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Denver Office of Cultural Affairs Announces Dedication of *Global Rhythms* at Green Valley Ranch Park

DENVER, CO – APRIL 27, 2009 – The Denver Office of Cultural Affairs' Public Art Program is pleased to announce the dedication of *Global Rhythms* by artists Bill and Mary Buchen at Green Valley Ranch Park. The event will take place on Friday, May 8, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This dedication is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

WHAT: Dedication of musical sculptures *Global Rhythms*

WHO: Artists Bill and Mary Buchen/Sonic Architecture
City Councilman Michael Hancock
Denver Office of Cultural Affairs Staff & Commissioners
Community Members

WHEN: Friday, May 8, 2009, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Green Valley Ranch Park (adjacent to Green Valley Ranch Elementary School),
4100 Jericho St., Denver, CO

Artists Bill and Mary Buchen's *Global Rhythms* consists of several interactive, musical sculptures. *Slapped Pipes*, *Drums* and *Parabolic Benches* create a unique sound environment that incorporates musical traditions from Native American, African, Caribbean, Middle Eastern and Asian cultures, and engages children and families who frequent Green Valley Ranch Park. *Global Rhythms* is integrated into a contemporary space for communal music making and education. In addition to the artwork, the Buchens developed an educational curriculum related to the sound sculptures for the adjacent Green Valley Ranch Elementary School.

Bill and Mary Buchen/Sonic Architecture design interactive installations for museums, galleries and public sites throughout the United States. Large-scale public works include sound parks, science playgrounds and designs for urban and natural environments. The Buchens draw upon science, sound, architecture, environmental phenomena and world cultures to create comprehensive art environments that inform the public's consciousness of the natural environment. Combining innovation and elegance, their work refers to archetypal historical forms while looking to the future of public space. Americans for the Arts recognized the Buchen's public art projects at Ohio State University and *Wind Torchere* in St. Louis in the *2008 Public Art Year in Review*.

For more information on the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs' Public Art Program, please call 720-

865-4313 or visit www.denvergov.org/publicart.

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