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The Arc Otsego Presents Sixth Annual Voice Art Exhibition

Voice!⁶, the sixth annual juried art exhibition of work by artists with intellectual and other developmental disabilities from across New York State, will open with a free, public reception on Friday, July 16 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Martin-Mullen Art Gallery, Fine Arts Building, SUNY College at Oneonta, Oneonta, NY. During the reception, \$1,000 in prize money will be awarded and visitors will have the opportunity to cast a vote for the winner of the People’s Choice Award. Following the reception, The Arc Otsego will sponsor a Voice dance at the Holiday Inn, State Hwy 23, Oneonta, NY from 7:30-9:30. Featured musical group is Flame, an internationally known group of musicians who have developmental and other disabilities. Admission to the dance is free and refreshments will be served.

Presented by The Arc Otsego, Voice! demonstrates the power of art to transcend disability and stereotypes to reveal common ground and celebrate unique abilities. This year’s exhibit, which runs from July 16-July 31, features seventy-two works by sixty-one artists representing nineteen counties in New York State. The eclectic exhibition addresses a variety of subjects expressed in many different media including painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography, collage, mosaics and fabric arts. Among the submitted works are pieces by several of last year’s prize winners, James Kenneally, Wendy Stanton, Theresa McClusky and Rousmaniere Brathwaite.

The 2010 exhibit poster cover piece “Reflections,” was painted by Amanda Baillargeon. Baillargeon, who studies at Creative Endeavors Art Center in Ballston Spa, NY, works in a variety of media including drawing, painting, textiles and clay and has exhibited and sold her work throughout the Ballston Spa area.

Jurors are Lisbeth Firmin and Dr. Douglas Zullo. Firmin, who was born in Paducah, Kentucky, is a contemporary American realist known for her urban landscapes. For over three decades, her work has been in hundreds of solo and group shows across the country and internationally. She has won numerous prizes and awards for her work and her work is held in several public, corporate and private collections. In 2000, she left New York City and bought an old storefront in the village of Franklin where she paints every day.

Dr. Douglas Zullo, Assistant Professor Art History, Hartwick College, is a specialist in modern western art. He teaches courses on the art of the 19th and 20th centuries, contemporary art, world cinema, and topics in Asian art. His research interests lie in exploring the crosscurrents between visual art, music, literature, and performance, as well as modern and contemporary art in Eastern Europe. Zullo holds a BA in Art History from Baldwin-Wallace College and a MA and PhD from Ohio State University.

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The Arc Otsego is a private, not-for-profit organization offering comprehensive, community-based services, support and programs to individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families throughout Otsego County. The Arc Otsego is a chapter of NYSARC, Inc., and a member of The Arc of The United States. For more information about Voice! please call 607-432-8595 or visit the website at www.arcotsego.org.