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**GALLO CENTER FOR THE ARTS CONNECTS WITH SENIOR
COMMUNITIES IN SECOND ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE**

MODESTO, CA—June 26, 2009 - As part of its mission to provide a civic gathering place where regional, national and international cultural activities illuminate, educate and entertain all members of the community, the Gallo Center for the Arts will host its second annual open house for the activities directors of senior centers and communities in Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Merced and Mountain counties.

This event, which includes a light lunch, a guided tour of the Center's two theatres, and a special entertainment presentation by the YES Company, takes place in the Foster Theatre on July 23 at 11:30am.

"The open house is an opportunity to engage seniors in the events and programs available to them here," said Raul Garcia, the Center's community engagement coordinator. "The focus will be on how they can benefit from and enjoy the arts."

"The guided tour of the Center will address the accommodations available to seniors and their families," Garcia added.

All activities directors interested in attending should RSVP no later than Monday, July 20, 2009. For more information or to RSVP, contact Claudine Gray at 209-338-5062 or cgray@galloarts.org.

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