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**120 HEADS OF STATE, NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS, GLOBAL CEOS AND
WORLD-RENOWNED ARTISTS AND THOUGHT LEADERS GATHER IN
NEW YORK CITY FROM SEPTEMBER 21-23 FOR 2008 GLOBAL CREATIVE
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

Rockefeller University President Sir Paul Nurse, Nobel Prize-Winner Dr. Torsten N. Wiesel, Prime Minister Ivo Sanader of the Republic of Croatia, President Bingu wa Mutharika of the Republic of Malawi, Intel Chairman Craig R. Barrett, Primatologist Jane Goodall, Wikipedia's Jimmy Wales, Architect Richard Meier and Theater and Opera Director Peter Sellars, Among Others, to Participate in Conference on 21st Century's Most Critical Issues

New York, NY (September 21, 2008) – More than 120 delegates, including heads of state, acclaimed artists, Nobel Prize winners, global CEOs and the most influential international thought-leaders will gather in New York City on September 21-23, 2008 for the third annual **Global Creative Leadership Summit**, a platform designed to address the challenges and opportunities of globalization and to bring about change. Organized by the **Louise Blouin Foundation**, an international non-profit organization, the conference will address a wide range of the world's most pressing issues, including turmoil in the global financial markets, international trade, foreign policy, education, global health, Africa and climate change. The event will be held at the **Metropolitan Club (1 East 60th Street at Fifth Avenue, Manhattan)**.

Over three days the Summit will address the broad and far-reaching challenges of globalization and cultural diversification, as well as the tumult in the global financial markets. Panels address such topics as “Economies of Crisis,” “Internet Security,” and “Education, Creativity, and the Mind” to “The Futures of Globalization,” “Global Health,” and “Climate Change,” among other topics.

Louise Blouin MacBain, founder and chair of the Louise Blouin Foundation, which presented the Summit, emphasized the importance of working together to solve the challenges ahead. “As recent events have shown, no one is immune from turmoil. Whether it is financial upheaval, armed conflict, terrorism, a deteriorating environment, or climate change, we all inhabit a world in which no country’s problems belong solely to them. It is up to us to face these problems, which affect all of us, head-on, and to devise solutions to the challenges and opportunities we are confronted with. By bringing together the best and brightest minds from across the spectrum of disciplines -- artists, scientists, politicians, conservationists, academics, business experts and others -- we can develop the conversations and nuanced cultural understanding that are critical to dealing with a complex, multi-dimensional world.”

The Summit intends to serve as a unique thought incubator, where solutions are devised, new ideas are tried out, and developments and research conducted by the world’s leading minds are announced. All delegates will personally and actively participate in the discussions. The official record of the Summit will be used to influence Heads of State, organizations and agencies around the world.

The Louise Blouin Foundation, founded in 2004 by Louise Blouin MacBain, is an international non-profit organization that seeks to provide a globalization platform to address challenges in such diverse areas as international trade, foreign policy, education, and the environment through the lens of culture and neuroscience. Recent Foundation projects include an OECD research initiative measuring cultural investment across the globe, the launch of an international fund for the preservation of Tibetan culture and the promotion of Chinese culture, as well as the LINK project developed with the help of engineers from Google to create an online database and search engine for the world’s NGOs, global agencies and philanthropic organizations.

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