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Local Jamaica Plain Artists on Display at BCEC

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority today announced the final selections from Boston's Jamaica Plain Open Studio Artists to display their artwork at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center for the next several months. The show, consisting of two dozen original artworks, will be on display until the end of April on Level Two at the BCEC's Northwest lounge area. It is part of the growing effort to bring the work of Boston artists to the public eye.

Sue Merritt, Art Consultant for the MCCA, received entries from 38 Jamaica Plain Open Studio Artists: 150 total original works were submitted for consideration. To date, this is the highest total number of entries from any of Boston's neighborhoods. Twenty-four pieces were chosen for display, ranging from paintings to photography and mixed media compositions.

"Jamaica Plain is a neighborhood of Boston that is very ethnically diverse; a modern day melting pot," said Merritt. "There is a shared sense of pride and community spirit for all levels of creativity, including professionals, amateurs and hobbyists."

The Artists and Their Works

Jeff Kelly, *Dining Alone*

Angela Wooldridge, *Grass Bricks and Homeplate*

Angela Hyatt, *Untitled*

Andrew Winther, *Great Pets I*

Camilo Neves, *Story from Mother to Son*

Cynthia Kollios, *Among the Lemon Trees*

Francisco Garcia, *Fighting Bull*

Gary Koeppel, *Arborway Houses I*

Ginny O'Neil, *Fish Cleaner*

Tom Menihan, *Pelican Bay*

Gloria Carrigg, *Day of the Dead*

Jessica Burko, *Just One Minute and Not True*

Jorge Guzman, *Pomegranates*

Julia Greenway, *Flametree I*

Laura Wulf, *Throws like a Girl*

Lisa Goren, *Blue Whales #10*

Marilu Swett, *Do You Believe in Ghosts?*

Neil Wyatt, *Eco Canyon*

Silvina Mizrahi, *Ancestors' Dance*

Terry Boutelle, *Meditation, Indian Summer*

James Wright, *Tumbleweed*

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority owns and oversees the operations of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA and the Boston Common Parking Garage. In fiscal year 2007, the MCCA hosted at the BCEC and the Hynes 305 events with over 1.6 million attendees that generated nearly 1.1 million hotel room nights and \$890 million in economic impact for Greater Boston.

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