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GDC Annual Dinner is a Celebration of Entrepreneurial Spirit Nationally Acclaimed Pianist Lorie Line is Keynote Speaker

Duluth's Greater Downtown Council celebrates its 22nd Annual Dinner Meeting **Wednesday, January 17th at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites**. Composer and pianist Lorie Line highlights the event as the Keynote Speaker. Line was named Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year in 2004 and will share her motivational story of gaining success after humble beginnings as a department store pianist. Understandably, she owes it all to her motto: *practice pays*.

Practice has indeed paid well for Line. She began her career as a pianist serenading shoppers at Minneapolis Dayton's Department Store. Today she operates the largest woman-owned independent record company in the country.

Line's address will outline how she parlayed piano lessons starting at age five into a successful nationally renowned record label with hard-work, perseverance and "gut instinct." The Greater Downtown Council is proud to share her entrepreneurial inspiration as it continues its efforts to elevate the role of arts and entertainment in the community.

More than 300 business leaders are expected to gather for the event at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites. The evening begins with a social hour and raffle at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and program beginning at 7:30. **The event is open to the public, but reservations are required by contacting the GDC office at 727-8549 by January 10. Tickets are \$32/person.**

The Greater Downtown Council is a non-profit organization, dedicated to the promotion and development of a healthy and vibrant downtown business community. It also serves as the management entity of the Duluth Downtown Waterfront District.