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IMMEDIATE



CALL TO VISUAL ARTISTS:

ART ALL-STATE SEEKS PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS FOR WEEKEND EVENT

(WORCESTER, Mass., October 11, 2006) – Sixteen professional artists are needed as artists/mentors for the 20th Annual Massachusetts Art All-State, an intensive two-day artist-in-residence experience for high school juniors, to be held May 25-26, 2007 at the Worcester Art Museum.

Artists work in pairs to lead small groups of teens in collaborative art-making projects. Taking advantage of their surroundings, artists will begin a dialogue with students in the Worcester Art Museum's galleries. In the studios, students' work will focus on contemporary art forms, the creative process and teamwork. The weekend also includes artist talks and demonstrations.

Professionals from all artistic disciplines are invited to apply for these competitive positions. Candidates should possess teaching experience with adolescents, strong communication skills, and a willingness to share their career and educational experiences. Participating artists receive an honorarium, overnight dormitory accommodations and meals during the two-day program. **Those wishing to apply should send slides/CD and a resume detailing teaching experience by Oct. 31, 2007 to: Gillian Bonazoli, 2007 Art All-State, Worcester Art Museum, 55 Salisbury St, Worcester, MA 01609.** Interviews for first-time applicants will be held in December.

Art All-State, designed to encourage students to explore art forms and ideas beyond high school, is collaboration between the Worcester Art Museum, and the Massachusetts Art Education Association. It is funded in-part by the David J. Freeland Memorial Education Fund.

IMPORTANT DATES

Call for Professional Artists Deadline

October 31, 2006

Contact: Gillian Bonazoli

2007 Art All-State

Worcester Art Museum

55 Salisbury Street

Worcester, MA 01609

Art All-State

May 25-26, 2007

About the Worcester Art Museum

The Worcester Art Museum, which opened to the public in 1898, is world-renowned for its 40,000-piece collection of paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photography, prints, drawings and new media. The works span 5,000 years of art and culture, ranging from ancient Roman mosaics to Colonial silver, Impressionist paintings and contemporary art. Dedicated to the promotion of art and art education, the Museum offers a year-round studio art and art appreciation program that enrolls over 6,000 adult and youth students each year. Public tours are offered Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m., September through May. Audio tours are also available in English and Spanish.

Museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Third Thursday's of every month, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. (evening hours sponsored by Commerce Bank), and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and full-time college students with current ID, and FREE for Members and all youth 17 and under. Admission is also FREE for everyone on Saturday mornings, 10 a.m.-noon (sponsored by The TJX Companies, Inc. and National Grid). The Museum is located at 55 Salisbury St., Worcester, Mass., easily accessible from the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90), Route 290 and Route 9. Free parking is available near entrances on Salisbury, Lancaster and Tuckerman streets. For more information, call (508) 799-4406 or visit the Museum web site at www.worcesterart.org.

Electronic images of last years' event as well as images of the Museum are available.

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