



Media Contact:
Diane Testa, Executive Director
The Revolving Museum
978-937-2787
dtesta@revolvingmuseum.org

For Immediate Release

Jerry Beck Steps Down as Artistic Director of The Revolving Museum

Founder of award-winning museum will join Advisory Board
As Museum continues as leader in the Lowell Art Community

LOWELL, Mass.; Jan. 22, 2009 – The ever-evolving Revolving Museum announced today that Jerry Beck, founder, artistic director and visionary leader of the organization for nearly 25 years, has decided to step down to concentrate on his own artwork, teaching and new creative directions. Beck will maintain a creative and artistic presence as a member of the Revolving Museum’s Advisory Board of Directors. Tapped to take over as Executive Director, is long-time employee and former Administrative Director, Diane Testa. She will be joined by current employees Educational Coordinator Diana Coluntino and Gallery Manager Elaina Bates.

“The Revolving Museum and I have grown-up together, and I am deeply proud and humbled by this organization’s amazing accomplishments,” Beck said. “We’ve come a long way from our first public art show in 12 abandoned railroad cars in Boston. I know people love The Revolving Museum and the Museum loves people. It has been an extraordinary journey and I want to give my heartfelt thanks to all those who I have had the privilege to work with and who have supported me and The Revolving Museum.”

The nomadic Revolving Museum moved to Lowell in 2002, where it pioneered some ambitious collaborative youth public art projects that have helped inspire a cultural renaissance in Lowell that touches tens of thousands of people every year. The Museum received the prestigious Massachusetts Cultural Council’s 2007 Commonwealth Award in the category of Community, the state’s highest honor in the arts, humanities and sciences.

“I am thrilled and honored to continue the wonderful success of The Revolving Museum as we continue to be an important player and a magnet for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities looking for a different kind of cultural experience,” Diane Testa said. Bob Farrant, President, Board of Directors of the museum added, “The public can continue to count on excellent, creative cultural events and exhibitions, exciting public festivals and intriguing art placed in public spaces”.

-more-

About The Revolving Museum

The Revolving Museum is an evolving laboratory of creative expression for people of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities who seek to experience the transformative power of art. Through public art, exhibitions, and educational programs, The Museum promotes artistic exploration and appreciation; encourages community participation and growth; and provides opportunities for empowerment and social change.

The Revolving Museum is located at 22 Shattuck St., Lowell, MA 01852. The Revolving Museum is a 501(c)(3), charitable organization. For more information, call 978-YES-ARTS (978/937-2787) or visit www.revolvingmuseum.org.

###