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LOCAL FACE PAINTING GUILD WARNS OF MAJOR FACE PAINT RECALL

Santa Rosa, CA. May 13, 2009— **The North Bay Face Painting and Body Art Guild** is working to alert consumers to a federal recall of face paint sold through distribution giant Oriental Trading. The six face paint products in question are being recalled May 12, 2009 after a cluster of complaints including rashes, swelling, itching and burning sensations were reported by those affected.

Karen Baker, founding artist of **FairyDust Faces** and co-director of the **North Bay Face Paint and Body Art Guild** encourages parents and hobby face painters to check their face paint supply for any signs of mold and to err on the side of safety and replace any product manufactured by the company in question.

"Most professional face painters use theater grade makeup and adhere to a certain standard of hygiene. Problems arise when event volunteers and private individuals buy packaged products labeled as 'face paint' from the mega-mart. Very often these products are manufactured in China and the safety of them is in doubt." She points out that this isn't the first time a major manufacturer of 'hobby level' face paint sold in craft stores has been the subject of a recall.

For more information please see the FDA's news site: <u>http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2009/NEW02015.html</u> As well as: http://www.statesman.com/news/content/sharedgen/ap/Other_US_Govermnent/US_Face_Paint_Recall.html

Karen Baker, founding artist of **FairyDust Faces** and co-director of the **North Bay Face Painting And Body Art Guild** is extensively committed to the success of art instruction in public schools and in local youth organizations. The **North Bay Face and Body Art Guild** is committed to the safety, quality and professionalism of face and body art in northern California