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WORCESTER ART MUSEUM UNVEILS NEW WALL AT WAM; BEAUTIFUL ART INTERPRETS UGLY AMERICAN ISSUES

WHO: Worcester Art Museum

WHAT: Exhibition opening-- "Actions Speak" by artist collaborative THINK AGAIN (David John Attyah and S.A. Bachman)

WHERE: 55 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA

WHEN: Thursday, October 30, 2008 **TIME:** 5:30-8pm



(WORCESTER, Mass., October 22, 2008) – Worcester Art Museum will unveil artist-activist collaborative THINK AGAIN's multi-media project, "Actions Speak," on Thursday, October 30. A hybrid of photography, drawing, etching, sculpture and digital design, "Actions Speak" examines the frustrated relationships between government, and the news media pertaining to often unmentionable topics of brutality, domestic violence, HIV and AIDS. Debuting a week before the U.S. presidential election, the project will ignite discussion about art and censorship. In addition to the 17 x 67 foot mural in the Renaissance Court, a corresponding video will be projected on the Museum's Lancaster Street façade. "Actions Speak" is the first project in the *Wall at WAM* series to use both the interior and exterior spaces of the Museum; expanding the gallery space from inside the Museum's walls to the public street.

In "Actions Speak," the artist duo THINK AGAIN take on taboo social topics in a beautiful and thought-provoking medium. Both the video and mural raise the questions: How does policy affect individuals? Who is allowed to speak and who lives with the consequences?

Nationally renowned artists and THINK AGAIN co-founders, S.A. Bachman and David John Attyah, are known for social issue art (often referred to as agitational art), which can be a platform for intellectual dialogue and can inspire individuals to social action. Both artists have significant ties to Massachusetts: Bachman teaches at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts and Attyah's family is native to Worcester. As an artist-activist collaborative, THINK AGAIN's public projects have appeared in Boston, Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco.

Media interviews and photo opportunities are available Wednesday through Friday, October 29-31, and can be arranged by contacting Allison Berkeley at (508) 799-4406 ext. 3073.

Located on Salisbury St., in Worcester, Massachusetts, the Worcester Art Museum opened in 1898 and is one of America's most respected art museums. The Museum is world-renowned for its 35,000-piece collection of paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photography, prints, drawings and new media. For more information, visit www.worcesterart.org.

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