.org](http://www.kresge.org)