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ART ALL STATE BRINGS MASSACHUSETTS' TOP ART STUDENTS TOGETHER AT WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

WHO: Worcester Art Museum

WHAT: Art All State 2009

WHERE: 55 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA

WHEN: Friday, May 29 – Saturday, May 30

TIME: Varies (see below)

(WORCESTER, Mass., May 22, 2009) – The 145 most artistic high school juniors from around the state will participate in the 22nd annual Art All State (AAS) at Worcester Art Museum on May 29-30. For two days, students will sleep, eat and breathe art. They will scour the Museum's galleries for inspiration and work in groups led by professional artists to create a work of art. Parents, friends, family and their art teachers will view their creations during a reception at the museum on Saturday, from 3:00p.m. -4:00 p.m. in the studios of the Higgins Education Wing.

AAS was founded at Worcester Art Museum and focuses on the art making process, with the goal for students to experience how art can exist beyond high school. This year, less than half of those who applied were accepted to the prestigious program. The selected participants are believed to benefit the most from the program and encouragement from professional artists. Throughout the weekend, students are introduced to Museum staff, art instructors, and professional artists who have pursued art as adults.

Video/Photo opportunities include:

- The best young artists in the state working together to create one masterpiece

- Large, colorful displays, sculptures and paintings
- Advice from professional artists to teenagers on the reality of pursuing a career in the arts
- The art making process, from idea to final production and presentation
- Interviews with students, professional artists and AAS Founder and Worcester Art Museum Director of Education, Honee A. Hess

Media interviews and photo opportunities are available and can be arranged by contacting Allison Berkeley at (508) 799-4406 ext. 3073.



2009 Art All State Special Events Schedule

Friday, May 29

10:30 am-12:30 pm	INTRODUCTORY STUDIO SESSION <i>Breakout into Studio groups- Report to your studio</i>	Studios/Galleries
1:00-5:45 pm	STUDIO SESSION I	Studios/Galleries
5:45-6:00 pm	Freshen up & Find your Roommate	Courtyard
8:00-9:45pm	EVENING STUDIO SESSION <i>Critique & Continue Work</i>	Studios
9:45 pm	OPEN STUDIOS	
10:15-10:45 pm	Michael Townsend - Tape Artist	Lancaster Street

Saturday, May 30, 2009

8:30-11:45 am	STUDIO SESSION II	Studios/Galleries
12:15 pm	Group Photo	Lancaster Street Steps
12:30-2:30 pm	FINAL STUDIO SESSION <i>Complete projects & install Exhibitions</i>	Studios & Higgins Education Wing
2:30-3:30 pm	Public Reception/Presentation of Student Work	Lancaster Lobby & Studios
2:00 – 4:45 pm	College and University Fair	Café
3:30-4:00 pm	Closing Ceremonies/Recognition of 2009 Art All-State students	Courtyard
4:00 pm	<i>Students & Artists dismantle exhibitions & clean studios</i>	Studios

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